

TREDEGAR TOWN COUNCIL

**Minutes of the Annual Meeting of Council held via
Microsoft Teams / hybrid on Wednesday, 1st May, 2024 at 6.00 p.m.**

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

In attendance: Clerk – Ms. C. Aherne

**To Elect a Mayor to serve until the Annual Meeting of Council 2025:
Thanks and Appreciation by outgoing Mayor 2023 / 2024, Councillor
K. Phillips.**

Current Mayor to remain in situ, which was unanimously agreed.

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

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

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

Received.

**Apologies. G. Badham, A.E. Evans, A. Jones, S. Mavar, M. Moore and
S. Trollope**

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 2025: Chain of Office will be given to the incoming Deputy.

Current Deputy Mayor to remain in situ, which was unanimously agreed. 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 2025.

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 2025.

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.

Circulated and reviewed by the Policy Sub-Committee on 20th March, 2024. Agreed unanimously.

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

Circulated and reviewed by the Policy Sub-Committee on 20th March, 2024.
Agreed unanimously.

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

This was agreed unanimously.

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

This was agreed unanimously. (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.

Councillor D. Rowberry declared an interest in 'Licensing' and took no part in discussion or voting thereon.

Items of correspondence were received and noted accordingly.

Councillors E. Jones, D. Rowberry and J. Thomas declared an interest in the following item and took no part in discussion or voting thereon.

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

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

This was agreed unanimously.

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

This was agreed unanimously.

The Leader wished to decline payment of this Allowance; advised to provide a written response and liaise with the RFO accordingly.

Vacancy - Georgetown Ward

Council to formally declare vacancy following the resignation of Councillor B. Rees.

The vacancy in the Georgetown Ward was formally agreed by Council.

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 following Sub-Committees and to appoint Members to serve on them until the Annual Meeting of Council 2025.

- a. Civic Sub-Committee
- b. Events Sub-Committee (To incorporate Publicity Sub-Committee and Website Working Party)
- c. Heritage Sub-Committee (encompassing Bedwellty House and Park, the Assembly Room Picture Gallery, Tredegar War Memorials and Tredegar Town Clock) with plenary powers up to £500.00
- d. Finance & Staffing Sub-Committee (To incorporate the Budget Working Party)
- e. Appeals Committee
- f. Policy Sub-Committee - All Members of Council
- g. Community, Youth and International Sub-Committee (To incorporate Tredegar Twinning Association)
- h. One Voice Wales Climate Change Adaptation Programme
- i. Tredegar Public Facilities Sub-Committee (Encompassing Tredegar W/C Facilities, Deighton playing field and Sirhowy Community Garden, Allotments and Town Clock)

Membership to remain in situ; Councillors to contact the Leader and / or Clerk if wishing to be added as a representative.

To appoint Members to serve on the following outside bodies:

- a. Quarterly Liaison Meeting / 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**
 - vi. **Ysgol Bro Helyg School**
- g. **Blaenau Gwent CAB**
- h. **Tredegar Business Forum**
- i. **Blaenau Gwent Heritage Forum**
- j. **Tredegar Placemaking**
- k. **Bannau Brycheiniog / Brecon Beacons National Park**
- l. **Armed Forces Community Covenant**

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:

Patterns and timings were agreed unanimously in accordance with the Standing Orders, which were subject to annual review.

There being no other business, the meeting closed at 6.45 p.m.
