

TREDEGAR TOWN COUNCIL

Minutes of the Civic Meeting of Council held in the Council Chamber, Bedwellty House on Wednesday, 2nd October, 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
 H. Trollope
 S. Trollope
 B. Willis

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

189) Apologies. Councillors D. Jones, M. Cross, A. Jones, J. Thomas and M. Turner

The Mayor referred to the passing of former Councillor, Glanmor Bowen-Knight; Council observed a Minute silence as a mark of respect to their Colleague.

The Leader said that he had only just learned of the passing of Glanmor that afternoon. Members of Council would be aware Glanmor represented a different political party; however, politics did not come into it, as Glanmor had worked for the benefit of the community, and worked well with Colleagues; he would be missed in the town. Glanmor had stepped down last election, due to ill health, but he would think Members would like to remember him.

Councillor H. Trollope said that the one-minute silence reminded him of Glanmor winding the clock in the Chamber. It did not ultimately come down to politics for Glanmor; he had been a Member for eight / nine years, following the four-year election, and Council had not placed a candidate against him, as Glanmor had been here for the people. He and Bernard had visited him quite regularly during his ill-health and the Member extended condolences on behalf of Council.

The Deputy Leader said Glanmor was a great chap, who always made sure Plaid Cymru was at the forefront, with light-hearted banter, and was a committed socialist. When watches did not have batteries, Glanmor repaired all the Members' watches, and as said of Glanmor, he had repaired the clock in the Chamber and kept it going. Since he had been gone Members had not been doing it since and she said Council should start winding clock. The Clerk was asked to ascertain the details of the funeral.

190) Declarations of Interest

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

191) To receive Mayor's report, as appropriate

The Mayor had visited the Cadets to present their grant from Town Council; there had been a Mayor's stall on The Recreation Ground Fun Day; she had attended the 'Fly the Red Ensign' ceremony; and attended the Bowls, Holes from Heels and the opened Bee Incentive Shop.

192) To receive any verbal recommendations of the Events Sub-Committee and the 'Defibrillator' Working Party held prior to this meeting

The following recommendations to the Civic Meeting of Council were considered and approved accordingly:

Events Sub-Committee

- **Remembrance events:** three wreaths and three poppy bouquets; the Sub-Committee recommended approval of Council for the expenditure accordingly
- **Actions arising:** delegated individuals to progress, as agreed

'Defibrillator' Working Party

- Recommend that Council accept the offer for a defibrillator to be placed in the Mountain Air Inn;
- Seek advice on training from Mike Morgan, Gwent Defibbers, and open up to the public

193) Grants:

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

Ladies Circle, Tredegar Moose International – Any financial assistance received would be used to purchase kitchen utensils, equipment and table linen.

2018/19 June'18 CQ No. 886 £200.00: *Approved accordingly.*

Councillors G. James, P. Prosser and B. Willis declared an interest in the following application and took no part in discussion or voting thereon.

Tredegar History and Archive Society – Any financial assistance received would be used for a new book of photographs and room rental.

2018/19 Oct'18 CQ No. 976 £200.00: *Approved accordingly.*

b) To receive and consider grants to Churches & Chapels (s.137) - Grants as of 01.04.2017 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) – None received.*

A Member asked that the Clerk forward a grant application form to the Pastor of Bethel Baptist Church.

194) Correspondence

- 1) BGCBC
- a) Remittance advice for public conveniences grant – ***cheque being banked.***
 - Noted.
 - b) A. Tippings Re: Gwent Armed Forces Autumn Newsletter – includes write up on Tredegar's Armed Forces Day.
 - Noted: to be placed on TTC website and Facebook page.
- 2) One Voice Wales
- a) Message from the Chief Executive Lyn Cadwallader.
 - Noted.
 - b) Protecting Community Spaces: Welcome from Brynmor Williams.
 - Noted: circulate to Members.
- 3) Gwent Police
- N. Thomas Re: Caravan, from Police perspective there is nothing they can do.
- The Council had previously been informed that there was no action available to the Local Authority to resolve this matter. Following a brief discussion, Members had requested that a copy of the notice issued by Caerphilly County Borough Council be forwarded to Blaenau Gwent CBC, asking if the Authority could now take similar steps for the removal of the vehicle. The units in this area were visibly pleasing, however the caravan was rusted and in disrepair, as powers were apparently available to the Local Authority to resolve this issue: Clerk to pursue.
- 4) Aneurin Leisure Trust
- C. Hares Re: Bevan Plates. Do Council wish to sell via their shop?
- Agreed, to promote plates at cost recovery price only, i.e. £20.00, and consider take up following the new year to ascertain if the price needed reviewing.
- 5) Have Your Say
- Consultation before applying for Planning Permission: Unit 2 Tafarnaubach Industrial Estate, Tredegar. Proposed change of use of an

existing, vacant education and training centre to a Class B2 Waste Recycling Centre. **Comments by Friday, 25th October, 2019.**

- Noted: circulate to Members.

6) D. Sainsbury

Confirming Tredegar Orpheus have accepted the request made to Ian Waite to do a concert on 18th December – **have Members got any information on this request please?**

- Noted: pass to House Manager.

7) I. Stoutzker

Letter of thanks to Council.

- Noted.

8) Aneurin Bevan
University Health
Board

Invitation to “Community Network” event Thursday, 21st November, 2019 at 12.30 p.m. Rodney Parade, Newport. **Responses by 21.10.2019**

- Noted: circulate to Members.

9) BGFM

Request to consider offering a donation.

- Council said that the organisation could complete the grant application form for funding, to be considered as appropriate.

10) Mr. & Mrs. Green

Vale View Allotments: Further concerns raised following on from their previous letter.

- Following a brief discussion, it was agreed that Councillors K. Phillips and T. Smith would liaise with the residents.

11) Night Out

Children shows available in October.

- Noted.

12) GAVO

Poster for new “Men’s Sheds” group starting at Beaufort Hill Welfare Community Hall 24.10.2019 – **added to website.**

- Noted; forward to Councillor H. Trollope.

13) PUBLICATIONS

BGCBC Roadworks report week ending 26.09.2019 & 04.10.2019; J. Parkers Wholesale catalogue Autumn 2019 (pass to AET); Aneurin Bevan Community Health Council Annual Report 2018-19; Communicorp Local Councils Update Issue 233 October 2019 – **distributed to Members:** Received.

14) **AGENDA**

None received.

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

195) **Planning:**

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

ii) a) List of planning applications received in week 37

b) List of planning applications received in week 38

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/2019/0256	Mr. M. Davies Davies Homes 7 Gelliwasted Road Pontypridd	New cycle link with hand railing and associated works, land adjoining Bedwellty Gardens, off Walnut Close

No objections

C/2019/0259	Mr. J. Joseph 35 Fields Road Tredegar	Double garage in rear garden, 35 Fields Road
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No objections

d) To consider other planning matters – None received.

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

- War Memorial – no further incidents.

197) 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 – Meeting cancelled

b) Gwent Valleys One Voice Wales – No meeting

c) One Voice Wales Larger Councils and AGM – No meeting

d) Tredegar Twinning – Worldwide Grant Fund application had proven unsuccessful in respect of organising a Showcase for the French visit next year; however, it had been considered a good idea and there may be other opportunities in the future

e) Pen Bryn Oer Community Fund – Deadline to close at the end of next week (9th October, 2019)

f) School Governing Bodies – Deighton Primary School: new Head was now in post, shortlisting of Deputy Head was progressing with interviews the next week. Tredegar

Comprehensive School: visit by Kirsty Williams, A.M., to see first-hand the good work being undertaken

g) Blaenau Gwent Heritage Forum – No update

h) Blaenau Gwent CAB – No meeting

i) Tredegar / Ebbw Vale Crime Prevention Panel – Still no notification of meetings received by TTC representatives

j) Tredegar Business Forum – TTC representatives unable to attend the last meeting; however, the Business Forum would be sending invites for delegates of TTC to attend

k) VVP / Tredegar Heritage Initiative – A fairly positive meeting had taken place the week before outlining the start date for the TA, which was to open imminently; scaffolding placed on site to the NCB, Officers reported how well-kept the premises were; Morgan Street to be considered before the old Punch House. Blaenau Gwent had been approached in respect of grant funding and advised any regeneration would have to be in-keeping with the rest of the area. No. 10 The Circle; signed over to Coalfields; NHS starting work very shortly. No. 6 (next to the Cambrian) was considering seeking grant funding for refurbishment. Regeneration was working towards Commercial Street and the Local Authority would be speaking with the owners of Gwent

Shopping Centre, to consider a way of working with Welsh Government in respect of grants available for the shopping precinct. A number of premises owners were considering grant funding for fronting in keeping with the rest of The Circle.

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

- Members would be aware that sadly Gerald Davies had passed away, Councillor Prosser and colleagues had been allowed into this gentleman's home to access his memoirs – including postcards of Blaenau Gwent, memorabilia, plates, rail track with engine, etc. A letter had been forwarded to Mr. Davies' brother to let him know of the items on display in the Museum.
- Sirhowy Community Centre, Mayor's Auction – 5.00 p.m. for viewing, with the auction at 7.00 p.m.
- Mayor's Charity Golf Day – Saturday, 5th October, 2019, Members invited to participate by entering a team or via the raffle.
- Trefil Harvest Festival – Sunday, 6th October, 2019, at Horeb Chapel; the subject was 'Giving'. The Town Council had sponsored an individual display – proceeds of the service to the Mayor's Appeal.
- Film premiere – Little Theatre: a film adaptation unique to Tredegar – The Stationary Bike, based on a Stephen King short story.

There being no other business, the meeting closed at 7.31 p.m.

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