***BRYNMAWR TOWN COUNCIL***

***Minutes of the Monthly Meeting of the Council held on Wednesday, 23 April 2025 held at the Council Chamber, Market Square, Brynmawr at 6.00pm.***

***Present:- Councillors W.K. Hodgins (Presiding).***

 ***Mrs. O.M. Swales***

 ***E.M. Hillier***

 ***R. J. Hill***

 ***Mrs. S. Morgan***

***G. Nutt***

***In Attendance: - Nicola. J. Williams (Town Clerk/RFO).***

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***01/25 Apologies were given on behalf of Angela. C. Davies (Assistant Town Clerk).***

***Councillor G.D. Jones***

***02/25 The Chair welcomed members to the April Meeting of the Town Council.***

***03/25 Declaration of Interest and Dispensations.***

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

***04/25 Monthly Meeting of the Council held on 26 March 2025.***

***05/25*** ***Corrections – None.***

 ***Matters Arising from the Minutes.***

 ***Item 234/24 – Meeting with the Officers, ABUHB.***

The Clerk informed the meeting that she is waiting for a date to meet with Officers/Managers ABUHB.

It was agreed to send an email asking who’s the current acting Manager at the Brynmawr Medical Centre.

***Item 236/24 – Meeting with Tom Bateman, Community Led Housing Engagement Coordinator, Cwmpas.***

The Clerk reminded members that a meeting has been arranged with Mr. Tom Bateman on Wednesday, 7 May 2025 at 6.00pm in the Council Chamber.

The meeting has been arranged to discuss Community Led Housing in Brynmawr.

It was agreed to arrange a meeting with the New Gwent Police Sergent Ms. Amy Hughes.

***Item 242/24 – Funding for Play Sufficiency Duty.***

A member asked had there been a response regarding the funding for play.

The Clerk informed the meeting that no response has been received.

It was agreed that the Clerk contacts Ms. Sharon Chargill regarding the funding.

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***Item 258/24 – VE Day Event.***

Members agreed that everything was in place for the 80th Anniversary VE Day Celebration.

***Item 257/24 – Land at Clarance Street, Brynmawr.***

A member asked whether there was an update regarding the erection of a small commercial workshop/unit for B1 use.

A member said that it is still going through the Planning Process, and no update has been made.

Members agreed that they have no objection to the workshop being rebuilt but has concerns of a business being operated from the land due to the entrance being on a small public/residential lane and the noise caused by a business being run from the land could cause a disruption for the adjacent properties.

***06/25 The Minutes of the Meeting held on Wednesday, 26 March 2025, having been circulated, were accepted as a true record.***

 ***Orders & Requisitions.***

***07/25*** Information Commissioners Office – Renew Registration 2025/2026.

 Council moved payment of £52.00 via the Town Council’s Visa Debit Card.

***08/25*** Melrose IT Solutions – Broadband and line rental for the period 01/04/2025 – 30/04/2025.

 Council moved payment of £62.40.

***09/25*** Grenke Leasing Ltd – Quarterly Fee for the period 01/04/2025 to 30/06/2025.

 Council moved payment of £270.00.

***10/25*** Renewal of Membership for One Voice Wales 2025/2026.

 Council moved payment of £1,148.00.

***Financial Correspondence.***

***11/25*** Prior to the meeting, each member received a copy of theBrynmawr Town Council’s Financial Statement – Receipts & Payments Statement 2024/2025.

 It was unanimously agreed to accept the reports.

Members thanked the Clerk for her hard work in preparing all correspondence needed for the Audit 2024/2025.

It was agreed to move payment of postage for the Internal Audit to ICA Consultancy Ltd, Wiltshire via the Town Council’s Visa Debit Card.

***12/25*** The Annual Return 2024/2025 will be presented to Council after the Internal Audit has been completed on instructions by the External Auditors Wales Audit Office.

 Moved.

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***13/25*** Council was asked to consider purchasing hanging baskets for the lampposts around

 the Market Square.

It was agreed to purchase 8 hanging baskets to be hang on the lamppost around the Market Square and for any able members to volunteer to water the hanging baskets when needed.

***14/25***  Cai Brown – Desing Alchemy – poster design for 80th Anniversary VE Day £30.00 plus a digital copy of the Town Council Logo £20.00.

The Council moved payment of £50.00.

 ***Correspondence.***

***15/25*** Correspondence received from Councillor Mrs. S. Morgan – Pedestrian Crossing along the A467.

A member informed the meeting that Ms. Mair Edwards wrote many letters to the BGCBC asking for a Pedestrian Crossing from one side of Darren Felin Road, Brynmawr to the other side. Ms. Edwards also completed and forwarded 20 Traffic Surveys to BGCBC.

Ms. Edwards stated she was very concerned that pedestrians must cross the road which is very dangerous due to the bridge being removed from this area. Ms. Edwards has also had her access cut off from outside her house.

A member expressed due to Ms. Edwards persistence and support the crossing is now materialising.

A member informed the meeting that BGCBC have received a grant from Active Travel to create a Pedestrian Crossing from one side of Darren Felin Road, Brynmawr to the opposite side of Darren Felin Road and the new speed limit will be 40mph.

Unfortunately, this matter was not brought to the Town Council’s attention, and no information was sent to the Council Office.

***16/25*** The Clerk reminded Members that a meeting has been arranged with

Mr. David Watkins, Community Services Manager and Councillor Helen Cunningham, Deputy Leader, BGCBC on Wednesday, 30 April at 6pm in the Council Chamber, Brynmawr Institute to discuss the cleansing schedule etc. around the Brynmawr area.

 Noted.

***Planning Correspondence.***

***17/25*** Correspondence received from Councillor Sharon Morgan – Council to discuss

the Bidmead planning approval for 6 room HMO.

Councillor Hodgins declared an interest and left the room.

The Brynmawr Town Council apposed the Planning Application on the grounds of the saturation of parking facilities in the said area and are very concerned regarding the property being developed into a house in multiple occupation.

Members felt very disappointed that their objections were not taken into consideration and asked the Clerk to send a letter to ask why the Town Council’s comments were

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not acted on.

Councillor Hodgins returned to the room.

***18/25*** Planning application – West End, George Street, Brynmawr.

Demolition of garage.

The Brynmawr Town Council has no objection to the above planning application.

***19/25*** Correspondence received from Ms. Lyn Sage, Property Assets & Review Officer.

 Brynmawr United FC CIC - Application to the Council for a

 25-year lease under the Community Asset Transfer Policy.

A lengthy discussion ensued regarding the Bowling Green at the Brynmawr Welfare Park being transferred to the Football Club. Members would not like to see the green being astro turfed for football training but would like it to remain as a bowling green.

A member said that the Town Council was not informed regarding the refurbishment of the tennis courts. A member said that the Lawn Tennis Association funded the refurbishment not the BGCBC and informed the member that the Borough Council have no money to maintain these facilities that’s why they go out to Asset Transfer.

Asset Transfers have saved a lot of facilities where long leases need to be granted so that they can apply for funding/grants etc.

It was agreed to send an email to Ms. Lyn Sage stating that members were happy for the football club maintain the field and run the pavilion but, would like to see the bowling green remain as a bowling green.

***20/25*** Planning application – 48a Greenland Road, Brynmawr.

 Proposed driveway alterations and replacement front boundary treatments.

 The Brynmawr Town Council has no objection to the above planning application.

***21/25*** ***Reports – none.***

***Salary.***

***22/25*** Council moved payments of Clerks salary, Assistant Clerks Salary, NI, Pension

and any Statutory Sick Pay for the month of April 2025.

A.C. Davies Salary

A.C. Davies SSP

N.J. Williams Salary

Inland Revenue Tax & NI

Torfaen CBC Pension

***Events & Tasks***

***23/25*** It was agreed to meet on the Market Square to help prepare for the Town Council

VE Day Celebration from 9.00am on Saturday 03 May 2025.

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***PUBLIC BODIES (ADMISSION TO MEETINGS) ACT 1960.***

***24/25*** No exempt correspondence to be discussed for the month of April 2025.

***There being no other business, the meeting closed at 19.50 hours.***

 ***Signed……………………………………………***

 ***Councillor W.K. Hodgins (Town Mayor)***