

**Minutes of the meeting of the Events & Community Projects Committee of Cwmbran Community Council held on Monday 14 February 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**

The recommendations below will be submitted to the Council Meeting to be held on 16 March 2022.

These minutes are subject to confirmation at the meeting of the committee to be held on a date to be agreed.

**Present:** Councillors SWJ Ashley, AL Bird, SJ Brooks, LJ Chaney, LM Ryan, M Villars, WJ Walker and LE Williams

*(Councillors Chaney and Ryan participated in the meeting via remote means)*

Also David Collins (Clerk to the Council) and Clare Facey (Administration Officer.)

**Absent:** Councillors RhM Bennett, M Day, JS Davenne, KK Manneh and LG Johnston

In the absence of the Chair and Vice-Chair it was agreed that Councillor AL Bird would chair the meeting.

(Councillor AL Bird in the Chair)

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

**ECP21/014 Apologies for Absence**

Apologies for absence were accepted from Councillor KK Manneh (holiday).

**ECP21/015 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.

**ECP21/016 Minutes**

The minutes of the meeting held on 10 January 2022 were confirmed as a correct record. The Chair signed the minutes.

**ECP21/017 Schools Eco Quiz 3 February 2022**

Members noted that a report on this event would be submitted to the Environment, Sustainability & Planning Committee. The event took place remotely in accordance with the Council's decision and had proved to be an enormous success.

It was **recommended** that the information is noted

**ECP21/018 Provisional Programme of Events**

At a meeting held on 15 December 2021 the Council resolved that the Community Celebration Dinner is not staged this year, with financial savings arising being used to support local Foodbanks (Local Government Act 2000 s 2 (Power of Well-being)). Members noted that payments had been made to three local foodbanks.

Members noted that, at a meeting held on 9 February 2022 the Council considered whether the Primary Schools Festival, which was to be held remotely this year, with any financial savings being used to support local music-related charities, should be brought forward to avoid staging the event during the forthcoming Pre-Election Period. The decision of Council was that the event is held during the week commencing 7 March 2022.

An item was included elsewhere on the agenda (below) in relation to the potential to stage the Cwmbran Big Event 2022.

It was **recommended** that the above information is noted.

**ECP21/019 Exclusion of the Press & Public**

In view of the confidential nature of the business to be transacted, it was **agreed** that the following matters be considered in private and that the power of exclusion of the public under Section 1(2) of the Public Bodies (Admission to Meetings) Act, 1960 be exercised.

**ECP21/020 Cwmbran Big Event 11 June 2022**

Members noted that discussions were taking place with the Council's usual business partner in relation to the arrangements to support the Big Event, MB Safety and Security Ltd (formerly known as Vibe Creative Ltd.)

Details would be reported to the next meeting of the Policy & Finance Committee or the Full Council meeting to be held on 16 March 2022. A quotation was awaited.

Issues discussed by Members included:

- the potential to review the look and feel of the event by using established pop performers.
- the potential to include "open mic" sessions as part of the event.
- the impact of Covid-19 restrictions.
- the potential to link the Big Event with the Platinum Jubilee of HM The Queen.

It was **recommended** that

- (1) the information is noted.
- (2) the actions described are confirmed.

*Signed.....*  
(Chair, Events & Community Projects Committee)