

Minutes of the meeting of the Events & Community Projects Committee of Cwmbran Community Council held on Monday 6 January 2025 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 29 January 2025.

These minutes are subject to confirmation at the meeting of the committee – Monday 17 February 2025.

Present: Councillors A Bird, J Davenne (Chair), M Day, C Morgan, M Villars, W Walker & S Wharton

(Councillors R Bennett, L Lloyd-Tolman & S Morgan participated in the meeting via remote means)

Absent: Councillor S Ashley, L Chaney, K Manneh & P Seabourne

(No Public Participation Session was held at this meeting)

Also: Gareth Davies (Clerk), Andy Smith (RFO) & Stephanie Kopec (Events & Outreach Officer)

ECP24/046 Apologies for Absence

Apologies for Absence were accepted from Councillors L Chaney (Personal) & K Manneh (Personal)

ECP24/047 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 Declaration of Interest.

ECP24/048 Minutes 11 November 2024

The minutes of the meeting held on 11 November 2024 were confirmed as a correct record of the meeting and are approved and actioned therein.

Councillor J Davenne signed the minutes.

ECP24/049 Christmas Trees and Lighting

The Clerk updated members on the 2024 Christmas Trees and Lighting.

Members considered the attached report and discussed the planting of live Christmas Trees for 2025. The Clerk informed members that he will be having discussions with community organisations to source suitable sites for the trees, with provision for the ongoing maintenance essential. The supplier of trees would also be willing to provide support and guidance. Members to forward ideas for sites in their wards to the Clerk.

It was **recommended** that:

- a) members forward details of possible sites for live trees to the Clerk.
- b) the position is noted.

ECP24/050 ECO Quiz

The Events and Outreach Officer updated members on the Eco Quiz taking place 30 January 2025 at the Congress Theatre, planning is going well with 12 primary schools confirmed to attend.

It was **recommended** that:

- a) the position is noted.

ECP24/051 Cwmbran Well Being Project

The Events and Outreach Officer updated members on the Well Being Projects:-

i) Mother and Daughter Fitness

The classes have been well attended with 16-20 attendees per session, at a cost of £630 for the 12 week period. Members discussed the classes and approved the continuation of the sessions.

ii) Art Club

The classes are being well received by the community with the maximum 20 attendees participating each week.

iii) Mindfulness and Meditation

The twice weekly sessions are going well and are well attended.

It was **recommended** that:

- a) the continuation of Mother and Daughter Fitness sessions is approved.
- b) the position is noted.

ECP24/052 Crow Fest

Members received an update from the Events and Outreach Officer on the planning and preparations for Crow Fest 2025 with a group meeting taking place this week.

The venue capacity will be increased to 3000 attendees with plans for early bird tickets to be made available.

It was **recommended** that:

- a) the position is noted.

ECP24/053 Arts Festival

The Events and Outreach Officer reported to members that they were in the process of sourcing a hanging system to display the artwork in the Council Chamber, with plans for the exhibition to commence in February with a display of the Art Class groups work. Going forward the exhibition would then be available for other groups and individuals to exhibit artwork.

It was **recommended** that:

- a) The position is noted.

ECP24/054 Provisional Programme of Events

Members discussed additional events to be included in the Table of Events including celebrations to mark the 80th anniversary of the end of WW2, Merchant Navy Day, Armed Forces Day, Windrush and Playscheme.

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

Event	Date	Time	Venue
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 table of events is updated.
- b) the table of events is noted.

ECP24/055 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.

ECP24/056 Budget Review

Members received a report from the RFO.

It was **recommended** that:

- a) the position is noted.

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