

TREDEGAR TOWN COUNCIL

**Minutes of the Civic Meeting of Council held via Microsoft Teams / hybrid on
Wednesday, 1st April, 2026 at 6.30 p.m.**

Present: Councillors A.E. Tippings. (Chair)

A. Jones

M. Turner

G. Jones-Griffiths

D. Rowberry

J. Thomas

P. Tolley

G. Walters

In attendance: Clerk – Ms. C. Aherne

**350) Apologies. Councillors K. Phillips, G. Badham, L. Thomas Evans, H. Trollope,
S. Trollope and K. Waldron**

351) Declarations of Interest

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

352) To receive Mayor's report, as appropriate

The Mayor provided the following update on events:

- Visited Stocktonville Senior Citizens' Hall – received a lovely warm welcome, chatting to Gaynor and a lovely group of people;
- Presented a grant cheque to the Aneurin Leisure Facility Manager, and the RFO had provided a number of grant cheques to be distributed.

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

It was agreed the following recommendations of the Events Sub-Committee held prior to Council be approved accordingly.

- Ongoing actions to be progressed accordingly; and
- Aneurin Bevan Day - It was agreed that expenditure in respect of the purchase of polo shirts be approved unanimously.

354) 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 Decoupage Group – Any financial assistance received would be used towards the costs of running the group such as room hire and materials.

2025/26 April'25 CQ No. 706807 £200.00 - *Approved accordingly*

Tredegar Horse & Pony Show – Any financial assistance received would be used towards the costs of running the event, such as field hire and promotional literature.

2025/26 May'25 CQ No. 706826 £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.

355) Correspondence

1) BGCBC

a) Re: Christmas Lights. Letter from the Leader and Deputy Leader. Looking to introduce a more supportive and consistent approach to street lighting adornments, particularly in relation to Christmas decorations, as part of the Blaenau Gwent Deal.

- This information was welcomed as, not only Tredegar but all town / community councils in the County Borough, had requested the Local Authority to apply common sense and it was pleasing to note that the Council was now listening to the town / community councils. This would also benefit some of the other smaller groups, e.g. Cwm, Beaufort, etc., who undertook festive displays.

b) L. Sage Re: Draft Tenancy at Will and List of Works, Tredegar Recreation Ground.

i) Requesting a convenient time for to meet to discuss the facilities transition. Additionally, asking for an update on the status of the Tenancy at Will signing please.

ii) Items highlighted in red on the attached list have been completed. The remaining works in the pavilion and around the exterior are scheduled to be completed in the new financial year. Dave and I have an on-site meeting on 14th April at 10.00 a.m. to change the locks on the container we discussed.

- At this moment in time, discussions were at a stage where Council would be looking to engage with solicitors to consider the Tenancy at Will. Works scheduled were to be completed and the

Authority had sent in a document outlining work already undertaken and works needed in the pavilion. All this work would be carried out by the Local Authority and not by Town Council.

There was an issue with a burst pipe, which resulted in the field flooding if the stopcock was switched on, and this had been relayed to the Team Manager - Street Scene. Also, the toilets would be demolished and all equipment removed prior to Council taking over responsibility.

Therefore, the recommendation of the Leader was that Council approve engaging with a solicitor to take forward the Tenancy at Will. At that point, a meeting would need to be convened with the Property Assets & Review Officer, the Team Manager - Street Scene, Clerk, RFO and the individual currently managing bookings of the Recreation Ground and who was liaising on any issues arising, to discuss what was required with regard to the transition in Council running the ground. Currently, all invoicing was still being undertaken by Blaenau Gwent.

The Leader would be sitting down the gentleman currently undertaking the bookings to discuss the possibility as a replacement to undertake the duties of the former cleaning operative. Therefore, a list had been compiled to be considered with the contract / job specification, e.g. opening / closing of public toilets on a Saturday.

The Member suggested that the cleaning contractor, Shimmer n Shine, could be approached to clean the pavilion once per week, with the individual undertaking the daily maintenance. In response to a question raised, the Leader said that the pavilion was not currently in an acceptable condition to rent for external users, but this could be developed in the long-term. Grant funding could be sought to further develop the asset in the future, e.g. solar panels, energy, floodlights, if Council could demonstrate benefit on behalf of the community.

It was agreed that the Clerk contact Richards and Lewis Solicitors, as a recognised specialist service, to seek advice in respect of the Tenancy at Will and expenditure approved accordingly.

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

- c) i) List of applications received, week ending 13th March, 2026
ii) List of applications received, week ending 20th March, 2026
iii) List of applications received, week ending 27th March, 2026
- Personal Licence – Kevin Mark Phillips
 - Vary designated premises supervisor – Little Theatre
 - Vary designated premises supervisor – Queens Ballroom
 - Vary designated premises supervisor – The Olympia.
- Noted. Council recognised the contribution of the previous Pub Manager of The Olympia and considered it a shame she was leaving.

2) A. Latham

Re: Siting of stones for the Sirhowy Valley walk between Heathfield / Bedwellty. Has made this request for over six years and been promised it would be done. Is asking for Council's support to have BGCBC action this.

- The Chair confirmed that she was aware of the request and would liaise with the correspondent direct within her Local Authority role.

3) Llangollen
International
Musical
Eisteddfod

Request for financial support for the 2026 Musical Eisteddfod – **2025/26 May 2025 CQ 706824 £100.00**

- Noted; a donation of £100.00 was approved unanimously.

4) Hugh James
Solicitors

Commons Act 2006 Section 38 Application (Consultation) Trefil Common (CL No. BCL015) – Community of Trefil. Applicant: Gryphonn Quarries Ltd. The requested hard copies of documents.

- Noted; passed to Councillor A.E. Tippings for perusal.

5) PUBLICATIONS

BGCBC Roadworks report week ending 27.03.2026 & 03.04.2026; South West Wales Corporate Joint Committee (SWWCJC) Re: Strategic Development Plan Delivery Agreement. On 24 March, 2026, the SWWCJC approved the Delivery Agreement (DA) for the Strategic Development Plan (SDP). The approved DA can be viewed on the SWWCJC website <https://www.cjcsouthwest.wales/functions/planning/delivery-agreement/> – **distributed to Members:** Received.

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

356) Planning:

- a) i) List of planning applications received in week 10
- ii) List of planning applications received in week 11

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

App. No.	Applicant	Proposal
P/2025/0119	Mr. T. Kivell Aneurin Leisure Trust Bedwellty House & Park	Replacement floodlighting and fencing. Installation of gates. Provision of additional parking bays with associated resurfacing and landscaping works. Tredegar Leisure Centre, Stable Lane.
No objections	Tredegar	
P/2025/0260	A. Brace AB Boxing Club Beaufort Road Tredegar	Re-consultation, amended plans. Proposed single storey rear extension, AB Boxing Club, Beaufort Road.

**No objections: however, the following observation was raised: -
Currently, car owners were parking at the rear of the building and future on-street parking could exacerbate congestion on Sirhowy hill.**

c) To consider other planning matters – Noted.

- i. BGCBC Re: Notification of Appeal, 14 Maes Morgan P/2025/0282 application for variation of Condition 1. Any comments are to be directed to the Inspector and PEDW aim to make a decision on this appeal by 24.06.2026.
- ii. Tetra Tech Consulting Ltd, on behalf of their client EDP Renewables: Notice of Intended Application under Section 38 of the Commons Act (2006) for Consent to Construct Works on Common Land – Mynydd Bedwellte Common. Propose works are archaeological trail trenching. Application available for viewing Tredegar Library until 20.04.2026. Objections/representations to be sent in writing to PEDW by 20.04.2026.
- iii. BGCBC: TRO Consultation, Prohibition and Restriction of Waiting and Loading and On-street Parking Places (Civil Parking Enforcement and Consolidation) Order 2019 (AMENDMENT NO. 20). The proposal for the Tafarnaubach Industrial Estate was prepared in response to concerns raised by businesses within the estate. As shown on map sheet reference G17A, a section of the carriageway has been retained with unrestricted parking.

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

- The Welsh Cafe and Bakery Awards 2026.
Members commended Bedwellty House on the recent recognition at The Welsh Café & Bakery Awards, as Winner of the Best Café Food category: Clerk to write congratulating staff

[Noted: The Mountain Air had been a finalist in the “Family Dining” Pub Section within the Awards.]

358) 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** – Chair to forward details to Clerk in respect of Twinning visit; Mayor’s reception in October; if any Member wished to host visitors from France, to contact the Twinning Secretary – arriving late on the Thursday, departing early Monday; planning an event in The Moose; looking for volunteers to staff a stand at VikingFest.
- e) **Pen Bryn Oer Community Fund** – next meeting 17th April, 2026.
- f) **School Governing Bodies** – Bryn Bach Primary: presentation received from new PTA parents, loads of events proposed, parents approaching local factories, seeking funding. Curriculum designated as exemplar within their ‘cluster’.
- g) **Blaenau Gwent Heritage Forum** – No meeting.
- h) **Tredegar Business Forum** – Tredegar Classic Car Show to be held on 8th August, 2026; Councillor M. Cross to secure a quote from Victoria Garden Centre in respect of planting.

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

- Town Clock – Garden Surround: need to order flowers to undertake planting.
- T2520: the Chair was still awaiting a response following numerous emails in respect of the query relating to the appropriate RAF / Anzac logo for the plaque in respect of Australia and New Zealand in order to progress.
- A Member referred to the pavement closed with no pedestrian access for young mothers, disabled, etc., with pedestrians having to go via Church Street; he was informed that this pavement had now been re-opened.
- Meetings of Council: it was agreed that the Civic Meeting of Council scheduled for Wednesday, 6th May, 2026 be cancelled, due to the Senedd election to take place on Thursday, 7th May, and therefore the only meeting to be held would be the Annual Meeting on Wednesday, 20th May, 2026.

There being no other business, the meeting closed at 7.20 p.m.

_____ Chair