

# TREDEGAR TOWN COUNCIL

**Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of Council held via Microsoft Teams / hybrid  
Wednesday, 19<sup>th</sup> June, 2024 at 6.30 p.m. (6.45 p.m. start)**

**Present:** Councillors M. Turner (Chair)  
A.E. Tippings  
M. Moore  
J. Thomas  
H. Trollope  
S. Trollope

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

**055) Apologies.** Councillors K. Phillips, E. Griffin, G. Badham, A.E. Evans, A. Jones, E. Jones, S. Mavar, D. Rowberry, K. Waldron, C. Walters and G. Walters

## **056) Declarations of Interest**

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

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

No Sub-Committee or Working Party meetings had been held prior to Council

## **058) Accounts: To consider a Schedule of Accounts for payment in June 2024**

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 queries regarding the Schedule of Accounts, presented items were approved for payment. Transfer of funds, as approved by Council, would be undertaken in the presence of the appropriate Member and Town Clerk, which was noted accordingly.

## **059) Allowances and Expenses Policy**

Consideration was given to the report of the RFO, relating to the annual review of the Allowances and Expenses Policy adopted by Council in September 2023.

The RFO spoke to the report, clarifying that amendments were highlighted in 'Red' for Members' consideration.

It was agreed that the Allowances and Expenses Policy be approved accordingly.

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

- a) Annual Meeting of Council – 1<sup>st</sup> May, 2024**
- b) Ordinary Meeting of Council – 15<sup>th</sup> May, 2024**

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

## **061) 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.

## **062) Correspondence**

- 1) BGCBC
  - a) H. Jones Re: Gambling Act 2005, Gambling Policy Review. Consultation period open now until 22.08.24.
    - Noted; to be circulated to all Members and resubmitted to next meeting of Council.
  - b) i) K. Rees Re: Traffic issues, Parkville. Proposing to review the request for a one-way system this financial year.  
ii) I. Cole Re: Traffic Issues: Parkville, Tredegar. Limited funding and staff resources to deal with traffic management but has been prioritised above other schemes to be progressed in this financial year.
    - Noted; forward to all Members.
  - c) i) List of applications received, week ending 07.06.2024.  
1. Temporary Event 22.06.2024 and 28.06.2024 – Dukestown Workingmen's Club  
2. Vary designated premises supervisor – The Red Lion  
ii) List of applications received, week ending 14.06.2024.
    - Noted.
- 2) One Voice Wales
  - Tidy Wales Awards 2024, open for nominations.
  - Noted.
- 3) Cllr A. Jones
  - Request to extend his leave of absence.
  - Noted; It was therefore agreed to allow a further 'dispensation for absence' of three months; the Deputy Leader offered to deliver flowers to

Allan's wife and extend the good wishes of Council, which was agreed accordingly.

4) Malcolm Moon  
Electrical

Renewed the two replacement lights but on testing they have found one of the other two is not working. Tried to argue the case with the supplier but were unable to secure a free of charge replacement. Asking whether Council wants them to price up another two same as the replacements.

- Members expressed disappointment in relation to the life of the product, which had been recommended to Tredegar Town Council by the contractor, and suggested this product may not have been fit for purpose to meet the weather conditions experienced in The Circle.

Members pointed out that many buildings had exterior lighting and this product did not appear to be suitable to meet the necessary requirements.

As the uplighting had proven defective and insufficient to meet the prerequisite needs, Council suggested that the manufacturer, being aware of the issue and ceasing manufacture of the product, should take responsibility for the replacement. The Clerk confirmed that MGM Electrical had raised this issue with the supplier and been informed the warranty had expired.

5) Deighton Playing  
Field:

a) Alyson Re: Bench. Should we consider placing an additional bin in the area.

- Noted. A Member said that the bench was wobbling slightly and KWT had agreed to visit to re-concrete; she had asked the cleaning operative to monitor the litter in this area, as Council may wish to consider placing an additional bin near the bench.

b) Deighton Primary School Re: Sports Day 27.06.2024. Asking for lines to be painted ready for their Sports Day.

- Noted.

c) H. Woolf Re: Poor condition of the field. Raising concerns about length of grass, poor cutting and failure to remove litter before cutting.

- Noted. Council were custodians of this facility and was responsible to maintain the playing field

to a certain standard. The Leader suggested the SLA was very basic, outlining mowing requirements only, and suggested Council needed to revisit the SLA. There was an issue with the mower running over metal cans and glass, as litter was not being collected prior to mowing, and shards were left in the grass; also, continued issues with dog fouling on the field.

There was a need for Blaenau Gwent to notify the Council 24 hours in advance of mowing in order that a litter-pick could be undertaken.

6) Welsh Government

K. Skates, M.S. Re: Listening programme on 20mph. Encouraging Councils to get involved and contact the local council / Welsh Government for trunk roads, any roads or streets in our community where Council feels the speed limit has not been correctly applied – ***forwarded to All Members for reading prior to this meeting***

- Noted; Council suggested that the Local Authority should review the programme sensibly when considering the speed limit

7) GAVO

GAVO Volunteer Awards 2024: Nominations now open, closing date 19.07.2024.

- Noted; forward to all Members.

8) **PUBLICATIONS**

BGCBC Roadworks report, week ending 14.06.2024 & 21.06.2024; Blaenau Gwent Heritage Forum Meeting 17.06.2024 at 10.00 a.m. Tredegar Library.

**063) Planning:**

*Councillor J. Thomas declared an interest in the item and therefore the following Planning was **DEFERRED**, as the meeting would be inquorate.*

- a) i) List of planning applications received in week 23
- ii) List of planning applications received in week 24

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

It was agreed that the following planning applications be circulated to appropriate Ward Members for observations in order to respond to the Local Authority in a timely manner.

**App. No.**

**Proposal**

C/2024/0144

Redacted: Demolish an existing wooden construction property and replace with a single storey bungalow, land at Old Tram Road, Waundeg.

C/2024/0146 Alterations to existing house; Bay window and porch to side elevation, bedroom over existing kitchen flat roof and first floor bathroom with obscured glass window, 23 Ashvale.

C/2024/0152 Application to vary conditions 1, 2 & 16 to extend the lifetime of planning permission C/2008/0338 (Proposed amendment of 2, 17 & 22 of Planning Permission 94/0369 to facilitate deepening of Trefil Quarry).

c) To consider other planning matters – None received.

**064) Matters of Local Interest or Concern (by prior notice)**

- None received.

There being no other business, the meeting closed at 7.17 p.m.

\_\_\_\_\_ Chair