

Minutes of a Meeting of the Events & Community Projects Committee of Cwmbran Community Council held on 11 June 2014

Present Councillor LJ Chaney (in the Chair), Councillors S Brooks, WM Howell, M Johnston, R Jones, TA Matthews, J Rees and WJ Walker

Also David Collins (Clerk to the Council) and Clare Rowles (Administrative Officer)

ENT14/001 Appointment of Chairman

Members noted that, at a meeting held on 21 May 2014, the Council appointed Councillor LJ Chaney as Chairman of this committee for the current municipal year. Councillor WJ Walker was appointed Vice Chairman

ENT14/002 Apologies for Absence

Apologies for absence were accepted from Councillor M Day (personal), S Evans (Civic Duties) and KK Manneh (personal).

Members asked that the Council's sympathies be conveyed to Councillor Day, whose mother had recently passed away.

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ENT14/003 Members' Declarations of Interest

Members were asked to declare any personal and/or prejudicial interests that they may have and sign the Interests Sheet to give details of the nature of the interest.

ENT13/004 Summer Playschemes 2014

Members were pleased to note that interest in attending this year's Playschemes was again high and noted the current position in relation to recruitment of volunteers and DBS checks for staff.

Members discussed the strict regulatory controls which bodies such as the CSSIW applied to the Playschemes. Members considered the level of regulation to be onerous given the nature of the Playschemes and their location within a controlled, school environment. The Clerk to the Council confirmed the extent of procedural requirements which the Council had to follow and the impact this was beginning to have on the Council's ability to deliver the Playschemes. He agreed to pick this point up with members again later in the year as part of the Committee's Annual Review of the Playschemes.

Subject to Confirmation by Full Council

The Chairman of the Committee drew attention to an offer from Councillor Paul Williams, who had suggested a local volunteer who might be available to provide sports training at the Playschemes. Members asked officers to take this suggestion forward, subject to the usual checks and assurances.

It was **recommended** that the above matters are noted.

ENT14/005 World War One Centenary

Members noted that the Council's stand at this year's Big Event (14 June 2014) would include a poppy-based children's colouring activity and free poppy seeds for adults. The Council's stand would also include information about the Chairman's chosen charity (SSAFA) and a collection to raise funds for SSAFA. Representatives of SSAFA had also agreed to come along to support the Council's attendance.

Members noted that flagpoles had now been installed at the Council House in readiness for the Council's ceremony to commemorate Armed Forces Day on 28 June 2014. Mossford's had kindly donated a memorial plaque to support the flagpoles. Members also examined a draft poster which had been prepared in relation to the event.

Members also considered arrangements for church services which were due to take place on 4 August 2014 to mark the centenary of the date when Britain declared war on Germany. Services would be held in Blaenavon and at Holy Trinity Church in Pontnewydd but there was currently no service planned for St Gabriel's. A service was also due to take place at St Cadoc's. The exact details of these services had not yet been finalised Torfaen County Borough Council would notify the Clerk once these were known, and the Clerk would keep members informed.

Members expressed their disappointment that no service was planned for St. Gabriel's and hoped that there would still be time for one to be arranged. In the meantime, members considered that there would be opportunities to involve children from the Council's Summer Playschemes in one of the above services.

The Chairman of the Committee drew attention to an offer from Councillor Paul Williams, who had invited all members to attend an evening of poetry and songs on a World War One theme. Further details were available from Councillor Williams.

It was **recommended** that the above arrangements are noted.

Signed

(Chair, Cwmbran Community Council)