

**BRYNMAWR TOWN COUNCIL**  
**CYNGOR TREF BRYNMAWR**

*Minutes of the Monthly Meeting of the Council held on Wednesday, 24 March 2021 via the Starleaf app at 6.00pm.*

**Present:- Councillors**

<i>Mrs. O. M. Swales</i>	<i>(Presiding).</i>
<i>D. Lyn Elias</i>	
<i>J.M. Sutton</i>	
<i>W.K. Hodgins</i>	
<i>M.I. Morgan</i>	
<i>G. D. Jones</i>	
<i>J.M. Gardner</i>	
<i>A. Talbot</i>	

**In Attendance:-**

<i>Mrs. A.C. Davies</i>	<i>(Town Clerk/RFO).</i>
<i>Miss. N.J. Williams</i>	<i>(Asst. Town Clerk).</i>

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**153/20** The Chair welcomed members to the March Meeting of the Town Council and proceeded by asking Council for a one minute silence for the late Councillor T.S. Hughes who recently passed away.

**154/20 Apologies:-** *B.M. Sutton, Mrs. D. Brown, R.J. Hill, Mrs. J. Boyd, N. Boyd.*

**155/20 Declaration of Interest & Dispensations.**

The Chair reminded members to make declarations of interest at appropriate points on the Agenda.

**156/20 Corrections – None.**

**157/20 Matters Arising from the Minutes.**

**Item 140/20 – Health Board Letter.**

A member asked if the drafted letter has been sent to the ABUHB stating the more recent complaints received from patients, family, members, friends. Councillor J. Gardner informed members that he is awaiting on more information before he can complete the letter.

**Item 72/20 – Plaque for Mr. Roy Francis.**

The Asst. Town Clerk informed the meeting that Mr. Eifion Lloyd Davies and Mr. Ian Haywood suggested that perhaps a steel cut out of a rugby player along with possibly some information on the cut out (words to be decided) about Roy Francis, a rugby league player who was considered one of the main men behind the code breaking and changing rugby league for the better. Tai Calon, owners of Ffynon Court has no issue in principle to erect a plaque, but, would need to see a copy of the proposed plaques/cut-out and confirm

with the powers to be but cannot see it being a problem. Tai Calon informed Mr. Haywood that they are currently considering major refurbishment of Ffynon Court which could have an impact on the time scale.

Mr. Haywood has been in touch with Hull FC and Leeds Rhinos with the possibility of funding the rugby cut-out.

The Clerks will be meeting Mr. Davies and Mr. Haywood at 12.30pm tomorrow at Ffynon Court and will update members during the next Full Council Meeting of what has been discussed.

***Item 146/20 – Brynmawr Medical Centre.***

A meeting has been arranged with Dr. Liam Taylor, Deputy Medical Director, ABUHB and Mrs Victoria Taylor, Head of Primary Care on Wednesday, 21 April 2021 at 6.00pm followed by the Full Council Meeting.

A member stated that since the last meeting he has received numerous complaints regarding the service provided by the ABUHB. These points will be discussed during the arranged meeting.

***Item 144/20 – Thank you Plaque for the NHS Staff and Key-workers.***

The Asst. Clerk informed the meeting that Mr. Jeff Mapps, Costain Ltd has kindly found a suitable uncut stone for the thank you plaque for the NHS Staff and Key-workers. An email was read out from Mr. David Watkins confirming that the Blaenau Gwent County Borough Council is content with the Brynmawr Town Council's proposal to erect the stone/plaque at the Welfare Park, Brynmawr.

Members agreed that if the stone/plaque gets vandalised the Town Council would correct it.

It was agreed to agenda the wording of the plaque to be placed on the stone for a future meeting.

***Item 147/20 – Trees to be planted in Alma Street.***

The Clerk informed members that no response have been received as yet regarding the missing trees and the state of the banking adjacent to 43c, Alma Street, Brynmawr.

***149/20 – Fence around the Boiler House, Brynmawr.***

Councillor W.K. Hodgins wished to declare an interest and left the virtual meeting.

The Asst. Clerk read out a response email from Mr. Clive Rogers, Head of Community Services, BGCBC.

Mr. Rogers stated that he consulted Estates on the matter and was informed that BGCBC do not own the Boiler House, so therefore would not look to erect fencing around the building.

The Asst. Clerk read out a second email from Mr. Steve Smith, Service Manager Development & Estates, BGCBC. The email stated that Mr. Smith has no powers available under planning or building control to require the area around the Boiler House to be fenced off. There is nothing preventing Brynmawr Town Council making the request to the owner of the building bearing in mind that fencing may require planning permission.

It was agreed to send a letter to the owner of the Boiler House to ask would he be kind enough to look into this matter. It was also agreed to send a letter to Miss. D. Nash informing her of the outcome.  
Councillor Hodgins rejoined the meeting.

***Item 151/20 – Office computers.***

The Chair thanked Councillor Gardner for all his help purchasing and setting up the new computers in the Clerks Office.

***158/20 The Minutes of the Meeting held on Wednesday, 24 February 2021, having been circulated, were accepted as a true record.***

***Orders & Requisitions.***

***159/20*** BT – Broadband/Line Rental, Call Charges.  
Council moved payment of £189.74.

***160/20*** Digital Systems Ltd – Photocopier – copies used.  
The Council moved payment of £17.51.

***161/20*** Grenke Leasing Ltd – Rental of Photocopier.  
The Council moved payment of £118.80.

***162/20*** One Voice Wales – Membership Fee 2021/2022.  
The Council moved payment of £880.00.

***Financial Correspondence.***

***163/20*** Council to consider a rolling programme be put in place to repair and paint the Town Council Memorial Benches.  
It was agreed to perhaps repair/paint 1-2 benches per year and to seek quotes.  
The Chair asked Councillors to forward a list of the benches around Brynmawr to the Clerks.

***164/20*** Council agreed to write to Mr. Clive Rogers, Head of Community Services, BGCBC to consider erecting a “Brynmawr Welcomes Careful Drivers” sign to be placed on the boundary to Brynmawr at the Chapel Road Garage.

***Correspondence.***

***165/20*** A thank you letter was received from the Kids Cancer Charity for Council's donation.  
Letter noted.

***166/20*** Planning application – Land at 1-6 Trafalgar Close, Alma Street, Brynmawr.  
Proposed change of use from open space to create a car parking area.  
The Town Council had no objection to the planning application on the grounds that the six car parking spaces remains for the residents of 1-6 Trafalgar Close

- 167/20** Planning Application – Tabernacle Church, Fitzroy street, Brynmawr.  
Demolition of the existing Church and to rebuild the Church on the same footprint in a traditional build format.  
The Town Council had no objection to the planning application.
- 168/20** Planning Application – Brynteg, Alma Terrace, Brynmawr.  
Proposed rear extension to kitchen and associated works.  
The Town Council had no objection to the planning application.
- 169/20** Planning Application – “Gregs”, Unit 4, Brynmawr Retail Park.  
Three Fascia Badge Signs, Two Internal Posters.  
The Town Council had no objection to the planning application.
- 170/20** Prior to the meeting each member received a copy of the Electoral Reform Newsletter 12.  
Letter noted.
- 171/20** Prior to the meeting each member received a copy of the Local Government and Elections (Wales) Act.  
It was agreed to agenda this item for the next Full Council Meeting to be held Wednesday, 21 April 2021.
- 172/20 Reports** – None.

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