

TREDEGAR TOWN COUNCIL

Minutes of the Civic Meeting of Council held via Microsoft Teams / hybrid on
Wednesday, 1st June, 2022 at 6.30 p.m.

Present: Councillors **G. Evans (Chair)**
A.E. Tippings
M. Turner
G. Badham
P. Cornlouer
A. Davies
A. Jones
E. Jones
K. Phillips
P. Prosser
B. Rees
D. Rowberry
H. Trollope
K. Waldron
G. Walters

In attendance: Clerk – Ms. C. Aherne

043) To Elect a Mayor to serve until the Annual Meeting of Council 2023.

Declaration of Acceptance of Office by the incoming Mayor.

(Chain of Office to be handed over and Consort's Chain to be exchanged, if applicable.)

Nominations were sought for the role of Mayor; whereupon it was noted that Councillor Glyn Evans had expressed an interest in the previous meeting, which had been supported. The Clerk had referred to guidance within the Charles Arnold-Baker publication that stated that a Chair / Mayor should be an elected Member, and not co-opted; and had therefore, been in contact with SLCC, who confirmed there was no restriction stipulated in Legislation or the latest edition of the CAB publication.

There being no other nominations, Councillor Glyndwr Evans was thereupon unanimously elected to the role of Mayor.

It was agreed that a Mayor's Inauguration be arranged, to invite family and guests to join Council in celebrating this honour, and expenditure approved accordingly.

044) To Elect a Deputy Mayor to serve until the Annual Meeting of Council 2023.

(Chain of Office will be given to the incoming Deputy.)

There being no nominations for election to the role of Deputy Mayor, this appointment was **DEFERRED.**

045) Apologies. Councillors J. Thomas, S. Trollope and C. Walters

046) Declarations of Interest

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

047) To receive Mayor's report, as appropriate

The Mayor thanked Members for voting him to the role as Mayor; he would undertake to carry out the position as diligently as his own job.

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

It was agreed that the following recommendations of the Events Sub-Committee be approved.

- That expenditure be recommended for approval in respect of:
 - Platinum Jubilee pin badges – order 25
 - Window dressing prizes – 1st £50.00, 2nd £30.00 and 3rd £20.00
 - Bunting and planting of Town Clock
 - Purchase of Combination padlock (x3)
- Medical cover for Armed Forces Day and Aneurin Bevan Day: St. John Ambulance
- AFD Designated charity: Hounds for Heroes
- ABD one-hour performance - £150.00.

049) Grants:

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)

Tredegar Angling Club – Any financial assistance received would be used for the running of the Fishing Club.

2021/22 June'21 CQ No.165 £200.00 - *Approved accordingly*

Tredegar Decoupage Group – Any financial assistance received would be used to purchase items which enables them to make cards that can be sold to raise funds for charities.

2019/20 March'2020 CQ No.6001 £200.00 - *Approved accordingly*

Tredegar Business Forum – Any financial assistance received would be used for the Classic Vehicle Day in Tredegar and will help provide floral displays in the centre walkway.

2021/22 April'21 CQ No.142 £200.00 - *Approved accordingly*

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)*

Saron Congregational Church – Any financial assistance received would be used for general maintenance, fire alarm fixtures and lectern light repairs.

2019/20 March'2020 CQ No.012 £300.00 - *Approved accordingly*

050) Correspondence

- 1) BGCBC
- a) Weekly lists of Licensing Applications, week ending 20.05.2022.
 - i) Dukestown Workingman's Club, temporary events notice for sale of alcohol.
 - ii) The Little Role Play Town, temporary events notice for sale of alcohol.
 - iii) A & J Local Store, temporary events notice for supply of alcohol.
 - Noted.
 - b) Free Gwent Safety Webinar Event, commencing 23.06.2022 via Teams at 6.00 p.m. Event planning skills and legal responsibilities will be presented by the Event Safety Teams in Gwent.
 - Noted; forward to all Members; Council requested that the Clerk attend, if available.
 - c) Beaufort Road, Traffic Management response: clarification on whether the Town Council are seeking speed reduction measures or a formal pedestrian Crossing on Beaufort Road.
 - Noted. A number of complaints had been received regarding the vicinity of the Sirhowy village green, whereby residents from one side had difficulty crossing, missing buses and those with disability struggling to cross. Some form of traffic amendments to the highway was needed by Lady Row, e.g. a formal pedestrian crossing, or any other measures as considered appropriate by the Local Authority.

Previous feedback to Blaenau Gwent CBC had resulted in a referral to the Police for a decision. A Councillor said the Local Authority Members had previously pursued via County Borough channels but the Police had not recognised a need, considered via a national matrix based on fatalities / accidents, and there was a need to lobby Police. Members considered that provision of a pedestrian crossing, rather than speed bumps, would prove more effective.
- 2) One Voice Wales
- Cyber Resilience Centre for Wales, offers free membership and newsletters that updates members on current cyber threats.

- Noted; forward to all Members.

3) PCI Pharma Services

Invite for the Mayor to attend a milestone launch event in the PCI Pharma Services facility in Tredegar, on 27.07.2022.

- Noted; Mayor unable to attend, enquire if invite could be extended to Deputy Mayor, Leader and / or Deputy Leader.

4) **PUBLICATIONS**

OVW SE Wales Regional Engagement Team weekly bulletin; BGCBC Roadworks report, week ending 27.05.2022; Communicorp Clerks & Councils Direct June 2022, issue 262; RFCA For Wales, May 2022 Newsletter; BGCBC Roadworks report, week ending 27.05.2022; ABUHB Virtual Coffee Morning follow up & EVI Newsletter; OVW Community Fund announcement of further funding, applications for Community Ownership Fund opens June 2022; Welsh Government New coal tip safety proposal events for Wales, commencing 9th June and 6th July, consultation is open until 4th August, 2022—***distributed to Members***: Received.

5) **AGENDA**

None received.

051) **Planning:**

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

- ii) a) List of planning applications received in week 20
- b) List of planning applications received in week 21

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/2022/0133	Mr. P. Allcock Rhyd Cottage The Rhyd Tredegar	Proposed development existing detached garage and replace the new double garage and studio outbuilding, including new vehicular access and turning area and services, Rhyd Cottage, The Rhyd.
<i>No objections</i>		
C/2022/0141	Mr. M. Green 18 Golwg Y Mynydd Nantybwch Tredegar	Two-storey full width rear extension with modifications to existing garage, 18 Golwg Y Mynydd, Nantybwch.
<i>No objections</i>		

C/2022/0148 Mr. P. Evans Raising of roof and rear extension to create bedrooms side porch and off-road parking to the front of property, Kenray, St. Luke's Road.
Kenray
St. Luke's Road
Dukestown
No objections Tredegar

C/2022/0150 Mr. A. Jones Proposed development of nine houses with associated external works, Land Off Cefn Rhos.
10 Clos Lon Fawr
Beaufort
Ebbw Vale

Observations:

Members expressed concern that the development could overlook the residential properties at Cefn Rhos and possible access issues.

d) To consider other planning matters – Mynydd Carn-Y-Cefn Wind Farm Proposals Statutory Consultation on 24.05.2022 until 08.07.2022: Noted.

052) 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** – No meeting
- c) **One Voice Wales Larger Councils and AGM** – No meeting
- d) **Tredegar Twinning** – Meeting to be held that evening and update received accordingly.
- e) **Pen Bryn Oer Community Fund** – Fund open for new applications; link would be recirculated to Members.
- f) **School Governing Bodies** – Bryn Bach Primary: returning to normality with people able to join together for a picnic – it was lovely to see Schools recovering following Covid and returning to activities. Deighton Primary: the School had contacted the family in respect of placing a memorial garden / bench to recognise the loss of two of the School's pupils. Georgetown Primary: Inspection to commence on 6th June and platinum jubilee pin badges presented. St. Joseph's Primary: the Member had presented the platinum jubilee pin badges.
- g) **Blaenau Gwent Heritage Forum** – the Forum was working together on the Heritage Day at Six Bells; also, speakers were arranged for the Thursday meetings.
- h) **Tredegar Business Forum** – The Forum was currently busy with arrangements for the car show.
- i) **VVP / Tredegar Heritage Initiative** – No meeting; Initiative to be rebranded.

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

- Sherman Theatre production – to be offered to the next School on the rotation, i.e. Bryn Bach Primary School.
- Central Chambers, Morgan Street – the accommodation of tenants was agreed with the building owner direct via Social Services, Merthyr Tydfil County Borough Council; therefore any matters should be referred to the Local Authority.
- Falklands commemorations - 40th Anniversary of the Falkland Islands, Service Falklands Rock, Cardiff on 8th June, 2022; Service in St. George's Church on 12th June, 2022 at 10.00 a.m.; Swansea Liberation Day on 14th June, 2022; talk in the Little

Theatre on 15th June, 2022 at 1.00 p.m.; Remembrance Day in November 2022.
A Member suggested Council investigate the possibility of placing a commemorative garden in the grounds of Bedwellty Park in honour of the Falklands – similar to the 1914-1918 display undertaken. Agreed: liaise with Aneurin Leisure Trust, as no budget heading had been set to undertake such a project, and a feasibility study carried out accordingly.

There being no other business, the meeting closed at 7.32 p.m.

_____ Chair