

TREDEGAR TOWN COUNCIL

Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of Council held in the Council Chamber, Bedwellty House on Wednesday, 17th July, 2019 at 6.30 p.m. (6.40 p.m. start)

Present: Councillors E. Jones (Chair)
T. Smith
A.E. Tippings
M. Cross
D.W.A. Howells
K. Phillips
S. Rees
J. Thomas
H. Trollope
S. Trollope

In attendance: Clerk – Ms. C. Price
RFO – Ms. A. Jones

118) Apologies. Councillors D. Jones, G. James, A. Jones, P. Prosser, D. Rowberry, M. Turner, B. Willis and I. Woods

119) Declarations of Interest

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

120) To receive any verbal recommendations of: - Finance and Staffing Sub-Committee; and

- Agreed that the Finance and Staffing Sub-Committee seek approval of Council for the employee to be paid for the full twelve-month period.

Performance Review Sub-Committee

The recommendation of the Performance Review Sub-Committee was to seek approval of Council of the Budget against Actual Figures to the 30th June, 2019.

The recommendations to Council were thereupon approved accordingly.

121) Accounts: to consider a Schedule of Accounts for payment in July 2019; with approval for urgent payments to be made during August recess

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

July 2019

- Bandstand Concerts – the RFO highlighted approval of payment for the forthcoming Bandstand concerts during July and August recess, subject to release upon receipt of

the appropriate invoice

- Contact Radio Commun. – this was the correct amount
- The Internal Auditor had raised a query in respect of cheques outstanding: the RFO provided clarification as to the reason each cheque had been outstanding and confirmed that any 'out of date' cheques, following a six-month period, had been written back

August 2019

- Attic Web Design – this company maintained the TTC website and dealt with any issues arising. The RFO had been notified of a change in respect of the process between the company and Town Council; the Officer provided a brief update, which Members approved accordingly.

The RFO sought approval for the top level to be granted delegated powers for urgent payments during the August recess, with subsequent ratification by Council on receipt of the next Schedule of Accounts, which was agreed accordingly.

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.

The RFO left the meeting at this juncture.

122) To receive and adopt the following Minutes of Council:

- a) Events Sub-Committee - 5th June, 2019**
- b) Civic Meeting of Council - 5th June, 2019**
- c) Finance and Staffing Sub-Committee - 17th June, 2019**
- d) Ordinary Meeting of Council - 19th June, 2019**

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

123) Matters arising from the Minutes

Events Sub-Committee - 5th June, 2019

- Thanks extended to volunteers who had participated in Armed Forces Day and the Bevan Festival / Aneurin Bevan Day
- Communication radios – instruct the RFO to ascertain the cost of purchasing TTC own radios; to be of same quality and specification, long range, e.g. 500m

Civic Meeting of Council - 5th June, 2019

- 'The Lodge' Working Party – it was agreed this consist of Councillors D. Jones, T. Smith, M. Cross, K. Phillips, H. Trollope and S. Trollope
- Loss of Accident & Emergency Service – invite Aneurin Bevan UHB to meeting of Council

Finance and Staffing Sub-Committee - 17th June, 2019

- Christmas illuminations: re-quote awaited, Leader had met with LITE representative and provided feedback accordingly

Ordinary Meeting of Council - 19th June, 2019

- Letter of congratulation to Queen's Honours 2019 list recipients – Sue Woodward, Steve Jones, Ian Stoutsker

- Mayor's Appeal 2018 / 2019 – thanks extended to those Councillors who had attended on the hand-over of the cheque to Glanhowy Primary School
- Tredegar Health and Well-being Centre: proposal to purchase an area of land from Blaenau Gwent CBC – Members expressed serious concern this could set a precedent if the Local Authority allowed the sale of land within the curtilage of Bedwellty Park and reiterated clarification was needed in respect of this matter. Upon a vote being taken, it was therefore agreed that a letter be forwarded to BG Officers within Legal and Estates seeking clarification.

124) Chair to sign Minutes

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

125) Correspondence

- 1) BGCBC
 - a) S Cargill: Play day posters – **added to website**
 - Noted.
 - b) A Tippings Re: Funding opportunity for twinning arrangements.
 - Noted.

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

- c)
 - i) List of Licencing Applications, week ending 05.07.2019
 - 1) Temporary events notice 27.07.2019 – The Bush.
 - ii) List of Licencing Applications, week ending 12.07.2019
 - 1) Application for new premises licence covering various types of events – The Tredegar Arms Hotel.
 - 2) New personal licence – T.J. Roberts.
 - Noted; Members were pleased to note the application for the Tredegar Arms Hotel.
- 2) One Voice Wales
 - a) P is for People: Survey from the Welsh Senate of Older People about public toilet provision.
 - Members suggested that it would have been beneficial for the Local Authority to involve town and community councils in the survey undertaken regarding the state of public toilets.
 - b) Conference and AGM 5th October, 2019 at Pontrhydfendigaid – **reduced fee if booked by 31st August, 2019.**

- Noted.
- 3) Cwtch Creative
Many thanks for the Bevan Brochure project, it was a pleasure working with Council and hopes she will be considered to tender for any other future work.
 - Noted.
- 4) Gwent Police
N. Pigeon's response to concerns raised regarding the Bevan Festival event.
 - Members said that with high profile dignitaries attending an event, a certain level of police presence would have been expected; and it had therefore been agreed that the appropriate letter be sent to the local Police Inspector. There had been no issue with stewarding and security however, nor traffic management.
- 5) Cllr M. Turner
A1 Bounce invoice for Armed Forces Day and Aneurin Bevan Day – **Council to approve.**
 - Expenditure approved: pass to RFO.
- 6) Cllr T. Smith
Update on Coal Miners' Memorial plaque.
 - The Leader had received an updated list from the Clerk, who had checked the information, and he would be taking this to the next meeting, as it needed the approval of the Group. The Clerk added that the Group could be asked to check this information also, with reputable websites – the Deputy Leader suggested the National Mining Museum 'Big Pit' site.
- 7) C. Rundle
Invite to attend a Remembrance Sunday Planning meeting on Thursday, 8th August at 7.30 p.m. at the Moose Lodge.
 - Noted, Leader and Deputy Leader to attend. Leader to write to ensure the request for funding relating to catering would be done.
- 8) YMCA
Asking if Council could make a donation to their fundraising event on 15.08.2019.
 - Agreed in principle to support the event; Clerk to liaise with Manager to ascertain what was

needed and present to 'Top 4' for approval of expenditure.

- 9) Planning Inspectorate Information Only: Land between B4256 & Charles Street. Notice of suspension of the determined period for this application under section 62L(5) of the Town and Country Planning Act 1990 (as amended).
- Noted.
- 10) N. Jones Wishing to hold a family fun day in June 2020, details included in email.
- Noted; invite to Events Sub-Committee.
- 11) Aneurin Bevan University Health Board
- a) Public Health "Building a Healthier Gwent" Engagement events being held in Congress Theatre, Cwmbran during August – **added to website**
- Noted.
- b) Your Voice Matters event at Tabor Centre, 18 Davies Street, Brynmawr on Tuesday, 13th August 2019 at 5.30pm, registration to attend required - **added to website**
- Noted.
- 12) GAVO Ebbw Fawr Trail looking for volunteers.
- Noted.

13) PUBLICATIONS

BGCBC Roadworks report week ending 12.07.2019 & 19.07.2019; Ville D'Orvault, Orvault & Co July / August 2019 Issue 24; Tree Charter Plan greener communities in July – **distributed to Members**: Received.

14) AGENDA

Blaenau Gwent Heritage Forum meeting Friday, 19th July, 2019 at 10.00 a.m. Tredegar Library – **available for Members**: received.

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

126) Planning:

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

- ii) a) List of planning applications received in week 26.
- b) List of planning applications received in week 27.

b) Verbal report of the Planning Committee, if any

- None received.

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

App. No.	Applicant	Proposal
C/2019/0113	Mr. A. Rahman Former Job Centre Coronation Street Tredegar	Change of use from offices to 8-room bed and breakfast, 3-bed residential unit with associated parking provision, internal and external alterations and decking, Former Job Centre – Revised Plans

Observations:

No food preparation delegated relating to B&B status, suggesting layout facilities not sufficient. It was agreed that a request be made for Planning representatives to attend the meeting of the Planning Committee - David Jones to speak on behalf of the Town Council and Kevin Phillips, representing Cymru Creations.

C/2019/0160	Mr. A. Walker Aneurin Bevan Uni. Health Board St. Cadoc's Hospital Lodge Road, Caerleon	Partial demolition of Tredegar General Hospital building and full demolition of Tredegar Health Centre - Tredegar General Hospital and Tredegar Health Centre, Park Row.
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No objections

C/2019/0171	T. Tanner The Caravan Plot adjacent to Heather View Trefil Road	Erection of a detached new build home with detached garage, plot adjacent to Heather View.
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No objections

C/2019/0175	Mr. Grey Ty-Mabon, Cefn Golau Tredegar	Decking with associated fencing, Ty-Mabon, Cefn Golau
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No objections

C/2018/0300	Mr. M. Davies Davies Homes Ltd. 7 Gelliwasted Road Pontypridd	Retention of house as built, extension of curtilage and associated alterations to carriageway / footpath (along Laurel Grove), 10 Laurel Grove.
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No objections

d) To consider other planning matters

- None received.

127) Matters of Local Interest or Concern (by prior notice)

- WWI Memorial – Stuart Stanner, a doctoral student at Bangor University had contacted the office and liaised with a Member regarding the memorial at Trefil chapel. The Member explained this inscription was unique, as the wording remembered ‘boys’ rather than stating only ‘men’. The Durham Miners’ Association had some good photos of Aneurin Bevan and she suggested Mr. Stanner could be invited to join the banner parade each year.
- Armed Forces Covenant – companies awarded Bronze, Silver or Gold Award, dependent on meeting various criteria. Agreed, Clerk to investigate and apply as appropriate.
- Parc Bryn Bach – a Member referred to ongoing complaints from residents in respect of problems at Parc Bryn Bach: agreed, formal invite to be extended to the Aneurin Leisure Trust, Commercial Director Phill Sykes
- Annual Horse & Cob Journal – there was a photo of the former Mayor within the publication and a copy was available for Councillor Thomas.

There being no other business, the meeting closed at 8.06 p.m.

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