Minutes of the meeting of the Events & Community Projects Committee of Cwmbran Community Council held on Monday 2 October 2023 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 8 November 2023.

These minutes are subject to confirmation at the meeting of the committee to be held on 13 November 2023

Present: Councillors SWJ Ashley, M Day (Chair), L Lloyd-Tolman, C Morgan, P Seabourne, M Villars & WJ Walker

Absent: Councillors A Bird, L Chaney, J Davenne, S Morgan, S Wharton, R Bennett & K Manneh

(No Public Participation Session was held at this meeting)

Also: Gareth Davies (Clerk to the Council), Andy Smith (RFO/Deputy Clerk) & Stephanie Kopec (Events & Outreach Officer)

ECP23/013 Apologies for Absence

Apologies for absence were accepted from Councillors A Bird (Personal), L Chaney (Personal) & S Morgan (Illness)

ECP23/014 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.

There were no Declarations of Interest.

ECP23/015 Minutes 4 September 2023

The minutes of the meeting held on 4 September 2023 were confirmed as a correct record of the meeting and are approved and actioned therein.

Councillor M Day signed the minutes.

ECP23/016 Christmas Events 2023

The Clerk updated members on the arrangements for this year's Christmas Tree Lighting Ceremonies, taking place at Ladywell, Pontnewydd, Wednesday 29th November 2023 and The Council House, Friday 1st December 2023 at 6pm.

The event at The Council House will be more interactive with crafts in the Council Chamber and Santa will be handing out gifts to the Children. Also attending the event will be Travis, Henllys Pipes and Drums and the Salvation Army Band. Refreshments will be available at both events.

It was **recommended** that the position is noted.

ECP23/017 Provisional Programme of Events

Arrangements have been made for the Remembrance Sunday Parade taking place on Sunday 12th November 2023.

Members discussed ideas for the Cwmbran's Got Talent event which will take place on the last day Choral Festival at the Congress Theatre on Thursday 18th April 2024. Councillor C Morgan reported that he had reached out to a number of schools who are enthusiastic about the event.

Cwmbran's Got Talent and the Music event to be added as items to the next Agenda.

Members proposed and agreed to hold a meeting to discuss the Cwmbran's Got Talent and a Music Event.

Event	Date	Time	Venue
Remembrance Sunday Parade	12.11.2023	10.30am	St Gabriels Church/Cwmbran Park
Christmas Tree Lighting & Carols	29.11.2023	6pm	Ladywell, Pontnewydd
Christmas Tree Lighting & Carols	01.12.2023	6pm	The Council House
Community Awards Evening	18.01.2024	6pm	The Council House
ECO Quiz	01.02.2024	6pm	Congress Theatre
Community Celebration Dinner	08.03.2024	7pm for 7.30pm	Greenmeadow Golf Club
Primary Schools Choral Festival	15,16,17,18 04.2024	6pm	The Congress Theatre
The Big Event	08.06.2024	12noon-5pm	The Boating Lake

It was **recommended** that:-

a) Cwmbran's Got Talent and the Music Event are added to the next Agenda.

b) A meeting is arranged to discuss Cwmbran's Got Talent and a Music Event.

c) the table of events is noted.

ECP23/018 Exclusion of the Press & Public

In view of the confidential nature of the business to be transacted, it was agreed that the following matter 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.

ECP23/019 Budget for 2024/2025

The RFO/Deputy Clerk was tasked with doing a 2023/24 Budget Refresh and reported to members details of the report. Members were asked to look at the report in detail and report back before the next meeting with suggestions for the next financial year 2024/25, which can then be discussed at the next meeting.

Once all the budgets have been received from the committees the Clerk will arrange a business meeting to discuss the budgets before they go to Full Council.

It was **recommended** that:-

a) members report back any suggestions for the budget.

b) a business meeting is to be arranged.

c) the position is noted.

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