



Summary (Decisions) of the Full Council meeting of Blaenavon Town Council held on **Wednesday the 23rd of September 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 Full Council meeting to be held on **Wednesday the 28th of October 2026**.

In attendance:

Councillors: A. Lewis (Chair) L. Cowles, N. Matthews, M. Wheeler, S. Maslen, J. Davies, T. Griffin, T. Porter (On Line) J. Hunt, Cllr Ford, Cllr Gardener, L. Evans.

Youth Representatives: Boyd Paynter (On Line) Daniel Morse.

Officers: Kevin Warren (Chief Officer, CO)

Visitors: Jessica Mahoney (Community Safety TCBC) & CSO Rob Campbell (Gwent Police)

Members of public: None present.

The Full Council meeting was opened at 6:30pm by Mayor Cllr 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.

No Apologies.

3. Declarations of Interest

None declared.

8. Council Meetings: To confirm the minutes of the Full Council Meeting held on the 22nd of July 2026.

Minutes were read for accuracy with no amendments.

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

All members in agreement.

Resolved: Minutes accepted as a true and accurate record.

13. To discuss and make any relevant determinations concerning World Heritage Day

Cllr Matthews provided members with a detailed overview in relation to previous World Heritage Day events and the current position.

Options were provided to members relating to the planning of future events and what role the Town Council would adopt in order to deliver an event if it were in fact required.

A key option was to consult with the community and obtain their views to determine whether the Town Council would consider organising an event in 2027.

A detailed discussion took place amongst members regarding World Heritage Day and the options available.

It was proposed by Cllr Matthews and seconded by Cllr Davies to proceed with a public consultation process in relation to implementing a World Heritage Day for 2027

All members in agreement.

Resolved: The Town Council to proceed with a public consultation process in relation to implementing a World Heritage Day for 2027

14. To discuss and make any relevant determinations relating to the Fire Service and Farmers' 'Community Thank You Event' being held on the 4th of October 2026

The Mayor Cllr Lewis provided members with an overview of a proposed 'Thank You' event for firefighters and farmers in partnership with Abergavenny Town Council to be held on the 4th of October 2026 at Goytree Glamping Site near Abergavenny.

It was explained that the role of both Abergavenny and Blaenavon Town Councils would be to potentially assist with the organising and funding the transport from Abergavenny to the event.

A poster relating to the event was placed on the projector screen for reference.

A discussion took place amongst members who were in support of recognition for the farmers and firefighters relating to the recent wild fires.

It was proposed by Cllr Hunt and seconded by Cllr Gardener for BTC to support the event.

All members in agreement.

Resolved: Town Council to support the 'Community Thank You' Event on the 4th of October 2026.

15. 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.

The Mayor Cllr Lewis provided members with an overview of a proposed Town Council coach trip to Stratford upon Avon on the 29th of November 2026.

An overview on costing was provided namely using Phil Anslow Coaches who would provide a 70-seater bus for £850. The tickets would cost £13 per person which is a 50% discount on normal bus company charges.

A discussion took place amongst members, and it was proposed by Cllr Wheeler and seconded by Cllr Cowles to support the project.

All members in agreement

Resolved: Town Council coach trip to Stratford on the 29th of November 2026 supported.

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.

Cllr Lewis proposed to adhere to the Public Bodies (Admission to Meetings) Act 1960. This was seconded by Cllr Evans.

All members in agreement.

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

Youth representatives B. Paynter and Daniel Morse left the meeting.

18. To receive and approve the Local Government Services Pay Agreement 2026/27.

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Meeting ended 20:02 hrs

