

TREDEGAR TOWN COUNCIL

**Reporting of decisions and recommendations -
Civic Meeting of Council held Wednesday, 6th December, 2023 at 6.00 p.m.**

Present: Councillors **K. Phillips (Chair)**
E. Griffin
M. Turner
A.E. Tippings
G. Badham
A. Evans
A. Jones
E. Jones
D. Rowberry
J. Thomas
K. Waldron
C. Walters

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

Apologies Councillors **B. Rees, H. Trollope, S. Trollope, K. Waldron and G. Walters**

Declarations of Interest

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

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

Following the resignation of the Mayor elected for 2023 / 2024, and the acceptance of Councillor Kevin Phillips to take up the role: the Mayor received the Chain and acceptance of Office, which was duly signed in the presence of Council, and the Consort's Chain presented.

**To Elect a Deputy Mayor to serve until the Annual Meeting of Council 2024
(Chain of Office to be handed over to incoming Deputy)**

A Member proposed that Councillor Ellie Griffin be nominated to the role of Deputy Mayor; this nomination was duly seconded.

There being no other nominations, Councillor Ellie Griffin was unanimously elected to the role of Deputy Mayor: Deputy Mayor to receive the Chain and acceptance of Office, to be duly signed in the presence of the Clerk.

To receive Mayor's report, as appropriate

Received.

Alun Davies, M.S. - to provide an update on the work he is undertaking and inviting any questions of Members

Received.

To receive the verbal recommendations of all Sub-Committees / Working Party held prior to this meeting of Council

It was agreed the recommendations of the Finance and Staffing Sub-Committee and the Events Sub-Committee held prior to Council be approved accordingly.

Grants:

**a) To receive and consider grants to Sporting and Cultural organisations
(under the provision of the Local Govt. Miscellaneous Provision Act 1976
s.19 and Local Government Act 1972 s.137)**

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

Sirhowy Hill Woodlands - Any financial assistance received would go towards their fundraising for a road going tractor and Aviva will match fund up to £250.00 per donor.

2022/23 March'23 CQ No. 454 £200.00 - *Approved accordingly*

Tredegar History & Archive Society & Museum - Any financial assistance received would be used to purchase printing paper and inks for project printing.

2021/22 March'22 CQ No. 283 £200.00 - *Approved accordingly*

Tredegar Moose Ladies Circle - Any financial assistance received would be used to replace kitchen items.

2022/23 Dec'22 CQ No. 421 £200.00 - Approved accordingly

b) To receive and consider grants to Churches & Chapels (s.137) - Grants as of 01.04.2017 now max £300.00 (before awarding a grant Council must be satisfied the grant is being given for non-religious purposes with the building being for community use) - None received

Vacancy - one in Central & West Ward and one in Georgetown Ward: Nominations for consideration

One nomination had been received from an existing Councillor for the Central & West Ward, Councillor Bethan Rees, to transfer to the Georgetown Ward, which was unanimously agreed.

It was therefore agreed that the resignation of Councillor Rees from the Central & West Ward be duly accepted.

No nominations had been received in respect of the Central & West Ward; it was agreed that the Notice to Co-opt be amended and the deadline extended accordingly, to include the second vacancy due to the transfer.

Correspondence

Councillor C. Walters declared an interest in any items relating to the Aneurin Leisure Trust and took no part in discussion or voting thereon.

Items of correspondence were received and noted accordingly; all items in respect of expenditure were approved unanimously.

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

Planning:

- i) List of planning applications received in week 46.
- ii) List of planning applications received in week 47.
- iii) List of planning applications received in week 48.

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

To consider other planning matters – PEDW, Re: DNS/3239181 Manmoel Wind. Examination notice setting out the period for consultation on Further Information.

Councillor J. Thomas left the meeting at this juncture.

Updates regarding Bedwellty House and Park / Parc Bryn Bach - any issues to have been previously reported direct to the House Management / Aneurin Leisure personally

- Received.

Delegates: to receive and consider reports from Delegates to Outside Bodies and the recommendations of Sub-Committees / Working Parties:

- a) Joint Committee of Local Councils
- b) Gwent Valleys One Voice Wales
- c) One Voice Wales Larger Councils and AGM
- d) Tredegar Twinning
- e) Pen Bryn Oer Community Fund
- f) School Governing Bodies
- g) Blaenau Gwent Heritage Forum
- h) Blaenau Gwent CAB
- i) Tredegar Business Forum
- j) VVP / Tredegar Heritage Initiative

Updates received and noted accordingly.

Matters of Local Interest or Concern (by prior notice)

Matters received were noted accordingly.
