



Summary (Notes) of the Finance Meeting of Blaenavon Town Council held on **Wednesday the 12th June 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 Council Finance Meeting to be held on Wednesday the **10th July 2024**.

In attendance:

Councillors in attendance: M. Wheeler (In the Chair)

L. Cowles, T. Porter, N. Matthews, S. Templeton, A. Beavan.

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

Visitors: Rebecca Osmond (Shining Stars Academy), Rachael Pugh (Shelite Fitness)

Member of public: Luned James, Olivia Osmond, Georgia Osmond.

The finance meeting was opened at 6:30pm by the Deputy Mayor Councillor M. Wheeler who welcomed everyone and expressed thanks for attendance.

1. To receive any questions from the public.

None received.

2. To receive and accept apologies.

- Cllr A. Jones – Currently in hospital
- Cllr L. Evans – Holiday
- Cllr I. Parfitt – Holiday
- Cllr S. Keen – Holiday
- Cllr J. Hunt – Charity commitment

It was proposed by Cllr Cowles and seconded by Cllr Porter that the apologies be accepted.

All members in agreement.

Resolved: Apologies accepted.

3. Declarations of Interest.

- None received

4. To receive a presentation from Rachael Pugh (Shelite Fitness) regarding the recently implemented Family Fitness Sessions based at Blaenavon Active Living Centre.

Rachael detailed the numbers of participants at the sessions and the feedback received from participants regarding the day and time of the sessions.

Rachael took questions from members regarding the best way forward with the sessions.

A discussion took place amongst members, which included suggestions of alternative days, times, and venues for the sessions. Members noted the presentation and thanked Rachael for her attendance

Resolved: The sessions will continue and be reviewed at the end of the school term, as previously agreed.

Rachael left the meeting.

5. To receive a presentation from Rebecca Osmond (Shining Stars Music Academy) regarding the delivery of a Community Concert in Blaenavon.

Rebecca firstly thanked members for allowing the choir to participate in the D Day 80 celebrations held the previous week at St Paul's Church.

Rebecca presented a proposal to members requesting £1500 funding from Blaenavon Town Council in order to hold a joint Community Concert at Blaenavon Workmen's Hall on the 19th and 20th October 2024.

The funding would be used to contribute to the £2872.00 cost of hiring an external light and sound technician for the event. The remaining cost would be offset by ticket sales.

Resolved: Members noted the presentation and thanked Rebecca for her attendance.

Rebecca, Olivia, and Georgia then left the meeting.

6. To discuss and make any relevant determinations regarding the presentation from Rebecca Osmond (Shining Stars Music Academy) regarding the delivery of a Community Concert in Blaenavon.

A discussion took place among Members.

It was proposed by Cllr Cowles and seconded by Cllr Matthews to authorise the requested £1500.

All Members in agreement.

Resolved: Blaenavon Town Council to contribute £1500 to hold a joint Community Concert in partnership with Shining Stars Music Academy.

Members discussed the booking of the Workmen's Hall for the concert.

It was proposed by Cllr Templeton and seconded by Cllr Cowles that Blaenavon Town Council deal with the booking and request a booking form from the Workmen's Hall.

All members in agreement.

Resolved: Officers to request a booking form from Blaenavon Workmen's Hall to support the Community Concert.

7. Council Meetings: To confirm the minutes of the Council Finance Meeting held on 8th May 2024.

Minutes were read for accuracy with no amendments.

It was proposed by Cllr Cowles and seconded by Cllr Beavan that the minutes be accepted.

All members in agreement.

Resolved: Minutes approved as a true and accurate record.

8. Responsible Finance Officer's Update: To receive and consider the June 2024 financial updates.

Mr Warren (RFO) forwarded to members the May 2024 financial reports electronically in advance of the meeting which detailed the following areas:

- Income and Expenditure
- Credit Card Payments
- Cheque Payments
- Bacs Payments
- Cash Book Transactions
- Bank Reconciliation
- Project Expenditure
- Budget
- VAT
- Bank Statements

Mr Warren presented to members each of the above areas of finance for May 2024 and highlighted any relevant information.

It was proposed by Cllr Matthews to accept the May 2024 finance update. This was seconded by Cllr Porter

All members in agreement.

Resolved: Financial update for May 2024 accepted by members.

9. To receive discuss and note the Notice of appointment of the date for the exercise of Electors Right's 2024

The Chief Officer explained the legal requirements of publishing the Electors Right's 2024, this was shown on the projector.

These were published on the Town Council's website and within the notice board on 10th June 2024, covering all legal requirements.

Resolved: Members noted the update.

10. To discuss and make any relevant determinations relating to the D-Day 80 event delivered on 6th June 2024.

A discussion took place among members detailing the positive feedback received for the event. Members thanked those involved in organising the event.

The Chief Officer confirmed that Piping Hot Band and Shining Stars Music Academy have been provisionally booked for VE Day 2025.

Resolved: Members noted the update.

11. To discuss and make any relevant determinations regarding the location of the next Town Council litter pick on 23rd June 2024.

A discussion took place between members.

It was proposed by Cllr Matthews to cover the Giles Road and flower park area, with the meeting point being the Resource Centre car park, this was seconded by Cllr Cowles.

All Members in agreement.

Resolved: The Town Council litter pick will take place at the Giles Road and flower park areas, meeting at the Resource Centre at 10am on Sunday 23rd June 2024

11. To discuss and make a determination regarding potential Town Council projects for allocation into the Project Action Plan 2023/24. Relevant updates or new projects as notified.

None received.

Meeting ended at 19.23 hrs.