

TREDEGAR TOWN COUNCIL

**Minutes of the Annual Meeting of Council held via
Microsoft Teams / hybrid on Wednesday, 3rd May, 2023 at 6.00 p.m.**

Present: Councillors K. Phillips (Chair)
M. Turner
A.E. Tippings
G. Badham
A. Jones
E. Jones
B. Rees
D. Rowberry
J. Thomas
H. Trollope
S. Trollope
C. Walters
G. Walters

In attendance: Clerk – Ms. C. Aherne

**To Elect a Mayor to serve until the Annual Meeting of Council 2024:
Thanks and Appreciation by outgoing Mayor 2022 / 2023, Councillor G. Evans.**

A Member proposed that the election of Mayor be deferred and the current designated Member remain in situ, which was unanimously agreed. Therefore, in the absence of the Mayor, the Deputy Mayor presided over the meeting.

**Declaration of Acceptance of Office by the incoming Mayor:
Chain of Office to be handed over and Consort's Chain to be exchanged.**

Not applicable.

To receive any communication the Mayor may wish to lay before Council.

Not applicable.

Apologies. Councillors G. Evans, P. Cornlouer, P. Prosser and K. Waldron

Declarations of Interest

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

To Elect a Deputy Mayor to serve until the Annual Meeting of Council 2024: Chain of Office will be given to the incoming Deputy.

A Member nominated Councillor Kevin Phillips; the nomination was duly seconded. It was unanimously agreed that the Deputy Mayor remain in situ; an exchange of Chain of Office, therefore, was not applicable.

The Deputy Mayor received the acceptance of Office, which was duly signed in the presence of Council.

To Elect a Member as Leader of Council until the Annual Meeting of Council 2024.

A Member nominated Councillor Mark Turner to the role of Leader; the nomination was duly seconded, and Councillor Turner appointed.

The Leader received the acceptance of Office, which was duly signed in the presence of Council.

To Elect a Member as Deputy Leader of Council until the Annual Meeting of Council 2024.

A Member nominated Councillor Alyson Tippings to the role of Deputy Leader; the nomination was duly seconded, and Councillor Tippings appointed.

The Deputy Leader received the acceptance of Office, which was duly signed in the presence of Council.

To approve the Mayor, Deputy Mayor, Leader and Deputy Leader are ex-officio Members of all Council Committees and Sub-Committees with voting rights.

This was agreed unanimously.

To receive and confirm the Standing Orders of Tredegar Town Council.

This document formed part of the Councillor induction pack received at the point of signing the Declaration of Office; agreed unanimously, as approved by the previous administration.

To receive and confirm the Financial Regulations of Tredegar Town Council.

This document formed part of the Councillor induction pack received at the point of signing the Declaration of Office; agreed unanimously, as approved by the previous administration.

To appoint Barclays Bank plc as the Council's Bankers (existing).

This was agreed unanimously, as approved by the previous administration.

To Authorise the Mayor, Deputy Mayor, Leader and Deputy Leader of Council, with the Clerk and RFO, to sign cheques on behalf of Tredegar Town Council.

This was agreed unanimously; the Clerk asked that Council authorise the Finance Sub-Committee Chair as a designated signatory also, which was approved accordingly. (N.B. Clerk and RFO to sign cheques only in the case of an emergency, once approval agreed by the signatories listed.)

To consider any Urgent correspondence.

Items of correspondence were received and noted accordingly.

- To consider Planning Applications submitted for Council's observations:

App. No. C/2023/0098: Proposed development – provision of four detached leisure pods – former school site, Troedrhiwgwair

No objections, on the proviso no valid objections were raised by residents.

To agree the Mayor's Allowance (£1,315) - to authorise payment in full or pro rata.

Deferred.

To agree a Leader's Allowance, not exceeding £500.00, and authorise payment.

The Leader wished to decline payment of this Allowance; this was agreed unanimously.

To appoint a Civic Committee (all Members of Council).

This was agreed unanimously.

To appoint ALL MEMBERS OF COUNCIL to the Performance Review Committee: To meet quarterly.

This was agreed unanimously.

To confirm the Sub-Committees and to appoint Members to serve on them until the Annual Meeting of Council 2024.

Deferred.

To confirm the letter of appointment has been issued to the Internal Auditor to the Annual Meeting of Council 2024.

Confirmed; this was agreed unanimously.

To appoint Members to serve on the following outside bodies:

- a. **Joint Committee of Local Councils**
- b. **Gwent Valleys One Voice Wales**
- c. **One Voice Wales Larger Councils and AGM**
- d. **Tredegar Twinning Association**
- e. **Pen Bryn Oer Community Fund**
- f. **School Governing Bodies**
 - i) **Bryn Bach Primary**
 - ii) **Deighton Primary**
 - iii) **Georgetown Primary**
 - iv) **Glanhowy Primary**
 - v) **St. Joseph's Roman Catholic Primary**
- g. **Blaenau Gwent CAB**
- h. **Tredegar Business Forum**
- i. **Blaenau Gwent Heritage Forum**
- j. **VVP/ Tredegar Heritage Initiative**

Also, Brecon Beacons NPA and the Armed Forces Steering Group

The list was reviewed and representation unanimously agreed:

To agree the presentation of the Aneurin Bevan Prize, the Peter Morgan Jones and Michael Foot Awards, in conjunction with Tredegar Comprehensive School.

This was agreed unanimously.

To agree the presentation of the Tony Gregory Award.

This was agreed unanimously.

To agree the Lindsay Bryan Sports Memorial Award.

This was unanimously agreed.

To confirm the pattern and timings of Meetings of Council:

The Standing Orders, which were subject to annual review, were agreed unanimously.

There being no other business, the meeting closed at 6.42 p.m.
