

# TREDEGAR TOWN COUNCIL

**Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of Council held in the Council Chamber, Bedwellty House on Wednesday, 20<sup>th</sup> March, 2019 at 6.30 p.m. (6.37 p.m. start)**

**Present:** Councillors E. Jones (Chair)  
T. Smith  
A.E. Tippings  
M. Cross  
D. Jones  
K. Phillips  
S. Rees  
D. Rowberry  
B. Willis

**In Attendance:** Town Clerk – Ms. C. Price

**381) Apologies:** Councillors H. Trollope, D.W.A. Howells, A. Jones, P. Prosser, J. Thomas, S. Trollope and M. Turner

**382) Declarations of Interest:** Councillor D. Rowberry

The Chair reminded Members to make their declarations as and when necessary.

**383) To receive any verbal recommendations of the Civic Sub-Committee held immediately prior to this meeting**

The following recommendations of the Civic Sub-Committee were presented for ratification and subsequent approval, which were agreed accordingly:

- Blaenau Gwent Schools U15s - agreed that a 'start-up' grant of **£200.00** be awarded
- Southend Beekeepers Association - agreed that a 'start-up' grant of **£200.00** be awarded
- St Georges Church Luncheon Club – **£200.00**: agreed
- Tredegar Decoupage Group – **£200.00**: agreed
- Siloam Baptist Church – **£300.00**: agreed.

**384) Accounts: to consider a Schedule of Accounts for payment in March 2019**

The RFO spoke to the report and explained that the bank reconciliations were available for Members to view.

**Accounts paid February 2019: information only**

- Outlining cheques written back and updated schedule of payments

### **Accounts for payment in March 2019:**

- eHosting – RFO sought approval for payment and, if the amount varied from that outlined in the schedule, to liaise with ‘Top 4’ to issue a replacement cheque: approved accordingly.
- Cenin Renewables site visit – the RFO was awaiting receipt of the latest bank statement and would ascertain if reimbursement had been received in respect of transport provision.
- Grants Award – RFO confirmed that the payment schedule would be updated to reflect the grants recommended by the Civic Sub-Committee, immediately prior to Council, and approved accordingly.

### ***Budget Against Actual***

- the RFO said that the next Budget Against Actual would reflect expenditure up to 31<sup>st</sup> March, 2019 and confirmed that all grant awards, including churches and chapels, remained within budget.
- The Officer had contacted OVW in respect of payment to Members, e.g. Members allowance tax implications, to ascertain how this should be reflected on the Annual Return, as Members were considered neither volunteers nor members of staff. The RFO had now been informed this should be included on the Other Payments Section; she therefore sought approval to undertake a virement of £265.00 from Members’ Allowances to the Mayor’s Allowance / Inauguration budget heading, which was approved accordingly.

There being no further queries regarding the Schedule of Accounts, subject to the foregoing, all presented items were approved for payment. Transfer of funds would be undertaken in the presence of the appropriate Member and Town Clerk, which was noted accordingly.

### **385) To receive and adopt the following Minutes of Council:**

#### **a) Events Sub-Committee - 6<sup>th</sup> February, 2019**

**b) Civic Meeting of Council - 6<sup>th</sup> February, 2019** – Minute 329): amend Aneurin Bevan ‘drop-in’ session to reflect this had referred to the Hywel Francis event held at Bedwellty House on 28<sup>th</sup> March, 2019, whereupon the Leader had undertaken the Welcome.

#### **c) Policy Sub-Committee - 20<sup>th</sup> February, 2019**

#### **d) Ordinary Meeting of Council - 20<sup>th</sup> February, 2019**

It was agreed that all Minutes presented be moved en bloc as a true record, subject to the foregoing amendment, with any matters arising to follow.

### **386) Matters arising from the Minutes**

#### **Events Sub-Committee - 6<sup>th</sup> February, 2019**

- Armed Forces / Aneurin Bevan Days – Councillor D Jones to liaise with Paul Adams to ascertain possibility of the Grand Slam Trophy being displayed at events.

#### **Civic Meeting of Council - 6<sup>th</sup> February, 2019**

- Coal Mining Disaster Memorial – Members expressed concern in respect of social media posts, as it was considered this had been an inappropriate forum for discussion. It was

emphasised that Town Council had reached an agreement in principal, which had been relayed verbally. A Member confirmed that he had also requested that this be placed on the agenda for discussion by the Tredegar Heritage Initiative. It was therefore agreed that a response be forward to Mr. Sullivan, in writing, outlining the action undertaken and decision-making process followed by Town Council.

In response to a further question regarding any future plans for the area of the NCB works, Council were informed there was ongoing discussions in respect of the southern end of Tredegar and this could also form part of a memorial.

It was emphasised that the plaque would be relevant to the Tredegar area as a whole; also, that the gates were not in the ownership of the Town Council.

- Keep Britain Tidy – litterpick to be arranged by Councillors A.E. Tippings and M. Turner.
- Georgetown Co-opted Members – the Leader said that he would liaise to establish contact details for the new Member in question.

### **Ordinary Meeting of Council – 20<sup>th</sup> February, 2019**

- Twinning Quiz – two teams, Tredegar Town Council and one led by Councillor E. Jones, would be participating in the Quiz to be held at the Bowls Club on 21<sup>st</sup> March, 2019. Members thereupon referred to the Bowls and other sporting grounds, requesting the up-to-date position of the Local Authority, as concerns had been raised by Town Council previously, particularly in respect of the Recreation Ground.
- Temporary Events Notice – the Chair had spoken to Officers of the Licensing Section, who confirmed that Tredegar Town Council was not eligible to place objections against an application, only the Police and Environmental Health. The Loft had had notice served due to noise and were now using the gymnasium. As the gym was not licensed, there was a need therefore to apply for a temporary events notice in order to hold these functions.
- Police / environmental issues – when writing, a Member asked that the Clerk enquire of the use of drones to tackle issues of off-road vehicles, as this practice was causing great damage to the landscape and environment.

It was agreed that an invitation be extended to Police representatives to attend the Ordinary Meeting of Council in April.

### **387) Chair to sign Minutes**

Minutes approved were duly signed by the Mayor in the presence of Council.

### **388) Correspondence**

- 1) BGCBC
  - a) S. Smith Re: C/2018/0191 proposed development former Greenacres site.  
Approved a notification of the demolition.
    - Noted.
  - b) S. Burchell Re: Info on acid attack kits.
    - Clarify if link to previous request of Ebbw Vale and Tredegar Crime Prevention Panel: Council agreed to support the purchase of two kits.

- c) A. Parker Re: Town & Community Councils Clerks update including guidance on the Well Being of Future Generations Act. Potential date for next meeting will be from week commencing 25.03.2019
  - Cllrs T. Smith, A.E. Tippings and D. Jones expressed an interest in receiving the guidance.
- d) Wales Cyber Safety Bus Tour: The General Offices, Ebbw Vale Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> March 2019 from 4.00 p.m. to 7.00 p.m. – **added to website and twitter**
  - Noted.

*Councillors T. Smith and B. Willis declared an interest in the following item and took no part in discussion or voting thereon.*

- e) i) List of General Licences Applications week ending 08.03.2019.
  - 1) The Loft – Temporary Event notice 23.03.2019.- **forward to top four**
  - ii) List of General Licences Applications week ending 15.03.2019.
    - 1) Tredegar RFC Sports & Social Club Ltd – Variation of a Designated Premises Supervisor.
      - Noted.
- 2) One Voice Wales a) Awards Conference 28<sup>th</sup> March, 2019, £55.00 per delegate. Booking form and meeting agenda.
  - Noted.
- 3) SLCC SLCC & OVW Joint conference 15<sup>th</sup> May, 2019 at Liberty Stadium, Swansea. £90+ Vat (SLCC Member) or £115+ Vat (Non SLCC Member)
  - Agreed: Clerk and RFO to attend.
- 4) Elite Cleaning (S. Wales) Ltd Price increase 1<sup>st</sup> April for contract.
  - Noted and agreed accordingly.
- 5) Neopost Changes in franking machine systems, new contract proposal offering overall yearly savings and further reduction on postage cost.
  - Council requested a Recommendation from the RFO, with approval of Top 4 if a decision was required prior to 1<sup>st</sup> April, 2019.

- 6) Nantyglo & Blaina Town Council
- a) Joint Committee of Local Councils meeting Wednesday, 27<sup>th</sup> March, 2019 at 1.00 p.m. Council Chamber, Brynmawr Town Council.
  - b) Poster for upcoming Blaina Riots exhibition being held between 18<sup>th</sup> to 28<sup>th</sup> March at Council Chambers, Blaina Institute – **added to website**
    - Noted.
- 7) LITE
- Proposal for Town Clock Architectural Lighting.
- Circulate to Top 4; circulate link for further quotes.
- 8) Phil Thomas
- Gwent Riders: information on the group and request to participate in Armed Forces Day event at Bedwellty Park.
- No merchandising, bikes only, liaise with Gwent Riders and Royal British Legion.
- 9) Brecon Beacons National Park Authority
- a) Local Development Plan Consultation on Draft Supplementary Planning Guidance Notes, consultation period 07.03.2019 to 02.05.2019 – **forwarded to Cllrs Turner & Tippings**
  - b) Local Housing Market Assessment 2019 for Mid & South West Wales, work has commenced on the preparation of a Local Housing Market Assessment with the draft report being available in mid-late May.
    - Noted.
- 10) P. Torres Posada
- Raising concerns of air pollution in the Town Centre.
- Thanked the resident for the information and pass to Environmental Health BGCBC under the remit of the Local Authority.
- 11) S. Green
- Asking for sponsorship for Wales Marathon.
- Council was unable to support the individual, but wanted to wish him well in his endeavours.

## 12) PUBLICATIONS

BGCBC Roadworks report week ending 15.03.2019 & 22.03.2019

- **distributed to Members:** Received.

## 13) AGENDA

Blaenau Gwent Heritage Forum Friday, 15<sup>th</sup> March, 2019 at 10.00 a.m. Tredegar Library & additional agenda item.

Heritage – a Member referred to National Women’s Day and a talk in respect of Marie Stopes; she suggested that the Speaker could be invited to participate during the Bevan Festival week - **available for Members:** received.

*Councillor B. Willis declared an interest in the following item and took no part in discussion or voting thereon*

**389) Planning:**

**a) To consider an Officer’s Report (if received);**

i) None received.

ii) a) List of planning applications received in week 09.

b) List of planning applications received in week 10.

c) List of planning applications received in week 11.

**b) Verbal report of the Planning Committee, if any; None received.**

**c) To consider Planning Applications submitted for Council’s observations; and**

<b>App No</b>	<b>Applicant</b>	<b>Proposal</b>
C/2019/0048	Aneurin Williams 2 Green Meadow Beaufort, Ebbw Vale	Retain window canopy & change some external finishes, 59 Gwent Way, Tredegar.

**No objections**

C/2019/0049	Mr A Price 146 Gwent Way Tredegar	Single storey rear extension, 146 Gwent Way.
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**No objections**

2019/0052	Laura Wylde, Anesco Ltd Unit 8-9 The Green Easter Park Reading	Solar PV rooftop installation with a capacity of 856.24kWp, Liberty Tubes, Tafarnaubach Industrial Estate, Tredegar.
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**No objections** Council supported the development, which Members considered a good initiative

2019/0056	Mrs T Marsh 29 Twyn Star Tredegar.	Proposed single storey rear extension and new hardstanding for 2 off street car parking spaces, 29 Twyn Star.
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**No objections** Council welcomed such development that alleviated the volume of on-street parking

**d) To consider other planning matters**

It was agreed that Councillor K. Phillips be nominated to fill the vacancy as planning

representative for the Georgetown Ward.

### **390) Matters of Local Interest or Concern (by prior notice)**

- Annual General Meeting – to be held Wednesday, 1<sup>st</sup> May, 2019 (subject to amendment due to unforeseen circumstances, e.g. General Election)
- Sirhowy Community Garden – a Member expressed concern the gate had been removed, suggesting Council purchase a new gate; also, a litterpick and pruning in this area was needed.  
Sculpture – disintegrating, consider how to preserve (propose contacting Shane)
- Cymru Creations / BG Film Academy – “Untold Stories” film/animation project for consideration; liaising with various people regarding QR boards and placing a proposal forward to Heads for Arts.
- Chloe’s Community Cupboard – this charity provided assistance to the community, such as the loaning of clothes for interviews, funerals and special events. Councillor Rees said this was similar to a charity based in the Rhymney area, and perhaps there could be an opportunity for the two to link up.
- Condolence – family of Bert Westacott (Councillor A.E. Tippings to ascertain details).

There being no other business, the meeting closed at 8.14 p.m.

\_\_\_\_\_ Chair