

TREDEGAR TOWN COUNCIL

**Reporting of decisions and recommendations -
Civic Meeting of Council held Wednesday, 2nd November, 2022 at 6.30 p.m.**

Present: Councillors **G. Evans (Chair)**
A.E. Tippings
M. Turner
H. Trollope
S. Trollope
C. Walters

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

Apologies. Councillors **K. Phillips, G. Badham, P. Cornlouer, A. Davies, A. Jones, E. Jones, P. Prosser, B. Rees, D. Rowberry, J. Thomas, K. Waldron and G. Walters**

Declarations of Interest

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

To receive Mayor's report, as appropriate

The Mayor reported on Civic matters arising, and events attended, since the last meeting of Council.

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

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

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 Twinning Association - Any financial assistance received would be used towards the associations running/admin costs, promotional work and visits.

2020/21 March'21 CQ No. 126 £200.00

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)

Tredegar Methodist Church - Any financial assistance received would be used towards renewing the floor in the gents toilets.

2021/22 March'22 CQ No. 286 £300.00

Trinity Spiritualist Church - Any financial assistance received would be used towards continuing the renovations of the back room / kitchen.

2021/22 April'21 CQ No. 144 £300.00

Correspondence

Items of correspondence were received and noted accordingly.

Planning:

a) List of planning applications received in week 42

b) List of planning applications received in week 43

To consider Planning Applications submitted for Council's observations

App. No.	Applicant	Proposal
C/2022/0280	Gryphonn Quarries Ltd Trefil Quarry Trefil Road, Trefil.	Proposed amendment of Conditions 2, 17 & 22 of Planning Permission 94/0369 to facilitate deepening of Trefil Quarry.

Observations:

Tredegar Town council was concerned by the tone of the letter accompanying the application that seemed to assume that the proposed extension was guaranteed.

The village of Trefil and the community of Nantybawch has long-suffered the lorries through the village that are significantly larger than at the time the planning was granted. Most of the lorries were now articulated and struggled to pass each other on the narrow winding road. The road edges continued to crumble and the drains had again needed repair – a continuing ongoing process of repair unseen elsewhere in the town and unfairly borne by the Local Authority, all due to the excess size of lorries on a road not fit for this purpose. Most of the road did not have any pavements and were quite unsafe for walkers especially children, cyclists and on occasions other road users.

Furthermore, the bridleway and road from the village leading northwards was potholed and remained unmaintained, largely due to the use by the quarry. We feel that the applicants take on some responsibility for maintaining and keeping these roads in a reasonable state of repair as a planning condition.

Our other concern was the lack of reinstatement that had occurred from any of the two previous applications. The overburden in the village and to the old quarry to the north, still laid uncapped or regenerated. Any rainfall led to the muddy run-off, flooding the roads and homes in the village. This could only be prevented by full and immediate remediation works, as set out in previous planning conditions. We feel that before any extension is granted, this remediation should take place.

C/2022/0293	Mr. P. Flanagan 88 Bailey Street Brynmawr	Proposed new house and associated external works, vacant land between The Gables and Degfan.
No objections		

C/2022/0294	Mr. S. Davies No address supplied	Demolish two existing sheds and erect new garage, Green Hill, Farmers Hill Estate, Dukestown.
No objections		

C/2022/0295	Mr. P. James St. Margaret's Bungalow Scwrfa Road Tredegar	Construction new detached dwelling in grounds of St. Margaret's bungalow including access, landscaping and services, as well as diversion of existing public footpath, St. Margaret's Bungalow, Scwrfa Road.
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Observations:

Council object to the proposed development due to the following reason – diversion of existing footpath. The footpath currently goes right along the feeder bank; how will the developer place a driveway without travelling over the existing footpath? Members therefore objected as it was felt the proposed development was, in effect, extinguishing a right of way.

C/2022/0297	Miss Alexandra Williams 3 Willow Close Ebbw Vale	Proposed front and rear dormer extensions to provide additional bedrooms, ensuite bathroom and internal improvements, 13 Meadow Crescent.
No objections		

C/2022/0299	Royal Mail The Promenade Tredegar	Works required to trees lift to 2.5m crowns, cut back overhang to fence line – there is approx. 250m of fence line including behind the building with 1 to 3 meters of overhanging to reduce back - Royal Mail, The Promenade.
No objections		
C/2022/0300	Mr. J. Mills Church Design & Build no address supplied.	Proposed demolition of church and replace with residential development comprising 6 terraced houses, including landscaping, ecological enhancement, services and parking for 2 car spaces per dwelling - formerly Bethania Congregational Church, Southend.
No objections;	<i>however, clarification was need in respect of parking provision, as the plans were unclear.</i>	
C/2022/0301	Mr. C. Jones Springfield Cottage Queen Victoria Street Tredegar	Retain bungalow and parking areas for Springfield Cottage and modified access ,Springfield Cottage, Queen Victoria Street.
No observations;	<i>Council chose to reserve their decision.</i>	
C/2022/0303	Mr. A. Walker ABUHB St Cadoc's Hospital Lodge Road, Caerleon.	Installation of roof mounted solar photovoltaic panels, Tredegar General Hospital/Tredegar Health Centre, Park Row.
No objections;	<i>Council considered this a welcomed development.</i>	

Independent Remuneration Panel for Wales Annual Report - February 2023

The report was accepted and recommendations noted accordingly.

To approve the final version: Annual Report - April 2021 to March 2022

It was agreed that the Annual Report and Training Plan be accepted.

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

- None received.

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
- b) Gwent Valleys One Voice Wales
- c) One Voice Wales Larger Councils and AGM
- d) Tredegar Twinning
- e) Pen Bryn Oer Community Fund
- f) School Governing Bodies
- g) Blaenau Gwent Heritage Forum
- h) Blaenau Gwent CAB
- i) Tredegar / Ebbw Vale Crime Prevention Panel
- j) Tredegar Business Forum
- k) VVP / Tredegar Heritage Initiative

Updates received and noted accordingly.

Matters of Local Interest or Concern (by prior notice)

Matters received were noted accordingly.
