

# TREDEGAR TOWN COUNCIL

**Minutes of the Civic Meeting of Council held via Microsoft Teams / hybrid on  
Wednesday, 1<sup>st</sup> September, 2021 at 6.30 p.m.**

**Present:**                    **Councillors G. James (Chair)**  
                                     **S. Rees**  
                                     **A.E. Tippings**  
                                     **D.W.A. Howells**  
                                     **D. Jones**  
                                     **K. Phillips**  
                                     **P. Prosser**  
                                     **D. Rowberry**  
                                     **J. Thomas**  
                                     **H. Trollope**  
                                     **S. Trollope**  
                                     **G. Walters**  
                                     **B. Willis**

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

**106) Apologies. Councillors T. Smith, M. Cross, E. Jones and M. Turner**

## **107) Declarations of Interest**

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

## **108) To receive Mayor's report, as appropriate**

The Mayor had attended two events: a RBL service at St. George's Church, celebrating 100 years; and, undertaking a visit to the home of Kay and Roger Thomas on their Diamond Wedding anniversary, presenting a card and flowers on behalf of Town Council.

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

It was agreed that the following recommendations of the Sub-Committee meetings held prior to Council be approved:

- **Tredegar Public Facilities Sub-Committee - Wednesday, 4<sup>th</sup> August, 2021**
  - It was unanimously agreed that the contractor be approved and the tender works agreed for three areas i.e. ladies, gents and disabled toilet, with removal of exterior works.

▪ **Finance and Staffing Sub-Committee - Wednesday, 4<sup>th</sup> August, 2021**

- Smart Cymru Credit Union: deposit of funds **deferred**; report to be brought back to relevant Committee at the appropriate time. (N.B. following the Elections, when the new administration was in place.)
- Kickstart Scheme: Council to submit application for approval; and, Chair of Staffing and Line Manager to discuss working arrangements with staff to assess feasibility of increasing hours of the RFO.
- Local Voucher Scheme: Agreed; to place on agenda of the Budget Working Group for consideration.

▪ **Publicity Sub-Committee - Wednesday, 1<sup>st</sup> September, 2021**

- It was unanimously agreed that a Website Working Party be established consisting of Councillors K. Phillips, A.E. Tippings and G. Walters.
- Public Conveniences, Gwent Shopping Centre: agreed, prior to refurbishment works commencing, to be publicised in the public domain via social media; and, Town Council approach Fresh Active to inquire if their facilities could be used, as a contingency, and visitors signposted accordingly.

**110) Grants:**

Thanks received from Tredegar Angling Club and Retired Police Dogs of Gwent.

**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)**

None received.

**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)**

St. George's Church - Any financial assistance received would be used to restart the weekly meals, which had been suspended due to Covid-19 restrictions, served in the parish hall for members of the community.

**No grant given during the last 10 years:** A grant of £300.00 was *agreed accordingly*.

**111) Correspondence**

*Councillor B. Willis declared an interest in the following item and took no part in discussion or voting thereon.*

- 1) BGCBC
  - 1) List of applications received, week ending 30.07.2021.
  - 2) List of applications received, week ending 06.08.2021.
    - i. Little Role Play Town – Temporary Events notice for the supply of alcohol.
  - 3) List of applications received, week ending 06.08.2021.
    - i. Rhys J. O'Sullivan – Personal Licence.
- Noted.

- 2) One Voice Wales
- a) Innovative Practice Conference – Wednesday, 22<sup>nd</sup> September, 2021
    - Leader and Deputy Leader to attend.
  - b) Consultation on local taxes for second homes / self-catering accommodation
    - Noted; forward to Councillors D. Jones and J. Thomas.
  - c) OVW and Keep Wales Tidy Free Webinar – Wednesday, 15<sup>th</sup> September, 2021, 2.00 – 3.30 p.m.
    - Noted; forward to Councillors D. Jones and A.E. Tippings, Councillor J. Thomas asked that the Members kindly provide feedback.
  - d) Consultation response to the IRPW Remuneration Framework for Community and Town Councils review
    - Noted; the allowance of £150.00 was still deemed as taxable at present, subject to ongoing discussion seeking clarity.
- 3) Welsh Government
- Draft Local Elections (Principal Areas) (Wales) Rules 2021 and draft Local (Communities) (Wales) Rules 2021.
- Noted; Councillors T. Smith and H. Trollope would liaise and respond accordingly.
- 4) Aneurin Bevan University Health Board
- IWN – Get to know your local partners event – 14<sup>th</sup> September, 2021, 11.00 a.m.
- Noted.
- 5) C. Rundle
- Re: Remembrance Sunday planning meeting, Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> September at 7.30 p.m., Tredegar Moose Lodge.
- Noted; Leader to attend on behalf of TTC.
- 6) Powys County Council
- Adoption of Local Development Plan Supplementary Planning Guidance: Approved and adopted three new Supplementary Planning Guidance documents which support the Powys Local Development Plan (2011-2026).
- Noted.

## 7) PUBLICATIONS

BGCBC roadworks report week ending 27.08.2021 and 03.09.2021; Latest news and information from Planning Aid Wales; Aneurin Bevan University Health Board Vaccination Update, issue 29, 30 & 31 – **added to website and Twitter**; Dark Sky Festival 2021 24<sup>th</sup> - 26<sup>th</sup> September, 2021; Communicorp Local Councils Update Issue 253, August 2021; ABUHB Community Health Councils are currently recruiting volunteer meetings, closing date 09.09.2021 – **added to Twitter / noticeboard**, first edition Gwent IWN Newsletter; One Voice Wales Local places for Nature funding for Larger Councils: Keen to help with applications to fund larger projects, Children's playgrounds and outdoor play areas Coronavirus guidance, and Remote training sessions during September; CHCymru Lies, Truths & Statistics: Understanding the world we work in by the information we see and use. Course 21<sup>st</sup> September 9.30 a.m. – 11.30 a.m. and 22<sup>nd</sup> September 2.00 – 4.00 p.m.; GAVO Gwent Public Services Board Wellbeing Survey – **distributed to Members**: Received.

## 8) AGENDA

None received.

*Councillor B. Willis declared an interest in the following item and took no part in discussion or voting thereon*

## 112) Planning:

i) **To consider an Officer's Report (if received)** None received.

- ii) a) List of planning applications received in week 29
- b) List of planning applications received in week 30
- c) List of planning applications received in week 31
- d) List of planning applications received in week 32
- e) List of planning applications received in week 33

b) **Verbal report of the Planning Committee if any** None received.

c) **To consider Planning Applications submitted for Council's observations**

App. No.	Applicant	Proposal
C/2021/0216	Mr. M. Haskell Malia Reservoir Road Ebbw Vale	Construction of one 4-bedroom house with associated works, land of Dukestown Road, Tredegar.
<b>No objections</b>		
C/2021/0217	Mr. J. Brown Min Y Coed Merthyr Road Tredegar	First floor extension, Min Y Coed, Merthyr Road.
<b>No objections</b>		
C/2021/0220	Mr. T. Bettridge Cwm-Tysswg Farm Cwm Tysswg Tredegar	Single storey pitched roof kitchen / sunroom extension, Cwm-Tysswg Farm, Cwm Tysswg, Tredegar.
<b>No objections</b>		
C/2021/0223	Mr. & Mrs. G. Caerney 3 Harford Gardens Tredegar	Two storey rear extension, 3 Harford Gardens.
<b>No objections</b>		

C/2021/0226	Miss C. Leeks 35 Pochin Crescent Tredegar	Two storey domestic side extension, 44 Troedrhiwgwair.
<b>No objections</b>		
C/2021/0227	Mr. P. Morris 83 Mount Pleasant Road Ebbw Vale	Application for <b>prior notification of 'agricultural' development.</b> Proposed portal traditional steel frame building. Length = 35 metres, height to eaves = 2.6 metres, height to ridge = 4.3 metres. Walls consist of green steel sheet and the roof consists of black steel sheet, Isaf Farm, Gerreg Bicca.
<b>No objections</b>		
C/2021/0177	Mr. J. Sandercock 6 Vale View Tredegar	Demolition of single storey extension and construction of two storey extension, 6 Vale View.
<b>No objections</b>		
C/2021/0241	Miss A. Brookhouse 20 Bournville Terrace Tredegar	Construction of rear extension at the first-floor level with pitched roof to match existing.
<b>No objections</b>		
C/2021/0246	Care in Wales Ltd. 13 High Street Barry CF62 7EA	Change of use from A1 to A2 Professional Services Ground Floor and B1 Office Use first and second floors.
<b>No objections.</b>	However, a Member expressed disappointment in losing another retailer in the heart of the town.	

**d) To consider other planning matters –**

Planning Inspectorate: acknowledging receipt of comments for the Appeal by Shaw Healthcare, Maes Y Dderwen, Charles Street.

C/2021/0103 Former Job Centre: Councillor H. Trollope to speak at the formal meeting of the Planning Committee.

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

- The Chair had reported issues with trees in Bedwellty Park, to reception and to the Team Leader, and been informed that the tree surgeon was scheduled to visit the Park in November.

**114) 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** – No meeting
- b) **Gwent Valleys One Voice Wales** – Meeting was imminent

- c) **One Voice Wales Larger Councils and AGM** – No meeting
- d) **Tredegar Twinning** – had met the previous Tuesday
- e) **Pen Bryn Oer Community Fund** – No meeting
- f) **School Governing Bodies** – No meeting
- g) **Blaenau Gwent Heritage Forum** – Still only a maximum of six attendees allowed due to capacity
- h) **Blaenau Gwent CAB** – No meeting
- i) **Tredegar / Ebbw Vale Crime Prevention Panel** – Disbanded
- j) **Tredegar Business Forum** – No meeting: however, a Member commended the planters provided by the Business Forum in the town
- k) **VVP / Tredegar Heritage Initiative** – a Member had attended the meeting online; there was an ongoing issue in respect of contractors so the work to the Town Hall was currently on hold

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

- Merchant Navy Day ‘Fly the Red Ensign’: a physical event had been arranged for Thursday, 2<sup>nd</sup> September, 2021 at 12.00 noon; a flag hoisting ceremony and service would be held at the front entrance to Bedwellty House – all Members were invited to attend.

There being no other business, the meeting closed at 7.12 p.m.

\_\_\_\_\_ Chair