

TREDEGAR TOWN COUNCIL

Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of Council held in the Council Chamber, Bedwellty House on Wednesday 22nd January 2019 at 6.30 p.m. (6.36 p.m. start)

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

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

332) Apologies. **Councillors E. Jones, M. Turner and G. Walters**

333) Declarations of Interest

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

334) To receive any verbal recommendations of all Sub-Committees / Working Party held immediately prior to this meeting

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

Tredegar Public Facilities Sub-Committee – 22nd January, 2020

- current arrangements continue with the contractual employee and Town Council monitor the situation;
 - that a fleece and hi viz, with the TTC logo, be purchased from Ruggerbug;
 - that TTC waiver financial regulations as: the provider was known to provide a quality product; speed of delivery; and, already had the TTC logo retained on file and would therefore avoid additional cost being incurred in respect of design.
- And;
- Deighton playing field: agreed to recommend that Company B be awarded the contract for works.

Performance Review Sub-Committee – 22nd January, 2020

- Mayoral Allowance / Civic budget – refer to Senior Members (Top 4) to agree how allocation to be apportioned;

- all recommendations in respect of expenditure unanimously agreed to be presented to Council for approval; and
- Earmarked Reserves and Precept "B" standstill thereupon approved; subject to ratification by Full Council.

335) Accounts: to consider a Schedule of Accounts for payment in January 2020

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

- Christmas Lighting – the Leader had undertaken a walkaround with the LITE representative during the Christmas period for a debrief. Agreed: Clerk to contact LITE Ltd. to arrange a meeting with appropriate Members; payment to be held back until that meeting, to ensure Council were happy with the service provided, whereupon the cheque would be handed to the LITE representative by hand.
- Grass cutting: Deighton playing field / Sirhowy Community Garden – Clerk confirmed the SLA had covered up to ten cuts over the contract period.
- Town Clock – the final invoice had been received from SWALEC, who had written off a payment of £68.00: ongoing (RFO).
- E.On – a Member proposed that the payment be placed on hold, which was agreed accordingly. The RFO advised that Council needed to be aware that if the invoice was not paid, there could be a risk that the electricity supply would be cut off.

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

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

- a) Finance and Staffing Sub-Committee - 2nd December, 2019**
- b) Policy Sub-Committee - 4th December, 2019**
- c) Civic Meeting of Council - 4th December, 2019**
- d) Working Party 'The Lodge' - 18th December, 2019**
- e) Events Sub-Committee - 18th December, 2019** (issues relating to colour changes to Clock face, to be considered)
- f) Ordinary Meeting of Council - 18th December, 2019** Clerk to write to appropriate BG Officer in respect of concerns relating to the lessees of The Recreation ground not honouring long-standing commitments in relation to events.

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

337) Action Sheet

The Action Sheet received for consideration was noted and agreed accordingly, subject to the following:

- Action Sheet to be sent with agenda, not circulated at meeting
- OVW Innovative and National Awards Conference – categories to be circulated to Senior Members (Top 4)

338) Chair to sign Minutes

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

339) 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

340) Correspondence

1) BGCBC

a) Blaenau Gwent Replacement Local Development Plan 2018-2033: Preferred Strategy Consultation. 6-week consultation period from 16.01.2020 to 27.02.2020.

- Noted; forward to Cllrs DJ and MT.

b) S. Cargill Re: February Half Term. Wants permission to use the field on Thursday 19.02.2020 1.00 p.m. to 4.00 p.m.

- Approved: Clerk to respond

c) D. Arnold Re: Armed Forces Covenant Local Grants consultation and training for members.

- A Member had attended the recent meeting of AF Covenant Group, whereby Ebbw Vale RBL had expressed an interest in holding the commemorative event in Ebbw Vale in 2021, whereby grant funding would be made available. A bid could be made to host the Welsh event and the Member had pointed out that Tredegar had been organising this event for many years. The RBL Ebbw Vale Branch had therefore invited the Leader of the Council to meet to discuss bringing the event to Ebbw Vale; TTC envisaged there would be difficulties with both car parking and identifying a suitable venue, should this be the case.

It was therefore agreed that the Clerk complete the appropriate application for the performance of the Royal Welsh Regimental Band for both 2020 and 2021 for their Armed Forces Day.

d) A. Tippings Re: Launch of new Wales major events team.

- Noted; circulate to Members.

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

- e) i) List of Licencing Applications, week ending 03.01.2020.
 - 1) Savers, Gwent Shopping Centre – New premises licence for sale of alcohol.
 - ii) List of Licencing Applications, week ending 10.01.2020.
 - Noted.

- 2) One Voice Wales
 - a) Reminder: OVW National Awards Conference Thursday, 26th March, 2020.
 - Noted; circulated to Senior Members (Top 4).
 - b) Consultation on Local Government and Elections (Wales) Bill: One Voice Wales' response.
 - Noted; provide 'hard copy' for AET.
 - c) SuDS: Proposed amendments to two Orders on Sustainable Drainage.
 - Noted.
 - d) Bala Enquiry: Asking for information on any projects Council does with 5-18 year olds.
 - Noted.

- 3) G. Adams
Construction Ltd. Commencing work on Clock 30.03.2020, request for any plants to be remove prior to date ready for the scaffolding to be erected.
 - Noted; Leader to liaise with contractual employee for removal.

- 4) C. Bullock Sherman Theatre Under 7's Tour 2020: The Elves and The Shoemaker, 9th to 27th November, 2020.
– **Rota: Bryn Bach Primary**
 - Agreed; invite to be extended to Bryn Bach Primary as host venue and performance fee to be met by TTC approved accordingly.

- 5) Royal British Legion Will issue the £500.00 refund which Council can then pay direct to the Tredegar Branch.
 - Noted; RBL to be invited to Presentation Awards Ceremony to receive donation of TTC.

- 6) Reserve Forces and Cadets Association Invitation to attend Coleg Gwent, Ebbw Vale Thursday, 13th February, 2020 at 6.30 p.m. for a

Reception and Briefing by the Army Engagement Team.

- Noted.

7) Aneurin Bevan
University
Health Board

Re: Tredegar Health and Well-being Centre. Confirming approval of the Outline Business Case from Welsh Government 10.01.2020 and details of the next steps.

- Noted.

8) Nantyglo and
Blaina
Town Council

Invitation to meet with representatives of Nantyglo & Blaina Town Council and One Voice Wales to discuss the reasons why their motion was declined.

- Noted; Council awaited an update in respect of the agreed meeting date.

9) C. Rundle

Response to Remembrance Sunday Church Service.

10) E. Jones

Response to Remembrance Sunday Church Service.

- Clerk to respond suggesting the following seating arrangements: front row – A.M., M.P., Lord Lieutenant, TTC Mayor and Deputy Mayor; with a further three rows reserved for elected Members (Town Council and County Borough).

11) Tredfest

Dates and venues for TredFest: The Future is Now. Invitation for a Member to be on the judging panel for the Final on Saturday, 9th May, 2020 at Kidz'r'Us 6.00 p.m.-11.00 p.m. – **adding to website**

- Agreed, Deputy Mayor Cllr D. Jones to attend, as incoming Mayor.

12) R. Edwards

Biological Wildfire Recording Day: Free training event 13.03.2020.

- Noted.

11) PUBLICATIONS

BGCBC roadworks report week ending 17.01.2020 & 23.01.2020; Armed Forces Day, Celebrate the Armed Forces in 2020; GAVO, Third Sector Small Grants: Open for applications, deadline 31.01.2020 – **added to website** – **distributed to Members**: Received.

12) 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.

341) Planning:

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

- ii)**
- a) List of planning applications received in week 52.
 - b) List of planning applications received in week 01.

b) Verbal report of the Planning Committee, if any – N/A

a) To consider Planning Applications submitted for Council's observations - None received.

d) To consider other planning matters - None received.

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

- Mayor's Christmas visits to Residential / Care Homes - thanks to Ty Parc and 'Circle of Youth'
- Cllr K. Phillips to liaise with THIS-IS and report back to Council accordingly
- A Member recommended a resident for a Mayoral visit, to undertaking litter-picking in Brompton Place, which was agreed accordingly
- T2520 Anniversary – date to be decided; New Zealand and Australian Air Force expressed an interest in taking part in activities
- BG Heritage – request to arrange a talk during the Bevan Festival week: agreed, in principle, subject to consideration of the Events Sub-Committee.

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

_____ Chair