

TREDEGAR TOWN COUNCIL

**Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of Council held via Microsoft Teams / hybrid on
Wednesday, 20th October, 2021 at 6.30 p.m.**

Present: Councillors G. James (Chair)
S. Rees
T. Smith
A.E. Tippings
M. Cross
D.W.A. Howells
E. Jones
K. Phillips
P. Prosser
D. Rowberry
H. Trollope
S. Trollope
B. Willis

In attendance: Clerk – Ms. C. Aherne

**162) Apologies. Councillors A. Jones, D. Jones, J. Thomas, M. Turner and
G. Walters**

163) Declarations of Interest

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

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

The Children's International Film Festival of Wales – this event had taken place over the previous weekend, organised by Cymru Creations Film & Media. The Member said this had been an excellent event, held over two days, and it was pleasing to see 'our little town' of Tredegar hosting an International Film Festival of such renown. The Mayor had attended the Awards Ceremony and been overwhelmed by the talent of these children - from around the world - and the children of Tredegar, now performing on the national stage.

Members commended the Festival, agreeing that a letter of congratulations be sent to say 'Well done' from Tredegar Town Council. On behalf of Cymru Creations, a Member thanked Council for the feedback, confirming the event had been a sell-out, with visitors from UK-wide in attendance. The Mayor supported the comments made and commended Cymru Creations on the wonderful work undertaken with the children.

It was agreed that the following recommendations, of the Sub-Committees held prior to this meeting of Council, be approved:

- **Events Sub-Committee - Monday, 20th October, 2021**
 - Approval of expenditure in respect of the following provision:

2) List of applications received, week ending 08.10.2021.

3) List of applications received, week ending 15.10.2021.

i) Home Bargains – Vary Designated premise supervisor.

- Noted.

2) One Voice Wales

a) Pilot of Community & Town Councils self-evaluation toolkit: Expression of interest. ***Councils interested in participating are to contact Paul Egan by 31.10.2021.***

- Clerk to submit Expression of Interest on behalf of Council; a Member suggested it would be good if the RFO could participate in the process.

b) Consultation on updating Earnings Thresholds for Council Tax Recovery, submissions by 31.12.2021.

- Noted; forward to Councillor A.E Tippings.

c) Older People's Commissioner, Free virtual Training: Taking action against ageism.

- Noted; forward to Councillor G. James.

d) Amended version of the Model Informal Resolution Protocol to be considered for adoption by Council.

e) Exciting news for all community and town councils: Welsh Government have removed Urban deprivation criteria for the Keep Wales Tidy fruit and food garden packs.

- Noted.

3) SLCC

Virtual Training Seminar for Wales

- Noted.

4) Leander

G. Roberts Re: Quotation for name plates for Mayor's board – Approval required

- Council considered the expenditure was substantial and instructed the RFO to seek costings from an alternative supplier.

5) M. Morgan

Ambulance Service supplied pads / batteries free of charge for all the School defibs.

- Noted; letter of thanks to be sent.

- 6) Sea Farers Charity Thank you for flying a Red Ensign on Merchant Navy Day: Certificate of Participation. Asking for donation and confirming next year's date as 3rd September.
- Noted; agreed that a donation of £100.00 be unanimously approved.
- 7) C. Cuss Remembrance Service at Princetown Memorial Garden, provisional date is Friday, 12th November, 2021 at 10.30 a.m.
- Noted.
- 8) C. Rundle Remembrance Services for 2021: Details and timings of the Services.
- Noted.

12) PUBLICATIONS

BGCBC Roadworks report, week ending 15.10.2021 and 22.10.2021; CHCAB Patient Voice News Bulletin Issue 42 – **website**; Aneurin Bevan University Health Board Vaccination Update, issue 39 and 40 – **website & Twitter**; BG Heritage Forum Agenda for meeting 18.10.2021 at 10am Tredegar Library; IWN, 1) Melo Autumn Newsletter 2) Outdoor employability project in Gwent 3) Connect 5 training and 4) Poster Arty Parky 2021- **Twitter / website**; Aneurin Bevan University Health Board , issue 6 'Spotlight'; J Parker Wholesale Bulbs catalogue – **distributed to Members**: Received.

13) AGENDA

None received.

Councillors T. Smith and B. Willis declared an interest in the following item and took no part in discussion or voting thereon.

169) Planning:

a) i) To consider an Officer's Report (if received)

- ii) a) List of planning applications received in week 40.
- b) List of planning applications received in week 41.

b) Verbal report of the Planning Committee, if any

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

App. No.	Applicant	Proposal
C/2021/0290	Real Estate Investors PLC 2 nd Floor 75-77 Colmore Row Colmore Business District Birmingham	Removal of conditions 34, 35 & 36 and variation of condition 1 and variation of condition 2 of C/2009/0329, land adjacent to Park Hill Road, Tredegar.

No objections: the planning application was supported, as a development of this size would prove a huge boost for Tredegar

C/2021/0291	Mr J Williams 23 Lakeside Tredegar	Single storey extension to create hydrotherapy pool and sensory room, 23 Lakeside.
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Observations: the development would fill the whole of the rear garden, a Member wondered if it was good to develop an entire piece of land around a building, bearing in mind sustainability of urban drainage. An extension of this size would effectively concrete over 90% of the land and would impact on water run-off, therefore, caution was needed. **No objections, in principle**

C/2021/0295	Mr B Dunkerton 2 Glan Rhyd Close Tredegar	Proposed 4m x 4m x 2.5m high outbuilding in rear garden, 2 Glan Rhyd Close.
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No objections

d) To consider other planning matters

170) Matters of Local Interest or Concern (by prior notice)

- Retirement – Manager of Gwent Shopping precinct; expenditure unanimously approved for a card and gift to be purchased and presented on behalf of Tredegar Town Council, thanking the gentleman for his support to Council over many years.

There being no other business, the meeting closed at 7.13 p.m.

_____ Chair