

# TREDEGAR TOWN COUNCIL

**Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of Council held via Microsoft Teams / hybrid  
Wednesday, 15<sup>th</sup> February, 2023 at 6.30 p.m.**

**Present:** Councillors **G. Evans (Chair)**  
**K. Phillips**  
**A.E. Tippings**  
**M. Turner**  
**G. Badham**  
**P. Prosser**  
**B. Rees**  
**D. Rowberry**  
**H. Trollope**  
**S. Trollope**  
**C. Walters**  
**G. Walters**

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

**286) Apologies. Councillors P. Cornlouer, A. Jones, E. Jones, J. Thomas  
and K. Waldron**

Council observed a Minute silence as a mark of respect to the former Town Clerk – Dr. John Evans.

## **287) Declarations of Interest**

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

## **288) To receive recommendations of all Sub-Committees / Working Party any verbal held prior to this meeting of Council**

It was agreed that the recommendations of the Sub-Committees held prior to Council be approved.

- **Joint Finance and Staffing & Public Facilities Sub-Committee  
Sparkle Cleaning Contract**

- RFO to further examine total costings and come back to Sub-Committee in one calendar month - cost in respect of holiday / sickness cover and materials provided by Sparkle.
- Leader to review the job specification.
- Trial opening of the toilets on Mondays and Saturdays by 'proprietor', Fruit & Veg shop.

**LED lights / placing a motion sensor** To approve the quote tendered by Company A - total works detailed, inclusive of storeroom; with a 5% allowance for any inflation-related increase in quote cost.

**Bank Dual Authority** To proceed with the action points to move towards the electronic method of payment, RFO to seek clarification on how many could be setup as an additional 'Dual Authority Member'.

**Grass cutting maintenance** To seek quotations from Blaenau Gwent CBC and the Groundsman undertaking grass cutting throughout Tredegar.

**Christmas lights infrastructure** Council to look at existing anchor points; ascertain locations needed, and a letter be sent to shop owner / tenant; and re-visit.

**Memorabilia – gifts and King coronation / commemoration** To be agendaed at next meeting of the Events Sub-Committee

**Lindsay Bryan Sports Memorial Award**

- Council to purchase a large trophy - to be returned and presented on an annual basis, entitled "Lindsay Bryan Sports Memorial Award"; as well an individual keepsake to be retained by recipient (x5), with small brass plaque if available.
- Prior to Covid restrictions, a recipient had been agreed to receive the Award; it was agreed to continue with this individual as the first nominee accordingly.

▪ **Policy Sub-Committee**

The review of all policies placed before the Policy Sub-Committee, as reported by Officers, be unanimously recommended for approval, i.e:

- Risk Management Policy
- Standing Orders
- Internal Financial Controls

**289) To consider a Schedule of Accounts for payment in February 2023**

The RFO spoke to the report and explained that the bank reconciliations, valid to date, were available for Members to view upon request, which was noted accordingly.

There being no further queries regarding the Schedule of Accounts, presented items were approved for payment. No transfer of funds, as approved by Council, was required in respect of payment, as sufficient funds were available in the appropriate account.

**290) To receive and adopt the following Minutes of Council:**

- a) **Performance Review Sub-Committee - 4<sup>th</sup> January, 2023**
- b) **Civic Meeting of Council - 4<sup>th</sup> January, 2023**
- c) **Performance Review Sub-Committee - 18<sup>th</sup> January, 2023**
- d) **Ordinary Meeting of Council - 18<sup>th</sup> January, 2023**

It was agreed that, for points of accuracy only, all Minutes presented be moved en bloc as a true record.

**291) Chair to sign Minutes - at earliest opportunity in accordance with WG Legislation and Guidance**

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

## 292) Correspondence

*Councillor A.E. Tippings declared an interest in the following item and took no part in discussion or voting thereon.*

- 1) BGCBC  
K. Williams Re: Public Conveniences. New grant available to improve facilities.
  - It was agreed that Council could relay an expression of interest to the Local Authority in respect of solar panels; bearing in mind, however, the Council were tenants and permission would have to be sought from the owners of the shopping precinct. *(Forward to Councillor K. Phillips)*
  
- 2) One Voice Wales  
Consultation on the Outdoor Education (Wales) Bill, closes 17.03.2023.
  - Noted: forward to Councillors K. Phillips and M. Turner.
  
- 3) Cllr A. Jones  
Re: Potential development of children's home at Picton Road. Requesting Council's decision of 18.01.2023 be rescinded.
  - Support was sought in respect of the Member's request; as insufficient numbers were forthcoming to accommodate the request, the motion to rescind the decision was not agreed.
  
- 4) M. Blake  
Repair shop poster: Looking for objects connected to Aneurin Bevan and the birth of the NHS to restore – **added to website/Twitter & forwarded for Facebook**
  - Noted: discussion ensued regarding a small dresser; it was agreed that Councillors A.E. Tippings and P. Prosser liaise in respect of the matter.  
Councillor K. Phillips had met with the producers in respect of restoring the safe – it had been agreed this remain on site and look at the possibility of removing the door and return for the unveiling.  
Members acknowledged the vast amount of memorabilia relating to not only Aneurin Bevan and the NHS, but Walter Conway and the medical aid societies also. *(Forward to Councillor P. Prosser)*

## 5) PUBLICATIONS

BGCBC Roadworks report, week ending 17.02.2023; IWN Neighbourhood Watch & Smarter Water is an anti-theft forensic device – **Poster on Twitter/website**; OVW People's Practice Peer-to-Peer network, transition towns; OVW Briefing: Invitation to online launch of Welsh Water's Biodiversity Report, 16.02.2023 at 1.00 p.m.; GAVO, message from BGfm community radio show asking for information on local activities to be emailed to them weekly to be included in their show – **distributed to Members**: Received.

### 293) Planning:

#### a) To consider List of Planning Applications received

- i) List of planning applications received in week 05
- ii) List of planning applications received in week 06

#### b) To consider Planning Applications submitted for Council's observations -

App. No.	Applicant	Proposal
C/2023/0024	Mr. D. Corbett Corbett Ltd Address not supplied	Construction of 4 detached industrial units together with parking, landscaping and services, HOV Hub, Crown Industrial Estate.

This piece of land was in a horrendous condition and the development would not only tidy up the land but provide employment opportunities for the town:

**No objections**

C/2023/0027	Mrs. L. Davies 40 Harford Street Tredegar	First floor extension over previously built ground floor extension, 40 Harford Street
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**No objections**

C/2023/0028	J. Lundie 14 Beaufort Road Tredegar	Two storey rear extension and alterations to roof of existing single storey rear extension, 14 Beaufort Road.
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**No objections**

C/2023/0029	Mr. A. Williams 3 Siloam Close Tredegar	Demolish existing stables / outbuilding and replace with new steel framed barn including retained access, hard standing and new landscaping, land adjoining Plot 4, Mount Pleasant View.
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**No objection**

C/2023/0031	Mr. L. Phillips Glan Yr Afon Dukestown Road Tredegar	Proposed first floor rear extension, raising of roof to main house, balcony to rear and associated alterations, Glan Yr Afon, Dukestown Road.
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**Observations:**

This development area was linked to the Sirhowy Ironworks and, because of the historical nature of the building and location, a Member suggested the property should be sensitively restored and not extensively remodelled, making every effort to maintain the historical nature of the house. There were also some historic items within the grounds, connecting to the Ironworks, e.g. the culvert that took the water to the Ironworks. Council considered this site should have been awarded 'Listed' status and felt the proposed design impacted on the historical nature of the site.

Agreed: Clerk to forward the concerns in respect of the historical nature of the site to Cadw for attention.

C/2023/0032	Mr. Turner 3 Kings Arms Cottages Trefil	3 storey extension to the side and 3 <sup>rd</sup> storey extension to the rear and front porch & front canopy. Dormer windows & external alterations, 3 Kings Arms Cottages.
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**No objections**

C/2023/0036	Mr. D. Corbett Corbett Developments Ltd.	Construction of 3 new industrial units (300msq each) including access, parking and services, HOV Hub, Crown Industrial Estate, Tredegar.
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**No objections**

C/2023/0038	Ms. S. Humphries 24 McLaren Cottages Abertysswg	Proposed development of two detached properties with associated car parking & external works, land between 12a Victoria Street & Springfield Cottage.
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A Member said there was already one property on the site, with a further two proposed, with no access road; however he was not aware of any contentious issues: **No objections**

**c) To consider other planning matters – Garage at Nantybwich:** the shop had been moved to a takeaway and a lot of works was ongoing, e.g. issues with the roller shutter. The Member was not aware of any planning application coming before Council for consideration. Council therefore enquired of any building / planning control in respect of works and whether these had been approved through Delegated Matters within the Local Authority.

*Proposed site of Circuit of Wales development:* great lengths of torn plastic was strewn across the mountainside, not only was this debris unsightly but also posed a threat to wildlife – these sections needed to be maintained or reinstated.

It was agreed the Clerk pass these concerns to the Planning Section BGCBC.

## 294) Matters of Local Interest or Concern (by prior notice)

- Revised Delivery Agreement - Replacement BG Local Development Plan: a Member had forwarded a suggestion to the Clerk that a presentation may prove of interest to Council. It was agreed that an invite be extended to the appropriate Officer BGCBC to make a presentation to Council.
- Two nominations for a Civic award were presented for consideration; approved accordingly.
- Funeral arrangements – Dr. John Evans: this would be held in Crewe on Wednesday, 1<sup>st</sup> March, 2023. For information: a memorial mass would be held on 18<sup>th</sup> April, 2023 for both John and Martin.

There being no other business, the meeting closed at 7.29 p.m.

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