

Summary (Notes) of the meeting of Events & Community Projects Committee of Cwmbran Community Council held on Monday 10 January 2022 at 6.00 pm.

Venue: The meeting was held remotely and at the Council House, Ventnor Road, Cwmbran NP44 3JY in accordance with the Local Government and Elections (Wales) Act 2021

Formal minutes of the above meeting will follow.

The recommendations below will be submitted to the Council Meeting to be held on 9 February 2022.

The minutes are subject to confirmation at the meeting of the committee to be held on 14 February 2022.

Present: Councillors M Day (Chair), Councillors SWJ Ashley, AL Bird, SJ Brooks, LJ Chaney, JS Davenne, M Villars, WJ Walker and LE Williams

(Councillors Ashley, Chaney, Davenne, Villars and Williams participated in the meeting via remote means)

Also David Collins (Clerk to the Council) and Clare Facey (Administration Officer.) Clare Facey attended via remote means,

Absent: Councillors RhM Bennett, LG Johnston, KK Manneh and LM Ryan.

(Councillor M Johnston passed away on 8 January 2022.)

(No Public Participation Session was held at this meeting.)

1. Apologies for Absence

Apologies for absence were accepted from Councillors KK Manneh (personal) and LM Ryan (personal). Apologies for absence were also subsequently submitted by Councillor RhM Bennett.

2. Members' Declarations of Interest

Members were asked to declare any personal and/or prejudicial interests that they may. Councillor JS Davenne declared a non-prejudicial interest in Minute ECP21/011 (Christmas Play Provision) due to his employment by Torfaen County Borough Council as Play Service Manager. He remained in the meeting.

3. Minutes

The minutes of the meeting held on 15 November 2021 were confirmed as a correct record, subject to the amendment of the date "1982" to "1972" in Minute ECP21/006 (Provisional Programme of Events.)

4. Tree Lighting Events: Christmas 2021

Members considered a report on tree lighting events held on 1 and 3 December 2021. Members discussed the potential for the use of artificial trees in future and a smaller tree at the Council House.

It was **recommended** that

- (1) the success of the above arrangements is noted.
- (2) the Clerk is instructed to examine the potential to obtain artificial trees and a smaller tree in future for the Council House.

5. Christmas Play Provision

Councillor JS Davenne declared a non-prejudicial interest in this matter due to his employment by Torfaen County Borough Council as Play Service Manager. He remained in the meeting.

Members noted that Torfaen Play Service had provided support for families over the Christmas period. A series of Play and Wellbeing Camps were delivered in local primary schools. All provisions were delivered by volunteers supported by paid staff. Play and resource packs were also given out to families designated in Cwmbran.

Members also noted that over 1000 festive gnomes were distributed to families as part of a community art project. Many festive gnomes were distributed from The Council House by Cwmbran Community Council staff, under strict health & safety conditions.

Councillor Walker asked to receive details of future meetings relating to Play Provision.

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

6. Provisional Programme of Events

At a meeting held on 15 December 2021 the Council resolved that:

- (1) the Community Celebration Dinner is not staged this year, with financial savings arising being used to support local Foodbanks
- (2) the Primary Schools Choral Festival is held remotely this year, with any financial savings being used to support local music-related charities
Participating schools each receive £125
- (3) the Schools Eco Quiz is held remotely.
- (4) a report is submitted to the next meeting of the committee in relation to the potential to stage the Cwmbran Big Event.

It was **recommended** that:

- (1) the decisions of Council are noted.
- (2) funds available to support schools participating in the Eco Quiz are spread evenly amongst participating schools rather than award prizes for the winning schools.

- (3) the Council continues to prepare to stage the Big Event on 11 June 2022 but those arrangements are kept under review.
- (4) the Chairman of the Council is authorised to attend the service to commemorate the life of John Williams (Fielding) VC on 22 January 2022 together with Councillors M Villars and WJ Walker as Ward Members.

7. Committee Estimates 2022/2023

Members considered estimates for the forthcoming year.

It was **recommended** that:

- (1) subject to the deletion of the sum of £1,000 identified for Other Miscellaneous Events (L08) the estimates are approved.
- (2) further consideration is given to events or projects to commemorate the Platinum Jubilee of HM The Queen.