

Summary (notes) of the meeting of the Events & Community Projects Committee of Cwmbran Community Council held on Monday 27 June 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 27 July 2022.

These minutes are subject to confirmation at the meeting of the committee to be held on 5 September 2022.

Present: Councillors M Day (Chair), A Bird, J Davenne, F Jones, L Lloyd-Tolman, P Seabourne, M Villars, WJ Walker

(No Councillors participated in the meeting via remote means)

Also Clare Facey (Acting Clerk) & Councillor C Morgan (Member)

Absent: Councillors SWJ Ashley, R Bennett, L Chaney, KK Manneh, S Morgan, S Wharton

(No Public Participation Session was held at this meeting)

1 Apologies for Absence

Apologies for absence were accepted from Councillors R Bennett (holiday), L Chaney (illness), KK Manneh (personal) and S Morgan (work).

2 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.

Councillor J Davenne declared a personal and prejudicial interest in relation to minute ECP22/012 Summer Playschemes.

3 Minutes

The minutes of the meeting held on 30 May 2022 were confirmed as a correct record. The Chair signed the minutes.

4 Cwmbran Big Event – 11 June 2022

Members praised staff for all their efforts and hard work, leading up to the event and on the day. Members felt that this event was the best it had been, with overwhelming support and positive feedback to date.

The Acting Clerk gave an oral report to members as the office were currently collating all the feedback from the event.

Members were extremely pleased to note that the event had attracted a 15,000 footfall throughout the day. With over 70 exhibitors participating, catering for everyone's needs and offering a wide range of activities, including: -

- Torfaen Play Service
- Torfaen Sports Development
- Inflatables
- Army
- Police Service
- Fire Service
- Funfair
- Dogshows conducted by All Creatures Great & Small
- Live Entertainment on both sides of the river
- Greenmeadow Community Farm and their animals
- African Drummers & Workshops
- Climbing wall, rugby, football, golf, etc

The Acting Clerk presented a snapshot of the day with a few images from the day portraying a vast array of activities.

Members noted that the event this year was on a much bigger scale than the last time it had been held.

Members suggested various ideas that could possibly help to improve the event in the future, such as:-

- Making enquiries with Torfaen CBC to use the tarmac/gravel areas on the Southfields side as a visitor's carpark
- Better signage for parking to eliminate build-up of traffic at the Boating Lake entrance
- Park & Ride services

A full report would be presented to members at the September Events Committee meeting for further consideration.

It was **recommended:-**

- a) that Members suggestions are noted
- b) that the report is noted.

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Summer Playschemes

Councillor J Davenne declared a personal and prejudicial interest in relation to minute ECP22/012 Summer Playschemes.

Members were pleased to receive a report from Councillor Julian Davenne on the Summer Programme of activities for this year's Summer Playschemes.

The report stated that there were 20 provisions being held within the Cwmbran area this year which was the most to date.

Councillor Davenne reported on the Laugh, Learn and Get Active Camps which would be delivered during the Summer holidays. The camps would allow children to engage in fun educational activities, whilst receiving a free healthy breakfast, lunch and positive nutritional food messages. Councillor Davenne's team work very closely with the schools to ensure that the children who would benefit from the camps have a place.

Councillor Davenne reported on the successful Open Access Play Opportunities, Play in the Park, the Play Activities taking place at Cwmbran Stadium, the recruitment and training of staff and the inclusion of all children with disabilities.

Councillor Davenne confirmed that there would be an opportunity for members to visit the sites during Summer Playschemes at Cwmbran sites, which members were pleased to note. The Acting Clerk would confirm suitable dates with Councillor Davenne and report to Members via Members Matters.

Mention was also made to National Play Day which would be taking place on 3rd August and the continued participation of Cwmbran Community Council, helping to handout play packs in Cwmbran Town Centre on the day.

At the end of the Summer Playschemes, there would be an opportunity to celebrate and thank all the playscheme staff and volunteers, at the End of Summer Award's Evening, which the Chair would be invited to attend.

Councillor Davenne kindly answered Members' questions and asked if the full report could be emailed to members via Members Matters.

Members noted the annual request for playscheme provision funding.

It was **recommended:-**

- a) that the Acting Clerk would confirm suitable dates with Councillor Davenne for a Playscheme visit and report dates to Members via Members Matters
- b) that Cwmbran Community Council would work in partnership with Torfaen Play to participate in National Play Day on 3rd August 2022 in Cwmbran Town Centre
- c) Cwmbran Community Council supports the Summer Play Provision in 2022 as funded and budgeted under L07
- d) that Councillor Davenne is thanked for his report.

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Provisional Programme of Events

Event	Date	Time	Venue
Senior Schools Choral Festival	13 October 2022	6 pm	The Congress Theatre
Christmas Tree Lighting Ceremonies at (a) Pontnewydd and	(a) 30 November 2022 (b) 2 December	6 pm	(a) Pontnewydd (Ladywell)

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(b) The Council House	2022		(b) The Council House
Community Awards Ceremony	19 January 2023	6pm	The Council House
Schools Eco Quiz (Environment, Sustainability & Planning Committee)	2 February 2023	6 pm	The Congress Theatre
Celebration of Cwmbran and its Communities	3 March 2023	7 pm for 7.30 pm	Greenmeadow Golf Club
Primary Schools Choral Festival	21, 22, 23, March 2023	6 pm & 7 pm	The Congress Theatre

Members reviewed the programme of events and noted the inclusion of the Community Awards Evening and the provisional booking of Greenmeadow Golf Club for the Celebration of Cwmbran and its Communities.

Members noted a brief outline of each of Cwmbran Community Council's annual events

It was **recommended** that the table of events is noted.