



Summary (Decisions) of the Full Council meeting of Blaenavon Town Council held on **Wednesday the 24<sup>th</sup> of September 2025 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 22<sup>nd</sup> of October 2025**.

**In attendance:**

**Councillors:** L. Evans (In the Chair) L. Cowles, N. Matthews, M. Wheeler, A. Beavan, T. Porter, S. Maslen, J. Davies, A. Lewis.

**Absent:** J. Hunt.

**Youth Representatives:** Boyd Paynter & Daniel Morse

**Chaplain:** Dr Fr Chris Walters

**Officers:** Kevin Warren (Chief Officer, CO), Kerry Jones (Assistant Chief Officer, ACO), Sophie Johnson (Community Wellbeing Development Officer, CWDO).

**Visitors:** Bethan McPherson (Head of Communities and Renewal TCBC), Simon Read (Torfaen HDRC), Amy Evans TCBC, Jordan Everett (TCBC), Louis Phillips (Prolix Productions).

**Members of public:** None present.

The Full Council meeting was opened at 6:30pm by Mayor Cllr Evans 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 apologies had been received.

- Cllr Griffin
- Cllr Parfitt

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

All members in agreement.

**Resolved:** Apologies accepted.

### **3. Declarations of Interest**

- Cllr Wheeler - Personal - item 23
- Cllr Davies - Personal - item 23
- Cllr Cowles - Personal - item 23
- Cllr Evans - Personal - item 23

### **7. Council Meetings: To confirm the minutes of the Full Council Meeting held on the 23<sup>rd</sup> of July 2025.**

Minutes were read for accuracy with no amendments.

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

All members in agreement.

**Resolved:** Minutes accepted as a true and accurate record.

### **15. To receive an update and make any relevant determinations relating to the use of a Time Capsule to mark the 25th Anniversary of World Heritage Status.**

Cllr Matthews presented an overview of a proposed 25th Anniversary project in partnership with Blaenavon Heritage VC Primary School, involving the time capsule originally sourced from GOS Engineering by the late Cllr Alan Jones.

A brief discussion took place amongst members.

It was proposed by Cllr Matthews and seconded by Cllr Beavan to support the project.

All members in agreement.

**Resolved:** Time capsule project supported.

### **17. To receive, discuss and adopt draft Town Council policies relating to.**

- **Social Media**
- **Communication**
- **Complaints**

The policies were forwarded to all members ahead of the meeting and shown on screen.

It was proposed by Cllr Davies and seconded by Cllr Cowles to adopt the Town Council social media, communication, and complaints policies 2025.

All members in agreement.

**Resolved:** Blaenavon Town Council social media, Communication and Complaints policies 2025 adopted.

**18. To discuss and propose a Town Councillor representative to sit on the Ethics and Standards Committee at TCBC.**

Cllr Davies proposed herself to be the nominated representative.

This was seconded by Cllr Wheeler that Cllr Davies be the nominated representative for Blaenavon Town Council.

All members in agreement.

**Resolved:** Chief Officer to inform TCBC regarding the Town Council's nomination for the Ethics and Standards Committee at TCBC.

**19. To discuss and make a determination regarding potential Town Council projects for allocation into the Project Action Plan 2025/26. Relevant updates or new projects as notified.**

None received.

**20. To receive, discuss and make a determination regarding planning applications.**

The planning applications were forwarded to members ahead of the meeting.

A discussion took place amongst members. There were no objections.

**Resolved:** No objections from members

**21. To receive, discuss and make any relevant determinations concerning items relating to correspondence.**

None received.

Cllr Evans proposed to adhere to the Public Bodies (Admission to Meetings) Act 1960.

This was proposed by Cllr Matthews and seconded by Cllr Wheeler.

All members in agreement.

**Resolved:** The Public Bodies (Admission to Meetings) Act 1960 was adhered to.

**By virtue of the Public Bodies (Admission to Meetings) Act 1960, the press and the public be excluded from the remainder of the meeting on the basis that disclosure thereof would be prejudicial to the public interest by reason of the confidential nature of the business to be transacted.**

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**22. To discuss and make any relevant determinations regarding Torfaen Community Partnership.**

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Meeting ended at 20:25hrs.