



Summary (Decisions) of the Finance Meeting of Blaenavon Town Council held on **Wednesday the 8th of JULY 2026 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 **9th of September 2026**.

In attendance:

Councillors in attendance: A. Lewis (Chair), S. Maslen, N. Matthews, M. Wheeler L. Evans (online)

Absent: T. Porter.

Youth Representatives: B. Paynter, D. Morse.

Officers: K. Warren (Chief Officer, CO), K. Jones (Assistant Chief Officer, ACO).

Visitors: None present.

Members of public: None present.

The finance meeting was opened at 6:30pm by the Mayor Councillor Lewis 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 Cowles
- Cllr Hunt
- Cllr Griffin
- Cllr Davies

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

All members in agreement.

Resolved: Apologies accepted.

3. Declarations of Interest.

None declared.

4. Council Meetings: To confirm the minutes of the Council Finance Meeting held on the 10th of June 2026.

Minutes were read for accuracy with no amendments.

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

All members in agreement.

Resolved: Minutes approved as a true and accurate record.

5. Responsible Finance Officer's Update: To receive and consider the June 2026 financial update.

Mr Warren (RFO) forwarded to members the June 2026 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 (Bank Statements 201)
- Project Expenditure
- Budget
- VAT
- Petty Cash

Mr Warren presented to members each of the above areas of finance for June 2026 and highlighted any relevant information.

Members were invited to ask any questions in relation to the information presented.

Members were happy with the presentation.

It was proposed by Cllr Wheeler and seconded by Cllr Matthews that the financial report for June 2026 be accepted.

All members in agreement.

Resolved: Financial update for June 2026 accepted by members.

6. To receive and make any relevant determination regarding an update relating to a recent meeting with the County Association – Royal British Legion.

Members received an update following a recent meeting between representatives of the County Association of the Royal British Legion (RBL), Blaenavon Branch RBL and the Town Council.

The meeting was reported to have been positive, with all parties agreeing to work collaboratively going forward.

Members noted the agreed arrangements for the Remembrance Day Parade, including that the mayor will lead the Town Council and follow the Deputy Lord Lieutenant during the wreath-laying ceremony, in accordance with RBL recommendations.

It was also clarified that the Remembrance Day Parade is a Town Council event, supported by the Royal British Legion.

Members noted updates regarding the purchase of poppies, the appointment of liaison representatives by both the Town Council and Blaenavon Branch RBL, and discussions concerning future access arrangements to the Cenotaph Garden.

Cllr Maslen offered to act as the Town Council's liaison representative. This was proposed by Cllr Wheler and seconded by Cllr Evans.

Cllr Matthews and Cllr Lewis abstained from the vote.

Resolved: Cllr Maslen be appointed as the Town Council's liaison representative with Blaenavon Branch Royal British Legion.

7. To discuss and make any relevant determinations regarding an update relating to the proposed Litter Picking Project.

Deferred to July 2026 Full Council meeting.

Resolved: Members noted the update.

8. To discuss and make any relevant determinations regarding the Heritage Pickers monthly update.

A discussion took place regarding the ongoing Heritage Litter Pickers project and whether it should continue due to inconsistent councillor participation and low levels of community involvement.

Cllr Matthews proposed that the July litter picking session be suspended and that the future of the project be considered at the July Full Council meeting. This was seconded by Cllr Wheeler.

All Members in agreement.

Resolved: The July Heritage Litter Pickers session be suspended and the future of the project be discussed at the July 2026 Full Council meeting.

9. To discuss and make a determination regarding potential Town Council projects for allocation into the Project Action Plan 2026/27. Relevant updates or new projects as notified.

None received.

Meeting ended at 18.48 hrs.

