

TREDEGAR TOWN COUNCIL

**Minutes of the Civic Meeting of Council held via Microsoft Teams / hybrid on
Wednesday, 8th January, 2025 at 6.30 p.m.**

Present: Councillors M. Turner (Chair)
E. Griffin
A.E. Tippings
A.E. Evans
A. Jones
G. Jones-Griffiths
J. Thomas
H. Trollope
G. Walters

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

256) Apologies. Councillors K. Phillips, G. Badham, E. Jones, S. Mavar,
D. Rowberry, S. Trollope and K. Waldron

257) Declarations of Interest

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

258) To receive Mayor's report, as appropriate

None received: apologies extended by the Mayor for absence.

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

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

- The Draft Estimates report, as circulated to all Members, was accepted:
Projects for completion in the Financial Year 2024 / 2025 [otherwise to be rolled over to the Financial Year 2025 / 2026 if outstanding]
 - T2520 Bomber Memorial – incorporated in Special Projects / Events
 - Siting of a promotional television within the Town – incorporated in Special Projects / Events
 - Review Grants during 2024 / 2025 – no changes to Budget heading made
Budget 2025 / 2026
 - Tredegar Recreation Ground – set an Earmarked Reserve of £10,000
 - No additional projects planned for the year

260) 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)

Hospice of the Valleys - Any financial assistance received would be used for the Bronze Level sponsorship for the 6-Mile Race.

2023/24 Nov'23 CQ No. 573 £250.00 - *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.*

261) Correspondence

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| 1) BGCBC | a) R. Haydn Re: Precept 2025 / 2026. Request for Precept to be submitted by 31.01.2025.
- Noted. |
| | b) List of applications received, week ending 20.12.2024.
- Noted. |
| 2) One Voice Wales | a) Covid 19 Day of Reflection 9 th March, 2025.
- Noted; to be considered by the Events Sub-Committee. |
| | b) Age Without Limits Day: Micro-grants for Age-friendly Communities.
- Noted; forward to all Members. |
| | c) Consultation on Reforms to the Compulsory Purchase Process and Compensation Rules. Responses deadline 13.02.2025.
- Noted; referred to the Clerk and RFO. |

6) PUBLICATIONS

BGCBC Roadworks reports, week ending 03.01.2025 and week ending 10.01.2025; OVW Celebrate the successful One Voice Wales event at the Senedd 27.11.2024 Exhibition information and YouTube link; OVW Pethau Bychain Next Session: Bat friendly Community & Town Councils 29.01.2025 – ***distributed to Members***: Received.

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

262) Planning:

- a) i) List of planning applications received in week 51

ii) List of planning applications received in week 52

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

App. No.	Applicant	Proposal
C/2024/0318	Mrs. S. Marlog 26 St. James Park Tredegar	Proposed garden room in place of existing banking to rear garden, 26 St. James Park.
No objections		

c) To consider other planning matters – Asbri Planning, Publicity & Consultation before applying for Planning Permission: Town & Country Planning (Development Management Procedure) (Wales) Order 2012 Schedule 1 Article 4. (4) Schedule 1B Articles 2C & 2D – Full planning application for the demolition of the existing building, importation of inert material and associated works, Unit 6 Tafarnaubach Industrial Estate: Noted.

263) 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.

264) 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** – Meeting scheduled for 21st January, 2025.
- d) Tredegar Twinning** – A meeting was scheduled for two weeks' time, confirmation was needed for anyone attending visit to Orvault; this was usually the Mayor.
- e) Pen Bryn Oer Community Fund** – Next meeting April, closing deadline for applications was 18th March.
- f) School Governing Bodies** – Georgetown Primary: confirmed appointment.
- g) Blaenau Gwent Heritage Forum** – At the January lecture, there had been over fifty attendees, and this was doing really well.
- h) Tredegar Business Forum** – No meeting.

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

- Town Clock – the Chair provided an update in respect of issues experienced in regard to the Town Clock over the Christmas period. Wires had come loose causing the electrics to trip; this could well be as a result of the extreme weather experienced: also, the Clock was not chiming. Two days later, the lights had come back on and therefore this matter had been reported to the electrician - MGM Electrical Ltd. The issue in respect of the chiming mechanism was the responsibility of Smith of Derby to be resolved and a proper assessment was needed.

- Keep Wales Tidy 'Orchard Pack' – the application form was now 'live' and would be completed accordingly.

There being no other business, the Chair thanked Members for attending and wished everyone a Happy New Year; the meeting closed at 6.47 p.m.

_____ Chair