

**Minutes of the meeting of the Events & Community Projects Committee of Cwmbran Community Council held on Monday 11 November 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 11 December 2024.

These minutes are subject to confirmation at the meeting of the committee – Monday 6 January 2025.

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

*(Councillors S Ashley, M Day & L Lloyd-Tolman participated in the meeting via remote means)*

**Absent:** Councillor R Bennett

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

**Also:** Gareth Davies (Clerk) & Andy Smith (RFO)

**ECP24/033 Apologies for Absence**

No apologies for absence were received.

**ECP24/034 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.

*Councillors C Morgan & S Morgan declared an interest in minute ECP24/036, gifts received.*

**ECP24/035 Minutes 30 September 2024**

The minutes of the meeting held on 30 September 2024 were confirmed as a correct record of the meeting and are approved and actioned therein.

Councillor J Davenne signed the minutes.

**ECP24/036 Cwmbran @75 Event**

*Councillors C Morgan & S Morgan declared an interest in minute ECP24/036, gifts received.*

The Clerk updated Councillors to the Plaque unveiling and event at the Congress Theatre, where the plaque was unveiled by the Chair and Oberbürgermeisterin of Bruchsal. Chair reported that the Choir Concerts were also very well attended and successful at Mount Pleasant Hall and St Hildas.

It was **recommended** that:

- a) the position is noted.

**ECP24/037 Windrush Event**

Councillor Sean Wharton updated members that he'd been invited to Cardiff to meet the UK Government Minister for Equalities Seema Malhotra who mentioned the Community Council's Windrush event, exciting to see Cwmbran Community Council mentioned at that level.

It was **recommended** that:

- a) the position is noted.

**ECP24/038 Remembrance Sunday Parade**

The Clerk reported to members that the Remembrance Sunday Parade was very well supported with a high volume of people supporting along the route. The service at Cwmbran Park was well received, with the PA system working well to assist all areas of the crowd to hear the service. Members suggested some chairs are made available at the event next year.

Councillor C Morgan updated members on the Pontnewydd Remembrance Sunday Parade which was well attended and very pleasing to see children from local groups in attendance.

It was **recommended** that:

- a) the position is noted.

**ECP24/039 Cwmbran Well Being Project**

**i) Mother and Daughter Fitness**

The Clerk reported that the classes are going very well and are oversubscribed, feedback received from the classes is excellent.

**ii) Art Club**

Classes are very popular and well attended each week, with regular attendees.

**iii) Mindfulness and Meditation**

Two meditation classes are taking place each week and the classes and the feedback shows that the classes are providing a very valuable service, as it can be very hard to access support.

It was **recommended** that:

- a) the position is noted.

**ECP24/040 Christmas Events 2024**

The Clerk reported that plans for the Christmas events were well underway and the artificial Christmas trees had been ordered and will be arriving soon.

It was **recommended** that:

- a) the position is noted.

**ECP24/041 Crow Fest**

Councillor Davenne updated members on the plans for Crow Fest 2025 with the working group meeting regularly. The date has been agreed and Cwmbran Stadium booked for the event. A great range of bands and acts have been booked and there will also be more entertainment for families and children. A meeting with the designer will also be taking place.

Talks are also in progress with local businesses to look at possible sponsorship for the event.

It was **recommended** that:

- a) the position is noted.

**ECP24/042 Arts Festival**

The Clerk reported to members that some of the art is on display in the Cwmbran@75 exhibition in the Council Chamber, with another group planned for December.

Members discussed holding a photographic competition and exhibiting the entries and using the winning entries to produce a calendar.

It was **recommended** that:

- a) The position is noted.

**ECP24/043 Provisional Programme of Events**

Councillor Walker informed members that next year will be the 80<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the end of World War Two, with events to mark the anniversary taking place in May and August 2025. The Clerk will circulate information to members.

The Clerk updated members on the progress of the following events:

<b>Event</b>	<b>Date</b>	<b>Time</b>	<b>Venue</b>
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
Crow Fest	19.07.24	2pm-10pm	Cwmbran Stadium
Arts Festival	TBC	TBC	The Council Chamber/Annex

It was **recommended** that:-

- a) the Clerk circulates information on the Anniversary of the end of World War Two to members.
- b) the table of events is noted.

**ECP24/044 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.

**ECP24/045 Budget Review**

Members considered the attached budget report.

It was **recommended** that:

- a) the position is noted.

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