

TREDEGAR TOWN COUNCIL

Minutes of the Civic Meeting of Council held in the Council Chamber,
Bedwelty House on Wednesday, 3rd July, 2019 at 6.30 p.m.

Present: Councillors E. Jones (Chair)
T. Smith
A.E. Tippings
D.W.A. Howells
G. James
K. Phillips
P. Prosser
S. Rees
D. Rowberry
J. Thomas
H. Trollope
S. Trollope
M. Turner
B. Willis

In attendance: Clerk – Ms. C. Price

097) Apologies. Councillors D. Jones, M. Cross, A. Jones

098) Declarations of Interest

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

099) To receive Mayor's report, as appropriate

The Mayor had attended the Film Academy Awards Night; this had been an inspiring event and she commended the work undertaken with youngsters and youth – well done! Armed Forces Day – the Mayor's stall had raised £151.00 and the Mayor expressed her appreciation to Friends of Bedwelty on the donation of £85.50.

100) To receive any verbal recommendations of the following Sub-Committees held prior to this meeting:

Finance and Staffing Sub-Committee

- It was agreed that the Leader and LITE representative would undertake a walkthrough of the town centre on Friday, 5th July, 2019 at 2.00 p.m. to review current infrastructure and identify any additional anchor points needed; and
- LITE Limited to provide a re-quote in accordance with amended requirements.

Also:

- Acute Medics: the Sub-Committee noted the additional expenditure outlined on the invoice in respect of provision for medical cover, which was approved accordingly.

Civic Sub-Committee

- Special Grant of £500.00; grant approved, in principal, on TTC being informed that the appropriate bank account had been set-up; and
- Agreed to purchase a trophy for a Memorial Sports Award in honour of Lindsay Bryan, plus replicas for recipients' retention.

Events Sub-Committee

No recommendations: the Chair updated Council on feedback received and reminded Members of upcoming events.

101) Grants:

Thanks from Wales Air Ambulance.

a) To receive and consider grants to Sporting and Cultural organisations

Bedwellty House & Park, Aneurin Leisure – Any financial assistance received would be used to purchase additional outside seating to extend current provision available.

2016/17 March'17 CQ No. 576 £1000.00: *defer; clarify provision.*

Bedwellty Park Bowls Club – Any financial assistance received would be used towards the costs of purchasing equipment necessary for them to undertake the green maintenance.

2016/17 April'16 CQ No. 368 £200.00: *Approved accordingly.*

Tredeggar Junior Netball Club – Any financial assistance received would be used towards the costs of further developing the minis and junior groups to a netball tots programme so children as young as 3 can learn the basic skills.

2018/19 July'18 CQ No. 918 £200.00: *Approved accordingly, enquire if the TTC logo could be included on kit / promotional literature, etc.*

Councillor P. Prosser declared an interest in the following application and took no part in discussion or voting thereon.

Tredeggar Orpheus Male Voice Choir - Any financial assistance received would be used towards the purchase of new sound equipment which they will be able to transport to venues with them.

2013/14 Dec'13 CQ No. 680 £200.00: *Approved accordingly.*

Tredeggar Senior Netball Club – Any financial assistance received would be used towards the costs of a new kit.

2018/19 July'18 CQ No. 919 £200.00: *Approved accordingly, enquire if the TTC logo could be included on kit / promotional literature, etc.*

Ystrad Deri Community Centre – Any financial assistance received would be used towards the costs of their social and bingo evenings held every Wednesday.

2018/19 May'18 CQ No. 865 £200.00: *Approved accordingly.*

b) To receive and consider grants to Churches & Chapels (s.137) - Grants as of 1.4.17 now max £300.00 *(before awarding a grant Council must be satisfied the grant is being given for non-religious purposes with the building being for community use)*

Ebenezer Independent Chapel – Any financial assistance received would be go towards the ongoing exterior painting and cleaning of downpipes; new entrance gates to enhance its appearance.

2018/19 Oct'18 CQ No. 979 £300.00: Approved accordingly.

102) Correspondence

1) BGCBC

- a) Greg Morgan. Request from Youth Service to use the Deighton Field on Wednesday, 31st July, 2019 for a fun day.
 - It was agreed, in principal, to allow use of the field as part of the activities, on the proviso of appropriate advertising of the Fun Day event, and that arrangements for a litterpick be made to ensure the field was cleaned after use.
- b) D. Watkins Re: Non-Domestic Rates Relief for Public Lavatories. Provision from April 2020 for standalone lavatories made available for public use will have their rate bills reduced to zero.
 - Noted; Members welcomed this saving to TTC and requested a meeting with the Officer.
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Councillors T. Smith and B. Willis declared an interest in the following item and took no part in discussion or voting thereon.

- c) List of Licencing Applications, week ending 21.06.2019
 - 1) Variation of designated premises supervisor – The Queen Vic.
 - Members again reiterated concerns in respect of issues relating to The Queen Vic, i.e. youths congregating, anti-social behaviour and fighting, broken glass, etc. and emphasised the importance of monitoring this premises.

2) One Voice Wales

- a) Gwent Valleys Area Committee meeting 30th July, 2019 will be held at Cwmbran Community Council offices. Nomination form attached for Chair and Vice Chair, closing date Friday, 19th July, 2019 - ***forwarded to relevant Members***
 - Noted.
- b) Re: Revised Blaenau Gwent Local Development Plan Strategy Options workshop. Dates and times of workshop.

- Noted: forward to Cllr G. James.

3) Aneurin Bevan
University
Health Board

Response to patients in corridors concerns.

- Noted.

4) RPS

Re: Application for a new Tredegar Health and Wellbeing Centre at the former General Hospital on Park Row, Tredegar. Publicity and Consultation before applying for planning permission.

- It was noted that presentations had been made to both the Local Authority and Town Council. Concerns were raised in respect of information that the developer were seeking to buy land within Bedwellty Park, rather than subject to a lease. It was proposed that Town Council write to seek clarity, as a matter of urgency, and emphasise that this land should only be considered for lease, not sale.

A discussion ensued whereby individual Members expressed the following observations and / or concerns:

- Would not wish to delay, or impact upon, this much needed development
- Piece of land in question currently only used by individuals taking drugs and drinking alcohol
- It was the understanding of some Members that the piece of land was only to be released as an asset transfer and suggested that this should be left to Local Authority Members to challenge
- The piece of land would be landscaped as part of the car parking area
- Due to the Covenant in place, the Local Authority would not be allowed to this sale.

Upon a vote being undertaken, i.e:

Six Members voted to 'do nothing' at this stage; and

Five Members voted to write

It was therefore agreed that a letter would NOT be forwarded to the Local Authority on this matter.

5) G. Badham

- a) Asking Council to consider placing a defibrillator in the Mountain Air to cover the North of Tredegar.

- Following consideration, the following points were noted:

If the First Response had not arrived so quickly, the individual would have lost their life
The nearest defibrillator was located in a school and only accessible when the school was open

Defibrillators should not only be located on premises where access was available during set hours

A Member supported the Mountain Air as a possible location, as the owners lived on the premises

Lockable units, whereby a code could be obtained from emergency services to access the defibrillator, could be installed.

It was therefore agreed that a Working Party be established to consider the request, consisting of the following Members:

Councillors T. Smith, A.E. Tippings, S. Rees, D. Rowberry, J. Thomas and S. Trollope.

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| 6) Anonymous | Letter of complaint regarding Park and band concerts – <i>copied to House Manager</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none">- Noted. |
| 7) J. Karn | Email : Notice of cancellation of the David Llewellyn talk on Thursday, 4 th July. <ul style="list-style-type: none">- Noted. |
| 8) Urdd Gobaith Cymru | 2019 programme, sponsored listed at the rear. <ul style="list-style-type: none">- Noted. |

13) PUBLICATIONS

BGCBC Roadworks report week ending 28.06.2019 & 05.07.2019; Aneurin Bevan University Health Board Your Local Health News June 2019 – ***added to website***; J. Parkers Wholesale Catalogue Autumn 2019; Aneurin Bevan Community Health Council Patients Voice News Bulletin April to June 2019; Communicorp Local Councils Update, Issue 230 July 2019; Communicorp Clerks & Councils Direct, July 2019, Issue 124 – ***distributed to Members***: Received.

14) **AGENDA**

None received.

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

103) **Planning:**

- a) **To consider an Officer's Report (if received)** None received.
 - ii) a) List of planning applications received in week 24.
 - b) List of planning applications received in week 25.
- b) **Verbal report of the Planning Committee if any** None received.
- c) **To consider Planning Applications submitted for Council's observations**
None received.
- d) **To consider other planning matters** – None received.

104) **Updates regarding Bedwellty House and Park - any issues to have been previously reported direct to the House Management personally**

None received.

105) **Delegates: to receive and consider reports from Delegates to Outside Bodies and the recommendations of Sub-Committees / Working Parties:**

- a) **Joint Committee of Local Councils** – No meeting
- b) **Gwent Valleys One Voice Wales** – Meeting the following Wednesday
- c) **One Voice Wales Larger Councils and AGM** – No meeting
- d) **Tredegar Twinning** – Meeting to be held Monday
- e) **Pen Bryn Oer Community Fund** – Stocktonville Senior Citizen's had been successful in their application and received grant funding
- f) **School Governing Bodies** –Deighton Primary School: Clerk to write to the Local Authority in respect of the vacancy
- g) **Blaenau Gwent Heritage Forum** – No update
- h) **Blaenau Gwent CAB** – No meeting
- i) **Tredegar / Ebbw Vale Crime Prevention Panel** – Noted: Councillors G. James and P. Prosser now nominated representatives; Clerk to update
- j) **Tredegar Business Forum** – new representatives now participating, and the Forum was hoping to be active during the summer holidays
- k) **VVP / Tredegar Heritage Initiative** – No update

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

- Abletouch were seeking observations in respect of an appropriate 'Crest' to reflect the Tredegar Arms.

There being no other business, the meeting closed at 7.26 p.m.

_____ Chair