



Summary (Decisions) of the Full Council meeting of Blaenavon Town Council held on **Wednesday the 24th of July 2024 at 6:30 pm** on a hybrid basis in the council chamber at **101 High Street Blaenavon** and remotely in accordance with the **Local Government and Elections (Wales) Act 2021**

The full minutes of the meeting are subject to confirmation at the Full Council meeting to be held on **Wednesday the 25th of September 2024**.

In attendance:

Councillors: Cllr. N. Matthews (In the Chair) L. Cowles, A. Jones, T. Porter, M. Wheeler, S. Templeton, S. Keen, L. Evans, I. Parfitt, A. Lewis, A. Beavan.

Officers: Kevin Warren (Chief Officer), Sophie Johnson (Community Wellbeing Development Officer) Kerry Jones (Assistant Chief Officer)

Visitors: Ashleigh Taylor (World Heritage Group, online), Mair Sheen (THP Project Manager).

Members of public: None present.

The Full Council meeting was opened at 6:30pm by Mayor Cllr Nathan Matthews who welcomed everyone and expressed thanks for attendance.

1. To receive any questions from the public.

None received.

2. To receive and accept apologies.

The Chief Officer informed the chairperson that the following apology had been received.

- Cllr Hunt

It was proposed by Cllr Beavan and seconded by Cllr Wheeler that the apologies be accepted.

All members in agreement.

Resolved - Apologies accepted.

3. Declarations of Interest

- Cllr Templeton – Item 18 – Personal
- Cllr Lewis – Item 5 – Personal

- Cllr Matthews –Item 5 – Personal
- Cllr Jones – Item 5 – Personal
- Cllr Parfitt – Item 9 - Personal

7. Council Meetings: To confirm the minutes of the Council Full Meeting held on the 26th of June 2024.

Minutes were read for accuracy with no amendments.

It was proposed by Cllr Porter and seconded by Cllr Wheeler that the minutes be accepted.

All members in agreement.

Resolved – Minutes accepted.

9. To receive Cllr updates regarding recent attendance at outside bodies committee meetings, together with any relevant community / partnership engagement.

On 18 July 2024, Cllr Matthews attended a meeting at Blaenavon Workmen's Hall with David Leech, Strategic Director for Communities at Torfaen County Borough Council, and Sharon Ford, Chairman of Blaenavon Workmen's Hall Ltd.

An update from Cllr Matthews was provided to members.

It was proposed by Cllr Lewis and seconded by Cllr Keen to make a formal complaint to TCBC regarding the refusal to book a joint concert with Shinning Stars Music Academy and Blaenavon Town Council at Blaenavon Workmen's Hall.

All members in agreement.

Resolved – Complaint to be submitted to TCBC regarding Blaenavon Workmen's Hall.

12. To discuss and make any relevant determinations regarding the Town Council Civic Event and Awards Evening 2024.

Cllr Jones proposed that a civic event and awards evening take place. This was seconded by Cllr Porter.

Cllr Matthews proposed the Workmen's Hall for the venue. This was seconded by Cllr Jones.

Cllr Matthews proposed the date: Friday 18th October 2024. This was seconded by Cllr Cowles.

All members in agreement.

Resolved – Civic event agreed for the 18th of October 2024 at the Workmen's Hall.

13. To discuss and make any relevant determinations relating to the criteria for Town Council Civic Awards 2024.

It was proposed by Cllr Matthews that the civic award application form be updated with the agreed implementations by the Chief Officer. This was seconded by Cllr Jones.

All members in agreement.

Resolved – Civic Award application form to be completed.

14. To discuss, review and make any relevant determinations regarding the Family Fitness Project.

It was proposed by Cllr Wheeler to support the project for the full year subject to a six-month review. This was seconded by Cllr Cowles.

All members in agreement.

Resolved – Family Club project authorised with a six month review date.

15. To discuss and make a determination regarding a suitable date for the Xmas Lights switch on 2024.

It was proposed by Cllr Keen that the event take place on Friday 22nd of November 2024.

This was seconded by Cllr Cowles.

All members in agreement.

Resolved – Xmas light switch on agreed for the 22nd of November 2024

18. To receive, discuss and make a determination regarding donation requests.

The Chief Officer forwarded one donation request to members prior to the meeting for their perusal.

Members discussed the donation request, namely:

- **Cara Boddington – Blaenavon Scout Group.**

It was proposed by Cllr Cowles to support the request. This was seconded by Cllr Wheeler.

All members in agreement.

Resolved – Application authorised.

The Chief Officer requested permission from the mayor to present a matter before members which he explained was time sensitive.

This was authorised.

An email had been received from Julian Allen, Lead Advice and Guidance Mentor, TCBC requesting financial support for a school uniform event in Blaenavon.

It was proposed by Cllr Keen to support the request. This was seconded by Cllr Cowles.

Members were in agreement to support the project with a grant of £300 with the exception of Cllr Evans who abstained from voting.

Resolved – Grant of £300 authorised.

Meeting ended 20.21 hours

