TREDEGAR TOWN COUNCIL

Reporting of decisions and recommendations -
Civic Meeting of Council held Wednesday, 2nd September, 2026 at 6.30 p.m.

Present: **Councillors A.E. Tippings (Chair)**
A. Jones
M. Turner
K. Phillips
G. Badham
L. Thomas Evans
G. Jones-Griffiths
D. Rowberry
J. Thomas
P. Tolley
G. Walters

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

Apologies: **Councillors A.E. Evans, E. Jones, H. Trollope, S. Trollope and K. Waldron**

Declarations of Interest

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

To receive Mayor's report, as appropriate

Received.

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

The recommendations of the following meetings were approved and items of expenditure noted accordingly.

- **Finance and Staffing Sub-Committee – 4th August, 2026**
- **Working Party – Open Doors – 10th August, 2026**
- **Events Sub-Committee – 2nd September,2026**

Grants:
Stocktonville Senior Citizen Hall grant thanks.

a) To receive and consider grants to Sporting and Cultural organisations <u>(under the provision of the Local Govt. Miscellaneous Provision Act 1976 s.19 and Local Government Act 1972 s.137</u>

Bedwellty Park Bowls Club – Any financial assistance received would be used towards decorating the pavilion where they host a variety of events for the community.
2025/26 Oct'25 CQ No. 706873 £200.00: *Approved accordingly*

Friends of Bedwellty Park – Any financial assistance received would be used towards maintaining and improving the sensory garden which is their ongoing project.
2025/26 July'25 CQ No. 706852 £200.00: *Approved accordingly*

Tredegar Camera Club – Any financial assistance received would be used towards the operating costs of the group such as room hire at the Bowls Club pavilion
2025/26 July'25 CQ No. 706853 £200.00: *Approved accordingly*

Ystrad Deri Community Centre – Any financial assistance received would be used to purchase new serving equipment, including items such as cake tins and cake boxes, which are used for their coffee mornings and bingo evenings
2025/26 Nov'25 CQ No. 706878 £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.

Trinity Spiritualist Church – Any financial assistance received would be used to replace the radiators and pipework.
2025/26 Sept'25 CQ No. 706868 £300.00: *Approved accordingly*

Correspondence

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

Items of correspondence were received and noted accordingly; all items in respect of expenditure were agreed appropriately.

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

Planning:

a) i) List of planning applications received in week 26
ii) List of planning applications received in week 27
iii) List of planning applications received in week 28
iv) List of planning applications received in week 29
v) List of planning applications received in week 30

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

App. No.	Applicant	Proposal
<u>INFORMATION ONLY (Summer Recess Planning)</u>		
P/2025/0305 ***No objections***	S. Rowlands BGCBC Energy Centre Lime Avenue Ebbw Vale	**Reconsultation:** **Amended description** Creation of multi-use games area and fence up to 3m in height, Bryn Bach Primary, Merthyr Road.
P/2026/0128 ***No objections***	Mrs. L. Davies 27 Bryn Rhosyn Tredegar	Demolition of existing conservatory with erection of single storey rear extension, 27 Bryn Rhosyn.
P/2026/0142 ***No objections***	C. Jones Cefn Golau Together Community House 87 Attlee Way Tredegar	New community centre including two parking areas with associated access, land between 35 & 53 Gainsborough Road.
P/2026/0149 ***No objections***	Mr. S. Evans Heathfield Tredegar	Proposed detached house with associated external works, Mill Farm, Pochin Crescent – Mill Farm, Pochin Crescent.
Councillor G. Walters declared an interest in the following application and took no part in discussion or voting thereon		
P/2026/0151 ***No objections***	Mr. H. Walters & Mr. D. Andrews Borg Property Solutions Ltd 57 Harford Gardens Tredegar	Proposed change of use of disused bank on ground floor to café / restaurant (Planning Class A3) and conversion of single apartment on first and second floors to two self-contained apartments with associated external works, Former Midland Bank, 104 Commercial Street.

P/2026/0155	Mr. M. Perrett Positif Care Ltd.	Proposed change of use from employment office and training centre to a vocational construction skill training centre, Former Job Centre Plus Centre, Crown Buildings.
No objections	4-5 High Street Abertillery	

To be considered:

P/2026/0136	Mr. R. Baron Larboratree Ltd. 6 Twyn Place Newport	To undertake works to protected trees in line with the attached tree survey. The protected trees we are aware of are T008 (T1 BG5 yew), T004 Ash, T005 Ash, T006 Sycamore covered by BG5 G2 and G002 Covered by BG5 G1. The exception is T008 (T1 BG5) due to its proximity to the property the client has requested the trees be felled. The Fountain Inn, Troedrhiwgwair.

Observations:

Council noted the building was 'listed'; a Member said she was strongly opposed to any works being undertaken to the trees. The Chair thereupon outlined the proposed works, i.e. Ash – dieback, Sycamore – diseased, coppicing of remaining [Hazel], whereupon Members expressed serious concern with regard to proposed works to the yew tree being reduced by 3m and pruned to achieve a 3m clearance from the building, stating the tree was not aesthetically pleasing. Council emphasised the great significance of this yew tree and were therefore strongly opposed to the works proposed within the application.

Councillor G. Badham declared an interest in the following application and took no part in the decision-making or voting thereon

P/2026/0166	Mr. Cooke Tai Calon Community Housing Solis One Griffin Lane Rising Sun Industrial Estate Blaina	Residential development and associated works, Land at Waundeg, Tredegar.

Observations

Council received feedback from the local Ward Members, who relayed comments of residents within the area in respect of observations relating to the proposed development, but took no part in decision-making or voting thereon, i.e.

The residents were opposed to the proposed planning development and were protective of the green area; the houses were of old Cornish stock – this was a close knit community and residents were conscious of who would be housed in single occupancy properties; Tai Calon had provided 'open

days' and gathered a lot of information. However, it was noted there was sufficient parking available in the area and a Member said she recognised this type of housing. was in demand.
Council therefore ***objected*** on the grounds of loss of amenity of the children's play area [green space], housing of undesirous individuals, and that remedial works were required to existing properties in a deplorable condition before building new. Therefore Council asked of the intention of Tai Calon Community Housing in respect of any proposals for the two properties situated in the circle area.

c) To consider other planning matters –
Evans Banks Planning Ltd. Re: Pre-application consultation, land off Cefn Glas. Construction of 44 affordable dwellings and residential apartments, access road and associated works: *Council requested more information in respect of the exact location of the proposed development.*

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

Received and noted accordingly.

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) Tredegar Business Forum

Updates received and noted accordingly.

Matters of Local Interest or Concern (by prior notice)

Matters received were noted accordingly.

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