

**Minutes of the meeting of the Events & Community Projects Committee of Cwmbran Community Council held on Monday 17 February 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 26 March 2025.

These minutes are subject to confirmation at the meeting of the committee – Monday 31 March 2025.

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

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

**Absent:** Councillors S Ashley, L Lloyd-Tolman & S Morgan

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

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

**ECP24/057 Apologies for Absence**

Apologies for Absence were accepted from Councillors S Ashley (illness), L Lloyd-Tolman (illness) & S Morgan

**ECP24/058 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.

**ECP24/059 Minutes 6 January 2025**

The minutes of the meeting held on 6 January 2025 were confirmed as a correct record of the meeting and are approved and actioned therein.

Councillor J Davenne signed the minutes.

**ECP24/060 Eco Quiz**

The Events and Outreach Officer updated members on the Eco Quiz which took place 30 January 2025 at the Congress Theatre. The event was a very successful evening enjoyed by all, 12 schools took part with first place going to Nant Celyn Primary School. The evening also raised £122.99 for the Chair's Charity Ty Hafan Children's Hospice.

It was **recommended** that:

- a) the position is noted.

**ECP24/061 Community Awards Evening/Dinner**

The Events and Outreach Officer informed members of the programme for the evening with over 80 people confirmed to attend at present. Twelve Community Awards will be presented on the evening.

It was **recommended** that:

- a) the position is noted.

**ECP24/062 Cwmbran Well Being Project**

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

**i) Mother and Daughter Fitness**

The last class of the current block will be taking place this week, with participants enjoying the classes with the new instructor. The next block of classes will be starting with a new group of participants after the school half term week.

**ii) Art Club**

Members received an update of the classes.

**iii) Mindfulness and Meditation**

The classes are going very well with very positive feedback received.

The Events and Outreach Officer informed members that she had been in contact with a break dancing and DJ Class, who have been invited to attend the Big Event. Members discussed looking to do a taster session in half term at a cost of £125.00 per hour for 20 children. It was suggested that this could be incorporated into the Play Scheme at Cwmbran Stadium.

It was **recommended** that:

- a) the Events & Outreach Officer contacts the break dancing and DJ Class.
- b) the position is noted.

**ECP24/063 Crow Fest**

The Events and Outreach Officer confirmed that preparation for the event was going well with all entertainment booked and 1122 early bird tickets already purchased. Members suggested holding an auction at the Community Awards Evening/Dinner for VIP tickets to Crow Fest.

It was **recommended** that:

- a) the position is noted.

**ECP24/064 Arts Festival & Cwmbran @75**

The Events and Outreach Officer confirmed that the hanging system to display art has been installed in the Council Chamber. The first exhibition will be a display of work from the weekly art classes.

Members discussed and agreed to arrange an opening evening for the exhibition, date to be arranged.

It was **recommended** that:

- a) an opening evening is to be held to open the exhibition.
- b) The position is noted.

**ECP24/065 Provisional Programme of Events**

Members considered the provisional programme of events and the date for the Windrush event was confirmed by Councillor Wharton as 3 October 2025. It was also noted that the table did not include the Christmas Events which are to be added.

The Events and Outreach Officer updated members on the progress of the following events:

| <b>Event</b>   | <b>Date</b>         | <b>Time</b> | <b>Venue</b>         |
|--|---------------------|-------------|----------------------|
| Community Awards/Dinner  | 07.03.25            | 6.30pm      | The Parkway          |
| Primary Schools Choral Festival/Senior Schools Talent Showcase | 7/8/9/10 April 2025 | 6pm         | The Congress Theatre |

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| 80 <sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the WW2 (VE Day)        | 08.05.25              | TBC        | TBC                       |
| Cwmbran Big Event                                       | 14.06.25              | 12noon-5pm | The Boating Lake          |
| Armed Forces Day (Saturday 28.06.25)                    | Flag Raising 27.06.25 | 10am       | The Council House         |
| Crow Fest   | 19.07.25              | 2pm-10pm   | Cwmbran Stadium           |
| Torfaen Play's Summer Playschemes                       | July/August 2025      | Various    | Various                   |
| 80 <sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the end of WW2 (VJ Day) | 15.08.25              | TBC        | TBC                       |
| Merchant Navy Day                                       | 03.09.25              | 10am       | The Council House         |
| Arts Festival   | TBC                   | TBC        | The Council Chamber/Annex |
| Windrush Event 2025                                     | TBC                   | TBC        | TBC                       |

It was **recommended** that:-

- a) the Christmas events are to be included in the table.
- b) The table of events is noted.

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