

# TREDEGAR TOWN COUNCIL

**Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of Council held in the Council Chamber, Bedwelty House on Wednesday, 15<sup>th</sup> May, 2019 at 6.30 p.m.**

**Present:**            **Councillors E. Jones (Chair)**  
                             **D. Jones**  
                             **T. Smith**  
                             **A.E. Tippings**  
                             **G. James**  
                             **A. Jones**  
                             **K. Phillips**  
                             **S. Rees**  
                             **D. Rowberry**  
                             **H. Trollope**  
                             **B. Willis**

**In attendance:**    **Clerk – Ms. C. Price**

**032) Apologies. Councillors M. Cross, D.W.A. Howells, P. Prosser, J. Thomas, S. Trollope, M. Turner and I. Woods**

## **033) Declarations of Interest**

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

## **034) To receive verbal recommendations of the Events Sub-Committee held immediately prior to this meeting**

The Deputy Leader provided a brief update on progress in respect of forthcoming events, for Members' information. The following recommendations were presented for approval of expenditure and agreed unanimously.

- Provision of twenty polo shirts, with appropriate design, in respect of The Bevan Festival; and
- Provision of medical cover by Acute Medical Services Ltd. in relation to Armed Forces Day and Aneurin Bevan Day.

## **035) Accounts: to consider a Schedule of Accounts for payment in May 2019**

The Clerk referred to the report and highlighted that the bank reconciliations were available for Members to view.

- Town Clock planting – a Member said the plants were small but hopefully would flourish with some rain. The signs depicting the sponsor looked nice but needed to

be re-positioned. The Leader said that he and two Colleagues had placed the signs and suggested that a further three signs were needed to ensure visibility, both from a vehicle and pedestrian aspect. Following a brief discussion, it was agreed that an additional three signs be ordered.

There being no further queries regarding the Schedule of Accounts, 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.

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

- a) Civic Meeting of Council - 3<sup>rd</sup> April, 2019;**
- b) Finance & Staffing Sub-Committee - 17<sup>th</sup> April, 2019;**
- d) Events Sub-Committee - 17<sup>th</sup> April, 2019;**
- d) Performance Review - 17<sup>th</sup> April, 2019;**
- e) Ordinary Meeting of Council - 17<sup>th</sup> April, 2019**

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

**037) Matters arising from the Minutes**

**Civic Meeting of Council - 3<sup>rd</sup> April, 2019;**

- Llangollen International Musical Eisteddfod – it was noted Members' diaries would be committed the first week of July to The Bevan Festival.
- Fitting of safety brake to public conveniences roller door – expenditure approved unanimously.

**Ordinary Meeting of Council - 17<sup>th</sup> April, 2019**

- Pursue Police response in respect of nuisance and anti-social behaviour in the Trefil area and the request for the use of drone cameras.
- It was agreed that a Memorial Sports Award in honour of Lindsay Bryan be presented to the appropriate Sub-Committee for consideration.
- Public Conveniences: water leak – the cistern was constantly flowing, this had been reported as a water leak, which was not the case. The Leader had liaised with Dŵr Cymru/Welsh Water and the matter was resolved.
- Walk for Life – a Member expressed disappointment in the lack of support of elected Members participating in the actual walk at Parc Bryn Bach, rather than just giving sponsorship.
- Petition: 'Brompton Place' – a Member confirmed this had been handed in to the Local Authority.
- Mayor's Charity event – the event had been a great success, raising £600.00 for the Mayoral Appeal. Travis and Trinity had also kindly offered to support the incoming Mayor for the forthcoming year.

**038) Chair to sign Minutes**

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

## 039) Correspondence

- 1) BGCBC
- a) Precept 2019/2020 payment received.
    - Noted.
  - b) P. Miles Re: Bedwellty Bowls pavilion. Update on the community asset transfer.
    - Noted.
  - c) M. Stent Re: Christmas Lights. Form that requires completion prior to installation for approval.
    - Noted.
  - d) Freedom of Information response to Blaenau Gwent Period Equity request.
    - Proposed that the public conveniences in the Gwent Shopping Centre be offered to support the Project. Members were sure that schools and food banks welcomed any donations received.

*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 03.05.2019.
    - 1) The Loft – Temporary event notice for 11.05.2019.
  - ii) List of General Licences Applications week ending 10.05.2019.
    - 1) The Loft – Temporary event notice from 8.00 p.m. to 2.00 a.m. on Friday, 24<sup>th</sup> to Monday, 27<sup>th</sup> May, 2019.
      - Council again raised concerns in respect of issues relating to The Loft, i.e. anti-social behaviour, vandalism, etc. and emphasised this required enforcement by the Police and Local Authority, via Licensing and Environmental Health. Members were aware that The Loft continued to submit TENS application as they were no longer able to use upstairs, and were using this process in order to continue to function. Members therefore queried how many TEN applications could be applied for in a given time period.
- 2) One Voice Wales
- a) Motions for 2019 Annual General Meeting: Invite to propose a maximum of two motions for debate at the AGM on Saturday, 5<sup>th</sup> October, 2019.

**Submission deadline is no later than noon on Thursday, 20<sup>th</sup> June, 2019.**

- Noted; agenda for next meeting of Council.
- b) Actions from Information Commissioners Office presentation at Larger Council's Committee meeting 17.04.2019.
  - Noted.
- c) Joint One Voice Wales & Planning Aid Wales Network Event/Conference 11<sup>th</sup> June, 2019 in Llanwrst, Conway. £60 per delegate.
  - Noted.

3) Cllr Tippings

Re: Orvault gift update

- i) Photos of Orvault gift and confirming Lynne (Twinning) is pleased with it.
- ii) Asking for someone to call into office to pack weathervane once it has been delivered and also to take it to the bus by 3.15 p.m. on the departure day.
  - Noted; awaiting delivery. On request for a volunteer, Councillor Allan Jones offered to collect the weathervane from the office and deliver it to the coach on day of departure.

4) Duoguard

CCTV renewal notice – **Council to approve**

- Ratification of 'Delegated powers' to 'Top 4' to approve quotation.

5) E. Davies

Complaint about cleanliness of toilet.

- Members instructed the Clerk to provide the following feedback:
  - The toilets were checked and cleaned regularly on a daily basis. Unfortunately, it was probably a case of users not flushing the toilet at that particular time;
  - With sparse resources available to keep the facility going, Members considered this facility was kept in really good condition and highlighted that no complaints had been received from local residents;
  - Staff had contacted the cleaning operative, following receipt of the correspondence, who confirmed there was a supply of toilet paper available; so if there was none in the cubicle, it must have been taken;
  - It was understood that the issue with the hand drier resulted from vandalism and non-users congregating in the toilets in cold weather,

continuously using the hand driers to keep warm; and finally

- Members were proud of this facility, which was valued by the community.

6) R. Sheppard

Wants to discuss the employment of a parking enforcement officer and impact on town trade.

- A Member had been approached by this individual and explained that this was not within the remit of Tredegar Town Council, but a Local Authority issue. Agreed: Clerk to write to advise that parking enforcement was not within the remit of town and community councils and that the responsibility for parking enforcement lay with the Local Authority.

7) Cllr Turner

Proposes a Town Council award in memory of Lindsay Bryan, annually to recognise either a group or individual who's sporting achievements deserves to be noted.

- To be presented to Civic Sub-Committee, for consideration.

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8) Cllr H. Trollope

South Wales Argus article on Angel Lilly Thomas.

- Noted. A Member also highlighted the good work being undertaken to support the community by Chloe's Cupboard, which included a service to those in need of clothes hire (e.g. job interviews, wedding, prom dress, etc.).

9) GAVO

a) Sponsorship of Blaenau Gwent Volunteer Achievement Awards Thursday, 17<sup>th</sup> October, 2019.

- Noted.

b) Fearless Youth Project.

- Noted; forward to Councillors E. Jones and K. Phillips and place on TTC website.

c) Cash 4 U Youth led grant funding now open for applications, closing date 10.06.2019.

- Noted; place on TTC website.

## 10) PUBLICATIONS

BGCBC roadworks report week ending 25.04.2019, 03.05.2019, 10.05.2019 & 17.05.2019; Ville D'Orvault, Orvault & Co Mai/Juin 2019 issue 23; Communicorp Local Councils Update Issue 228 May 2019; Communicorp Clerks & Councils Direct May 2019 Issue 123 – ***distributed to Members***: Received.

## 11) AGENDA

Blaenau Gwent Heritage Forum meeting Friday, 17<sup>th</sup> May, 2019 at 10.00 a.m.  
Tredegar Library – **available for Members:** received.

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

### 040) Planning:

a) **To consider an Officer's Report (if received)** - None received.

b) **Verbal report of the Planning Committee, if any**

i) List of planning applications received in week 18.

c) **To consider Planning Applications submitted for Council's observations**

<b>App. No.</b>	<b>Applicant</b>	<b>Proposal</b>
C/2019/0092	Mr. C. Hind 6 Is-Fryn Rhymney	New dwelling and garage, land adjacent to 1 Hughes Cottages, Merthyr Road.
<b>No objections.</b>	Council considered the development would improve the area.	
C/2019/0096	K. J. Lloyd Architect 49 Coed y Pia Llanbradach	Two detached dwellings, Plots 12 & 13 Maes Morgan.
<b>No objections</b>		
C/2019/0098	M. Phibben 25 Arnold Place Tredegar.	Two storey rear elevation, 24 Arnold Place.
<b>No objections</b>		
C/2019/0102	Mr. M. Garland M & J (Europe) Ltd Unit 28 Tafarnaubach Industrial Estate Tredegar	Proposed new development of 7x141sqm single storey industrial unit, land adjacent to Unit 28 Tafarnaubach Industrial Estate.
<b>No objections.</b>	Members welcomed the development, which was considered a tremendous boost for the area.	

d) **To consider other planning matters** None received.

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

- Civic Awards – three nominations were presented for consideration, which were agreed accordingly. *(Councillor K. Phillips declared an interest and took no part in discussion or voting thereon)*
- A Member reminded Council of the Big Brekkie event on Saturday from 10.00 a.m. 'til

12.00 noon as part of Christian Aid week.

There being no other business, the meeting closed at 7.44 p.m.

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Chair