

# TREDEGAR TOWN COUNCIL

**Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of Council held via Microsoft Teams / hybrid  
Wednesday, 1<sup>st</sup> March, 2023 at 6.30 p.m.**

**Present:** Councillors **K. Phillips (Chair)**  
**A.E. Tippings**  
**M. Turner**  
**G. Badham**  
**A. Jones**  
**E. Jones**  
**D. Rowberry**  
**J. Thomas**  
**H. Trollope**  
**G. Walters**

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

**302) Apologies:** Councillors **G. Evans, P Cornlouer, P. Prosser, B. Rees, S. Trollope, K. Waldron and C. Walters**

### **303) Declarations of Interest**

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

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

None received.

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

No recommendations of the Events Sub-Committee were reported, with ongoing actions noted accordingly.

### **306) 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)**

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

Sirhowy Community Centre – Any financial assistance received would be used towards their general running costs which will enable them to continue to run their food distribution service, craft clubs and warm hub service.

**2020/21 Feb'21 CQ No. 116 £200.00 – Approved accordingly**

*Councillor A.E. Tippings declared an interest in the following item and took no part in discussion or voting thereon.*

Sirhowy Hill Woodlands – Any financial assistance received would be used for the path improvement work.

**2021/22 Nov'21 CQ No. 224 £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)**  
– None received.

### **307) Correspondence**

- 1) BGCBC
- a) D. Wheelock Re: Invitation to Presentation of the Freedom of the Borough Scroll to Royal British Legion 9<sup>th</sup> March at 2.00 p.m. General Offices, spaces are limited so RSVP by 02.03.2023
    - Noted; agreed, Clerk to book two places.
  - b) Cllr J. Morgan Re: 75<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the NHS. Seeking to collaborate on events between 1<sup>st</sup> and 9<sup>th</sup> July.
    - Clerk to confirm Council would welcome collaborating with interested parties in respect of '75 years of the NHS' and look forward to participating in any discussions in respect of the same.

*Councillor D. Rowberry declared an interest in 'Licensing' and took no part in discussion or voting thereon.*

- c) 1) List of applications received, week ending 03.02.2023.
- 2) List of applications received, week ending 10.02.2023.  
Temporary Event Notice 25.03.2023 –  
Dukestown Workingmen's Club
- 3) List of applications received, week ending 17.02.2023.
  - Noted.

- 2) One Voice Wales
- a) Request for Nominations for the King's New Year 2024 Honours, closing date 5.00 p.m. 31<sup>st</sup> March, 2023.
    - Agenda for next meeting.
  - b) Membership renewal 2023 / 2024, annual fee £2,847.00.
    - It was agreed that Council would be renewing the membership for 2023 / 2024; payment to follow in the new financial year.

However, concerns were raised in respect of the level of increase in the cost of renewing the subscription, as the cost could result in town / community councils being 'priced out', unable to continue with such membership, and suggested that an item be included on the forthcoming SLCC / OVW agenda to formally discuss the level of increase in the appropriate forum.
- 3) Welsh Water
- As of 30<sup>th</sup> April, 2023 cheques will no longer be accepted, outlining alternative methods of payment.
- Noted; agreed that a Direct Debit payment be set up on a monthly basis.
- 4) Ty Hafan
- Donation request, in Blaenau Gwent their service is currently supporting 6 children with 25 being accepted since 1999.
- Noted; a donation of £200.00 was unanimously approved.
- 5) K. Williams
- Re: Tredegar Twinning Trip. Asking if the incoming Mayor would like to participate in this year's visit to Orvault.
- Noted.
- 6) S. Davies
- Making a nomination for a civic award.
- Noted; retain on record.
- 7) 20's Plenty for Us
- Reaching out to assist Town Councils with their "Thanks for 20" with resources to promote the understanding of what is coming.
- Noted.

## 8) PUBLICATIONS

BGCBC Roadworks report, week ending 24.02.2023 and 03.03.2023; Blaenau Gwent Heritage Forum, Agenda for Meeting Monday 20.02.2023 at 10.00 a.m. Tredegar Library; Communicorp Local Councils Update Issue 270: March 2023 Clerks & Councils Direct March 2023 Issue 146; TCBC Department of Levelling Up, Housing & Communities have published a consultation on changing the revaluation date in the LGPS from 1<sup>st</sup> to 6<sup>th</sup> April, it seeks to lessen the impact of high inflation on the annual allowance – ***distributed to Members:*** Received.

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

### 308) Planning:

- a) i) List of planning applications received in week 07
- ii) List of planning applications received in week 08

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

<b>App. No.</b>	<b>Applicant</b>	<b>Proposal</b>
C/2022/0309	Davies Homes 7 Gelliwasted Road Pontypridd	Amended details received which include: additional planting, revised boundary treatments (plots 74-77), revision of parking layout for Affordable Units and Indicative diversion to affected Public Right of Way. Additional information and submitted: Noise Impact Assessment Archaeological Desk Based Assessment - Land to the South of Fair View

***No objections***

C/2023/0044	Mr. R. Griffin 53 Golwg-y-Mynydd Tredegar	Demolition of lean to garage & new double storey pitched roof extension to side with lean to porch to front, 53 Golwg-y-Mynydd.
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***No objections***

C/2023/004	Mr. L. Hughes 5 Griffiths Square Tredegar	First floor bedroom extension and alterations, 5 Griffiths Square.
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***No objections***

### **c) Other Planning Matters**

- i. Cenin Re: Manmoel Pre-application Consultation. Consultation stage is 28.02.2023 to 10.04.2023 and documents are available at <https://manmoelwind.co.uk/>.
- ii. BGCBC P. Samuel Re: Planning Enforcement and Control. Already received a complaint regarding unauthorised work at Nantybwich Service Station and have logged it as an enforcement complaint – Members said action needed to be undertaken urgently as these unauthorised works could prove a safety hazard / risk to the public.

### **309) 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.

### **310) 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** – a meeting had taken place in February in respect of the budget-setting process.

**b) Gwent Valleys One Voice Wales** – No meeting.

**c) One Voice Wales Larger Councils and AGM** – No meeting.

**d) Tredegar Twinning** – visit to Orvault to take place 1<sup>st</sup> – 5<sup>th</sup> June, 2023; only a minibus was required rather than a coach; discussion was ongoing in respect of the gift, e.g. considering a virtual / digital gift.

**e) Pen Bryn Oer Community Fund** – deadline closes 8<sup>th</sup> March, 2023; next meeting in April.

**f) School Governing Bodies** – Bryn Bach Primary: walkaround the School to note progress made, the Reception and Nursery were now combined, as it was found children entering Nursery had varying abilities, creating a blended learning Early Years Section. The School had received an ‘Amber’ rating upon inspection. It was noted that representatives on the Governing Body would be automatically removed if not attending for a period of six-months (except in exceptional circumstances), the Leader would liaise with the Town Council representative to ascertain if he was able to continue as Governor, as the School needed representatives able to commit and Councillor Chris Walters had expressed an interest. Deighton Primary: pupils had expressed a wish to depart from ‘Head boy / girl’ status and the School now had ‘Ambassadors’; the refit had now been carried out to provide new flooring and also provision of a classroom outdoors for the summer.

**g) Blaenau Gwent Heritage Forum** – interest was being sought for speakers for the annual Day School / lectures.

**h) Blaenau Gwent CAB** – the Citizen Advice Bureau would be visiting hubs once per week and were undertaking good work in Blaenau Gwent.

**i) Tredegar Business Forum** – intend to request a higher Police presence in the town and contact details for local Officers; drop in surgery held at Fresh Active; the violinist had relocated; App available for shops to report ASB, etc. and the Cleaning Operative needed the details of this App; Councillor John Morgan (BGCBC) to arrange cleaning of the walkway; volunteers sought to help with flower planting and look after them following; Classic Car event to be held 1<sup>st</sup> July, 2023 – volunteers needed to help (to get in touch with D. Summerfield). Window-dressing theme encouraged in respect of the Coronation weekend and 1940s for the NHS anniversary. Events were held over Christmas and scheduled for Easter, as the Forum started to gather momentum.

**j) VVP / Tredegar Heritage Initiative** – now reconstituted, the group was proactive, with a good balance of Town and County Borough Councillors. A Member said that the THI had

been taken on board, evidencing what could be achieved, and the same membership / model adopted across each of the four towns. Another Member expressed concern, however, that Tredegar Town Council had no formal representation, albeit that some Members may attend the meetings 'wearing a different hat'.

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

- It was agreed that an invitation for an Officer of the Tourism team of BGCBC to attend a meeting of Council to undertake a 'talk' of what was going on in Blaenau Gwent, to see where Town Council could work with the Local Authority. Members recognised there was only a small team and there was a need to liaise / work collectively.  
*Councillor A.E. Tippings declared an interest in this item, taking no part in discussion or voting thereon.*
- Highways: it was agreed that the appropriate Highways Officer be invited to attend a meeting of Council to respond to concerns raised in respect of the proposed review of double yellow lines, parking arrangements, etc.
- ABUHB: an update was requested in respect of the Tredegar Health and Wellbeing Centre.

There being no other business, the meeting closed at 7.51 p.m.

\_\_\_\_\_ Chair