

TREDEGAR TOWN COUNCIL

**Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of Council held via Microsoft Teams / hybrid on
Wednesday, 15th December, 2021 at 6.30 p.m.**

Present: **Councillors G. James (Chair)**
 A.E. Tippings
 M. Cross
 D.W.A. Howells
 D. Jones
 E. Jones
 K. Phillips
 D. Rowberry
 J. Thomas
 M. Turner
 G. Walters
 B. Willis

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

235) Apologies. Councillors S. Rees, T. Smith, A. Jones, P. Prosser, H. Trollope and S. Trollope

A Member informed Council of the sad loss of Sian Dwyer, a lovely lady and former Town Councillor. Sian had not been on Town Council for any length of time, as she had to leave to care for her mother; however she had made a positive contribution and would have been a good servant to Council. Members were very sorry to hear the sad news and thoughts were with the family at this time.

Council observed a Minute silence as a mark of respect.

236) Declarations of Interest

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

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

It was agreed that appropriate recommendations of the Sub-Committee be considered / approved.

▪ Events Sub-Committee - 15th December, 2021 at 6.30 p.m.

There being no recommendations arising; it was agreed the following actions be undertaken:

- Castle Street Congregational Church: letter of thanks for support
- Review of the lighting infrastructure to identify gaps in provision

- Clerk to liaise with Fairground provider on concern raised regarding exchange relating to parking outside a business premises in the Circle
- Parking along Castle Street within the Road Closure zone: Clerk to liaise with BGCBC
- Storing of bags on the Clock steps following litter-picking over the weekend: ask that Blaenau Gwent CBC identify a suitable location.

238) To consider a Schedule of Accounts for payment in December 2021

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.

- **Sub-Total for November 2021 to ratify**

Provisional expenditure approved in respect of events – the RFO sought ratification of the expenditure incurred relating to the Christmas Lights switch-on and Window Dressing Competition. The amendment / additional payments for November 2021 were noted and approved unanimously.

Councillor D. Rowberry joined the meeting at this juncture (6.46 p.m.)

- **Accounts for payment in December 2021**

♥Payday – the Kickstart placement had commenced and this resulted in a change of hours in respect of payroll.

Non-Domestic Rates: Toilets – this was now zero-rated and Council had been reimbursed in the sum of £2,267.50.

Flower Box – the cheque had been written back at the request of the recipient and reissued.

Town Clock: garden surround – a Member requested that bulbs be ordered for planting and suggested that a planting schedule would be helpful to ensure plants were ordered in a timely manner. It was agreed that the plants be ordered as soon as possible over Christmas / New Year.

The RFO confirmed this request had been made by the gardener / suppliers previously, that plants be ordered in January for the summer to ensure quality produce; also, the RFO sought approval for a cheque to be raised in payment as J. Parker Bulbs required a cheque when ordering.

There being no further 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.

Staff mentioned a reinforcing in restrictions and, in order to meet social distancing requirements, recommended that a maximum of three be admitted to the office at any time.

239) To receive and adopt the following Minutes of Council:

- a) Finance and Staffing Sub-Committee – 27th October, 2021**
- b) Events Sub-Committee – 3rd November, 2021**
- c) Civic Meeting of Council – 3rd November, 2021: amendment to**

recorded attendees, Councillor M. Cross was present.

d) Events Sub-Committee – 17th November, 2021

e) Ordinary Meeting of Council – 17th November, 2021: the Chartist Walk omission, to include “ * Action: write to Natural Resources Wales, Police, Blaenau Gwent CBC, M.P. and M.S.”

f) Events Sub-Committee – 24th November, 2021

f) Budget Working Group – 29th November, 2021

It was agreed that all Minutes presented be moved en bloc, subject to the foregoing amendments, as a true record.

240) Chair to sign Minutes - at earliest opportunity in accordance with WG Legislation and Guidance

To be duly signed by the Chair, adhering to safety regulations and relevant restrictions, at the earliest opportunity – Chair to liaise accordingly.

241) Correspondence

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

1) BGCBC

i) List of applications received, week ending 26.11.2021.

1) Premises licence for sale of alcohol ‘Off sales’ – Rossco’s & Son Ltd.

2) Transfer of premises licence – Oh Yes Pizza.

ii) List of applications received, week ending 03.12.2021.

iii) List of applications received, week ending 10.12.2021.

1) Application for the Review of a club premises certificate for the prevention of public nuisance – Dukestown Workingmen’s Club.

- Noted.

2) Cllr A. Tippings

Cessation date of Town Council’s current Governor role for Bryn Bach Primary is 07.01.2022 therefore need to re-elect a representative.

- Noted: Councillor D. Jones nominated to remain in post until May 2022.

3) SLCC

Membership renewal due 1st January, 2022, price £215.00 – **approval required.**

- Membership Renewal agreed and the expenditure unanimously approved.

4) D. Sainsbury

Re: Service to music recognition award. Asking if Council could present an award to their member who is retiring after 52 years' service with the choir. Invite to the Mayor and Consort to present the award at their Carol Concert on 20.12.2021.

- Mayor and Consort to attend; it was agreed that a slate clock featuring the Town Clock be presented to the member on retirement.

5) PUBLICATIONS

BGCBC Roadworks report, week ending 10.12.2021 and 17.12.2021; Aneurin Bevan University Health Board Vaccination Update, issue 47 and 48 – **added to website & Twitter**; Agenda meeting 20.12.2021 at 10.00 a.m., Tredegar Library; OVW Welsh Tax Acts etc. (Power to modify) Bill.

6) AGENDA

None received.

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

242) Planning:

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

- ii) a) List of planning applications received in week 47.
- b) List of planning applications received in week 48.
- c) List of planning applications received in week 49.

b) Verbal report of the Planning Committee, if any

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

App. No.	Applicant	Proposal
C/2021/0365	Mr. Richards Nantyrhyd, The Rhyd Tredegar	Proposed porch, side and basement extension, Nantyrhyd, The Rhyd.

No objections

C/2021/0372	Mrs. B. Walters 154 Gainsborough Road Tredegar	Resubmission, Proposed shed, 154 Gainsborough Road.
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No objections

C/2021/0373	Miss L. Leddington 8 Inkerman Terrace Tredegar	Construct new garage to replace old damaged, 8 Inkerman Terrace.
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No objections

C/2021/0379	Mr. A. Williams 3 Siloam Close Tredegar	Construction of new detached dwelling and integral garage on vacant plot including access, services and landscaping, plot 4 Mount Pleasant View.
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No objections

d) To consider other planning matters - None received

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

- Office closure: Christmas period – to be closed from 24th December, 2021 and to re-open on Tuesday, 4th January, 2022.
- Proposal for future consideration: a Tredegar Town Council noticeboard to be placed in the town centre.

There being no other business, the Mayor wished Members a Happy Christmas and best wishes for a better 2022; the meeting closed at 7.25 p.m.

_____ Chair