

**Minutes of the meeting of the Events & Community Projects Committee of Cwmbran Community Council held on Monday 30 September 2024 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 Wednesday 6 November 2024.

These minutes are subject to confirmation at the meeting of the committee – Monday 11 November 2024.

**Present:** Councillors A Bird, L Chaney, J Davenne (Chair), M Day, L Lloyd-Tolman, K Manneh, C Morgan, S Morgan, P Seabourne, M Villars & W Walker

*(Councillors R Bennett participated in the meeting via remote means)*

**Absent:** Councillor S Ashley & S Wharton

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

**Also:** Gareth Davies (Clerk)

**ECP24/024 Apologies for Absence**

Apologies for absence were accepted from Councillor S Ashley (illness), S Wharton (work).

**ECP24/025 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.

**ECP24/026 Minutes 2 September 2024**

The minutes of the meeting held on 2 September 2024 were confirmed as a correct record of the meeting and are approved and actioned therein.

Councillor J Davenne signed the minutes.

**ECP24/027 Crow Fest**

The Clerk confirmed that Cwmbran Stadium has been booked for next years event and he is waiting for confirmation on increasing the capacity.

The Stadium were very complementary on the running of this years event with the only issue raised to be looked at next year was the dismantling of the stage as the crew were still on site at 2am.

The Clerk confirmed that he had met with Tudor Brewery to supply all the bars for the event and they will also produce a special Crow Fest beer.

Members discussed the event which is to be added to the programme of events.

It was **recommended** that:

- a) Crow Fest 2025 is added to the programme of events
- b) the position is noted

**ECP24/028 Cwmbran Well Being Project**

The Clerk informed members that the Mindfulness Meditation classes are well attended at both the Tuesday evening and Sunday afternoon classes and the first art class will also be taking place this week.

There is currently an issue with the heating in the Annex not working and a heater will be purchased so that the room can still be used until the repairs are carried out.

It was **recommended** that:

- a) a heater is purchased.
- b) the position is noted.

**ECP24/029 Cwmbran @75 Event**

The Clerk updated members on the arrangements for the event, including the Plaques which will be celebrating Cwmbran at 75 years, 50 years of Bruchsal and 45 years of the twinning, one Plaque for Cwmbran and the second for the Bruchsal. A dinner will also be held at the Parkway Hotel for the Bruchsal guests.

Councillors C Morgan and S Morgan informed members that the Chair of the Friends of Cwmbran will be staying with them as their guest during the celebrations.

Members agreed to a budget of £1000 for the event celebrations.

It was **recommended** that:

- a) approval for the purchase of two plaques
- b) a budget of £1000 is approved

- c) the position is noted.

**ECP24/030 Christmas Events 2024**

The Clerk informed members that the plans for the Christmas Tree Lighting at the Council House and Ladywell, Pontnewydd are progressing well.

Members discussed partnering with Green Top Productions who are organising Christmas Markets at Cwmbran Stadium, members agreed to provide a Santa and presents for the events and working with Torfaen CBC and WCPA to organise an evening Christmas event at WCPA or Thornhill.

It was **recommended** that:

- a) supply of a Santa and presents for Christmas Markets at Cwmbran Stadium approved.
- b) the position is noted.

**ECP24/031 Arts Festival**

Members considered the proposal to utilise the chamber and annex for a rolling programme of art exhibitions. Members approved the proposal and discussed the publicity for the Arts Festival which would be open to all ages.

Councillor Bird suggested that it would be nice to see the Eisteddfod take place in the Cwmbran area. The Clerk will make enquires.

It was **recommended** that:

- a) the Arts Festival is approved.
- b) The Clerk will make enquires with the Eisteddfod.
- c) The position is noted.

**ECP24/032 Provisional Programme of Events**

The Clerk updated members on the progress of the events including the Windrush Event, with invites being sent out next week.

Planning is on track for Remembrance Sunday and the Clerk confirmed the venue for the Community Awards/Dinner will be the Parkway.

<b>Event</b>	<b>Date</b>	<b>Time</b>	<b>Venue</b>
Windrush Event	25.10.24	TBC	The Parkway
Cwmbran @75	03.11.24	3pm	Cwmbran Town Centre
Remembrance Sunday	10.11.24	10.30am	St Gabriel's Church/Cwmbran Park

Christmas Tree Lighting	04.12.24	6pm	Ladywell, Pontnewydd
Christmas Tree Lighting	06.12.24	6pm	The Council House
The Eco Quiz	30.01.25	6pm	The Congress Theatre
Community Awards/Dinner	07.03.25	TBC	The Parkway
Primary Schools Choral Festival/Senior Schools Talent Showcase	7/8/9/10 April 2025	6pm	The Congress Theatre
Cwmbran Big Event	14.06.25	12noon-5pm	The Boating Lake

It was **recommended** that:-

- a) the table of events is noted.

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