

TREDEGAR TOWN COUNCIL

**Minutes of the Civic Meeting of Council held remotely via Microsoft Teams
on Wednesday, 4th November, 2020 at 12.45 p.m. (start)**

Present: **Councillors E. Jones (Chair)**
 T. Smith
 A.E. Tippings
 M. Cross
 D.W.A. Howells
 G. James
 H. Trollope
 S. Trollope
 G. Walters
 B. Willis

In attendance: **Clerk – Ms. C. Price**
 RFO – Ms. A. Edwards

086) Apologies. **Councillors D. Jones, A. Jones, P. Prosser, K. Phillips,
 S. Rees, D. Rowberry, J. Thomas and M. Turner**

087) Declarations of Interest

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

088) To receive any verbal recommendations of the Civic Sub-Committee and the Performance Review Sub-Committee held immediately prior to this meeting

A meeting of the Civic Sub-Committee held 3rd November, 2020, had agreed to receive and consider the applications received for grants to Sporting and Cultural organisations.

*Councillor Alyson Tippings declared an interest in respect of the Oak Football Club; and,
Councillor Haydn Trollope in respect of the 2167 Air Squadron; taking no part in discussion
or voting thereon.*

Bedwellty Park Bowls Club	£200.00
Georgetown Community Centre	£200.00
Kidz R Us	£200.00
Oak Football Club	£200.00
Stocktonville Senior Citizens Hall	£200.00
Tredegar Angling Club	£200.00
2167 Air Squadron	£200.00
Tredegar Orpheus Male Voice Choir	£200.00
Tredegar Camera Club/Vale Camera Club - Deferred for discussion at Council	

The RFO said that Tredegar and Ebbw Vale Camera Clubs had amalgamated to form TredVale Camera Club, however, restrictions impacted on bank account operations, banks undertaking urgent business only. The Officer had details of the Tredegar bank account but would need to bring in Ebbw Vale details also; and, now amalgamated, the Club would be undertaking online meetings.

A Member said he had no issues with the application, as Council had previously supported the Tredegar and Ebbw Vale Crime Prevention Panel, and was in favour of the Clubs being amalgamated to function as one group. Another Member said that, as it would not be appropriate to meet with the Camera Club under current restrictions, he would support a decision to award a grant for one year and see how the Clubs operated, and review for next year, as this would be a 'common sense' approach.

It was unanimously agreed that a grant in the sum of £200.00 be awarded to each of the nine applicants.

089) Bank Reconciliations: to receive (confirmation, sight on request, to RFO)

The RFO confirmed that bank reconciliations, completed since the last meeting to date, were available for Members to view upon request, which was noted accordingly.

090) Any urgent items of Correspondence

- Dispensation for absence: The Leader referred to Legislation in respect of the six-month period of absence in attending meetings of Council under Category 5. Two Members, Councillors Allan Jones and Phillip Prosser, were unable to attend due restrictions applied to Covid-19, and sought dispensation for the time-being.

Councillor B. Willis joined the meeting at this juncture.

- This was a decision subject to approval of Council and, if the time period needed to be extended, this would be brought back for consideration accordingly.
It was therefore agreed to allow a 'dispensation for absence' of six months for Councillors Allan Jones and Phillip Prosser; the Members would be encouraged to attend, when in a position to do so, online in the future.
- A Member was sorry to hear from their son that both Roger and Kay Thomas were currently experiencing poor health; a few Members had spoken with Roger only the previous week and were upset to hear this news; it was noted that Roger was missed on Town Council.
- Council commended the great work carried out on 10 The Circle
- Concern was expressed that the street lighting at The Promenade was not working; Clerk to report to Blaenau Gwent to be resolved at earliest opportunity particularly with the forthcoming Remembrance weekend.

There being no other business, the meeting closed at 1.32 p.m.

Chair