

TREDEGAR TOWN COUNCIL

Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of Council held in the Council Chamber, Bedwellty House on Wednesday, 18th December, 2019 at 6.30 p.m. (6.36 p.m. start)

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

In attendance: Clerk – Ms. C. Price

290) Apologies. Councillors G. James, S. Rees, S. Trollope and B. Willis

291) Declarations of Interest

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

292) To receive any verbal recommendations of all Sub-Committees held prior to this meeting of Council

It was agreed that the following recommendations presented to the Civic Meeting of Council be approved accordingly:

Working Party 'The Lodge'

- To progress with ascertaining the costings to be incurred
- Officers to liaise with BG Officers, Nick Landers, Mark Howland, and 'The Lodge' Working Group
- Consider validity of Community Asset Transfer to Tredegar Town Council.

Councillor J. Thomas joined the meeting at this juncture (6.46 p.m.)

Events Sub-Committee

- Tabby's Travel to be awarded the contract for the Mayor's Christmas visits and approve expenditure accordingly.

- Actions delegated to Officers / Members to be progressed.

Councillor P. Prosser left the meeting at this juncture (6.56 p.m.)

293) Accounts: to consider a Schedule of Accounts for payment in December 2019

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

- Town Clock – public statement / update (AET to compile press release) a Member referred to lack of participation around the Town Clock on New Year's Eve during recent years.
- Payment to 'C. Price' – the Clerk clarified this payment was levied against expenditure for gifts of appreciation.
- The cheque for K. Trollope replaced the cheque to D. Morris, for the Michael Foot prize, which had been written back accordingly

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

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

- a) Events Sub-Committee - 6th November, 2019
- b) Civic Meeting of Council - 6th November, 2019
- c) Events Sub-Committee - 20th November, 2019
- d) Ordinary Meeting of Council - 20th November, 2019

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

295) Matters arising from the Minutes / Action Sheet

The Action Sheet received for consideration was noted and agreed accordingly.

296) Chair to sign Minutes

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

297) Correspondence

- 1) BGCBC
 - a) M. Howland Re: Tredegar Horse Show. Confirmed booked at Recreation Ground for next year.
 - Noted.

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

- b) i) List of General Licences Applications week ending 06.12.2019
 - 1) Dukestown Club – Temporary Street Trading Consent.
 - ii) List of General Licences Applications, week ending 13.12.2019
 - 1) Tredegar Arms Hotel – Vary designated premises supervisor.
 - 2) Queen Vic – Vary designated premises supervisor.
 - 3) Queen Vic – Temporary Events Notice sale of alcohol 20/21.12.2019.
 - 4) Queen Vic - Temporary Events Notice sale of alcohol 26/27.12.19.
 - Clerk to ascertain times involved in the Temporary Events Notices and, if later than 2.00 a.m., to present Council's objections to the permitting of such a licence.
- 2) One Voice Wales
- a) One Voice Wales Innovative and National Awards Conference Thursday, 26th March, 2020. Brochure of awards categories and nomination form. Entries to be submitted by 21.02.2020.
 - Agenda for January cycle 'Ordinary Meeting of Council'.
 - b) Consultation: Changes to planning and related application fees. Closing date for responses is 13.03.2020.
 - Noted.
- 3) Welsh Government
- Letter regarding the Playing Fields (Community Involvement in Disposal Decisions) (Wales) Regulations 2015.
- Forward to Cllr D. Jones.
- 4) Aneurin Bevan University Health Board
- K. Cross Re: Dewis Session. Tredegar session will probably run 3.00 p.m. to 7.30 p.m.
- Noted.
- 5) Williams Medical Supplies
- Defibrillator quote.
- The expenditure was considered and approved accordingly.
- 6) Cllr Tippings
- 104th birthday Maud Davies – *awaiting further information from Cllr Tippings*

- Cllr G. Walters was aware of a contact for this lady and would liaise accordingly in order for the Mayor to undertake a visit.

7) Kidz'R'Us

Production to raise awareness for Body Dysmorphia, Wednesday, 15th January, 2020 doors open 6.30 p.m., a complimentary ticket available but need to book asap. Show open to the public 16.01.2020.

- Agreed: Mayor to attend, Clerk to ascertain if invitation included the Mayor's Consort.

8) L. Price

Thanking Council for their letter.

- Noted.

9) Hospice of the Valleys

Thank you for the £50.00 donation in memory of the late Glanmor Bowen-Knight and asking for Council's response to GDPR regulations for them holding Council's data.

- Clerk to complete.

10) Christmas Cards:

- i) Reliance Bus Preservation Group
- ii) Myanmar Embassy
- iii) Ebenezer Chapel.

- Noted.

11) **PUBLICATIONS**

BGCBC Roadworks report week ending 13.12.2019 & 20.12.2019; Aneurin Bevan University Health Board, Your Local Health News, December 2019 – **added to website**; One Voice Wales, Connecting Communities in Wales Newsletter, December 2019 Issue 3; SE Wales RET Winter 2019 newsletter – **distributed to Members**: Received.

12) **AGENDA**

Blaenau Gwent Heritage Forum Meeting agenda 20.12.2019 at 11.00 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.

298) Planning:

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

- ii)
 - a) List of planning applications received in week 47
 - b) List of planning applications received in week 48
 - c) List of planning applications received in week 49

b) Verbal report of the Planning Committee, if any

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

App. No.	Applicant	Proposal
C/2019/0329	Mr. D. Martyn 19 Maes Morgan Tredegar	Rear garden shed, 19 Maes Morgan
No objections		
C/2019/0333	Mr. M. Jones 50 St. George's Court Tredegar	Retention of domestic garage, The Spirals Dukestown Road, Tredegar
No objections		
C/2019/0334	Mr. P. Snook 10 Oakfield Road Tredegar	Fell ash tree, 9 and 10 Oakfield Road
No objections		
C/2019/0340	JD Wetherspoons plc Wetherspoons House Central Park Reeds Crescent Watford	Change of use to beer garden and associated structure, The Olympia, Morgan Street

Observations:

The proposed development was to extend the beer garden across to the area behind the NCB, former Town Hall, to make the garden larger. Members expressed concerns as the patrons would have to share the use of the fire exit for the old Town Hall. Also, the plans appeared to indicate that the development would utilise an area proposed in a previous application (Outline planning application C/2017/0059&0060) for a disabled lift to the NCB, which appeared to extend into this same area.

C/2019/0341	Mr. C. Powles 54 Tynewydd Tredegar	Single storey 'lean to' extension to rear and detached pitched roof shed to rear, 54 Tynewydd
No objections		
C/2019/0349	Mr. A. Walker Aneurin Bevan University Health Board c/o RPS Planning & Development 2 Callaghan Square Cardiff	Installation of access ramp to the rear of the building, Tredegar Health Centre, Park Row.

No objections

d) To consider other planning matters - None received.

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

- For information: Trinity Cooper, Soloist, who had supported TTC previously at events, was to appear on The Voice in January, having been successful in the 'blind' auditions.
- The House Manager had been subject to abuse by a group of youngsters in the garden area of Bedwellty House; this had been reported to the Police but the Member said that Aneurin Leisure Trust should have a Policy in place to protect the safety of staff in addressing such problems. Other Members were aware of, and had witnessed, such anti-social behaviour, with The Park security guard having to deal with multiple youths. Members believed there was an issue with youths stealing in order to fund their drug habit.
- It was agreed that an invite be extended to the Police and Crime Commissioner and Chief Superintendent to attend a future meeting of Council.
- Council considered there had been insufficient 'Reserved' seating at the Armistice Service in St. George's Church; Clerk to liaise with RBL / Reverend.
- Sirhowy Community Garden – there was a problem with horses being allowed onto the garden. Following a brief discussion, it was agreed that appropriate signage be erected, stating that it was 'Not permitted to exercise animals'.
- A Member referred to a recent meeting with the Local Authority, where a lengthy debate had ensued regarding asset transfer. Members had raised a query in respect of the Charter of Town and Community Councils, which stipulated consultation should be undertaken on such issues, and the question asked of the responsible Officer why Tredegar Town Council had not been consulted on the release of the Recreation Ground. The Legal Officer and BG Leader were questioned of the legality of the Charter, where the Legal Officer had indicated this was an agreement between parties and not a legally binding document.

It was suggested that OVW be contacted for advice, however it was recognised this was a ministerial matter as to whether local authorities could be held to account in respect of a Town and Community Council Charter.

Another Member said that, dependent on the outcome of a further meeting tomorrow, Town Council should consider not signing the Charter and, therefore, no longer attend the meetings of the Quarterly Liaison Committee, which Council wholly supported.

There being no other business, the meeting closed at 7.49 p.m.

Chair