

TREDEGAR TOWN COUNCIL

Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of Council held via Microsoft Teams / hybrid on Wednesday, 18th October, 2023 at 6.30 p.m.

Present: Councillors **G. Evans (Chair)**
K. Phillips
M. Turner
A.E. Tippings
G. Badham
A. Jones
E. Jones
J. Thomas
C Walters
G. Walters

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

179) Apologies. Councillors **P. Cornlouer, A. Evans, E. Griffin, B. Rees, D. Rowberry, H. Trollope, S. Trollope and K. Waldron**

180) Declarations of Interest

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

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

It was agreed the recommendations of Sub-Committees held prior to Council be approved accordingly:

- **Performance Review Sub-Committee (5.45 p.m.) – 18th October, 2023**
To approve the report and the Recommendation contained therein, i.e. continue to monitor the current overspends, in respect of the Budget against Actual to 30th September, 2023.

182) To consider a Schedule of Accounts for payment in October 2023

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.

- Supply of Electric – in response to a query regarding the need for two electric suppliers, the RFO confirmed that the rates were British Gas £0.394p and Npower £0.500p; there were issues in respect of suppliers being able to accommodate the Town Clock, which was an unmetered supply calculated on average over the year.

There being no further queries regarding the Schedule of Accounts, presented items were approved for payment. The RFO asked that the designated signatories liaise in respect of the transfer of funds, as approved by Council, to be undertaken in the presence of the appropriate Member and Town Clerk, which was noted accordingly.

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

- a) Events Sub-Committee - 6th September, 2023
- b) Civic Meeting of Council - 6th September, 2023
- c) Finance and Staffing Sub-Committee - 13th September, 2023
- d) Public Facilities Sub-Committee - 13th September, 2023
- e) Appeals Sub-Committee - 13th September, 2023
- f) Heritage Sub-Committee - 13th September, 2023
- g) Community, Youth and International Sub-Committee – 18th September, 2023
- h) OVW Climate Change Adaptation Programme - 18th September, 2023
- i) Civic Sub-Committee - 19th September, 2023
- j) Policy Sub-Committee - 20th September, 2023
- k) Ordinary Meeting of Council - 20th September, 2023

It was agreed that all Minutes presented be moved en bloc as a true record.

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

Minutes approved were duly signed by the Chair in the presence of Council.

185) Correspondence

1) BGCBC

K. Williams Re: Halloween Event in Tredegar. Asking if Council would like to make a contribution towards the Halloween sweets.

- A Member queried why there was a need to seek funding as the Officer had access to the Shared Prosperity Fund; however, Members considered Council should support the event, which the Town Centre Manager would promote, e.g. on the radio, for the children of the town.

It was therefore agreed to contribute £50.00 towards the event.

Councillor D. Rowberry declared an interest in the following item and took no part in discussion.

i) List of applications received, week ending 15.09.2023.

- 1) Temporary Event notice 23.09.2023 – Dukestown Workingmen's Club.

2) *Temporary Event notice 29.09.2023 – Dukestown Workingmen’s Club*

3) *Temporary Event notice 30.09.2023 – Dukestown Workingmen’s Club.*

4) *Application to vary Designated Premises Supervisor – Bargain Booze.*

ii) List of applications received, week ending 29.09.2023.

iii) List of applications received, week ending 06.10.2023.

5) *Temporary Event notice 13.10.2023 – Dukestown Workingmen’s Club.*

6) *Personal Licence – Joe Daniel Brookes*

iv) List of applications received, week ending 13.10.2023.

- Noted.

Councillor C. Walters declared an interest in the following item and took no part in discussion.

2) One Voice Wales a) Apply for a free community orchard pack by 27.10.2023.

- Noted; apply for two packs - Deighton playing field and Sirhowy Community Garden.

b) Celebrate Community Transport Week.

- Noted

3) Financial Matters: a) J. Cotton Re: Remembrance Sunday. Quote for sound engineer and equipment £160.00.

- Approved unanimously

b) Wales Air Ambulance Re: Community Council Appeal 2023. Asking if Council would consider making a donation to their appeal which would go towards the costs of providing their lifesaving service.

Previous Donation: 2022/23 Dec 2022 Chq 706420 £200.00

- Noted: a donation of £200.00 was unanimously approved.

c) Cerebral Palsy Cymru. Thanks for donation.

- Noted

4) Blachere Illuminations Re. Schedule of work. Main installation 8th – 9th November, 2023.

- Noted.

- 5) Cllr Cuss Tafarnaubach & Princetown Remembrance Service 12.00 noon Friday, 10th November, 2023 at the Memorial Garden.
- Noted.
- 6) Cefn Golau Together Invite for a Stakeholder Engagement event, 10.00 a.m. to 12.00 noon on 9th November at Moose Hall, Tredegar. **RSVP by 23.10.2023.**
- Noted.
- 7) Edp Renewables Mynydd Bedwellte Wind Farm community consultation form.
- Noted.

8) PUBLICATIONS

BGCBC Roadworks report, week ending 13.10.2023; Blaenau Gwent Heritage Forum meeting 16.10.2023 at Tredegar Library 10.00 a.m.; One Voice Wales, Information on RAAC in buildings - for Building Owners and Managers – ***distributed to Members***: Received.

Councillors. E. Jones and J. Thomas declared an interest in the following item and took no part in discussion or voting thereon.

186) Planning:

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

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

App. No.	Applicant	Proposal
C/2023/0212	Mr. M. Roberts Penrhiwgwaith Farm Hollybush	Installation of a wind turbine & associated infrastructure including the turbine foundation, crane hardstanding / laydown area, improvement to existing access track, transformer container and associated cabling, land at Penrhiwgwaith Farm, Hollybush.
<i>No objections</i>		

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

C/2023/0214	Mr. & Mrs. Langford Penrhyn Farm Trefil Road, Trefil	Extension of existing dwelling into adjacent attached buildings with associated refurbishment and extensions with balcony, Penrhyn Farm, Trefil Road.
<i>No objections</i>		

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

C/2023/0216 Mr. & Mrs. Currie Storage shed in rear garden, 6
6 Railway Terrace Railway Terrace, Trefil.

No objections Trefil

C/2023/0219 Mr. C. Jones Change of use of land to create a
Cefn Golau Together community growing space,
87 Attlee Way including the erection of a
Tredegar perimeter fence, 1 x single gate
and 1 x double gate for access and
polytunnel, land on the corner of
Walter Conway Avenue and
Gainsborough Road.

No objections: such development was welcomed, Council wholeheartedly supported getting community gardens up and running

c) To consider other planning matters – BGCBC Re: Extension to Cefn Golau cemetery. 1. Planning application currently in for an extension to Dukestown cemetery but land ownership matters need resolving first. 2. Council in process of gaining permissions from Land Owner, Welsh Government and Commoners to undertake site investigation works of land adjacent to Cefn Golau cemetery with a view to extending the cemetery.

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

- Tredegar Quiz Wizards – a Member wished to bring attention of Council for Members to support Quiz Wizards and their fund-raising efforts, to be held at various venues throughout Tredegar on a Wednesday or Thursday evening, details on the TTC Facebook page.
- A nomination was presented for consideration, as previously reported and agreed for the Member to acquire further detail: agreed accordingly.

There being no other business, the meeting closed at 6.32 p.m.

_____ Chair