Minutes of a Meeting of the Events & Community Projects Committee of Cwmbran Community Council held on 30 June 2014

Present Councillor LJ Chaney (Chairman), Councillors S Brooks, S Evans, WM Howell, M Johnston, R Jones, TA Matthews and WJ Walker.

Also Councillors SWJ Ashley and TJ Winter.

Also David Collins (Clerk to the Council).

ENT14/006 Apologies for Absence

Apologies for absence were accepted from Councillors M Day & PJ Williams (personal).

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ENT14/007 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.

ENT14/008 Big Event 2014

Members reviewed the Council's participation in the above event, held on 14 June 2014.

There was a consensus that the event had once again proved a valuable opportunity to showcase the work of the Council and meet the public & other stakeholders. The Council's stand had been well supported by members and received many visitors.

The Clerk to the Council displayed an example of new polo shirts which had been bought for staff to wear at the 2014 Big Event and other similar future events. The shirts featured the Council's corporate branding. Members agreed that the shirts had helped to present a positive image of the Council on the day.

The Clerk also displayed photographs and winning entries from the children's colouring activity, which this year included a poppy-based theme to coincide with the centenary of the First World War.

Members were also pleased to note that a collection taken in aid of the Chairman's charity (SSAFA) had yielded £14.76.

It was **recommended** that the above information is noted.

ENT14/009 Summer Playschemes 2014

Members were pleased to note that arrangements were progressing satisfactorily in readiness for the Summer Playschemes.

The Clerk to the Council described progress in relation to venues and recruitment of staff (including volunteers). He also explained that the Council would be required to meet the cost of funding CRB Checks this year for Playleaders and the Council's Task Force, who visited the sites to collect waste.

Members also considered the arrangements for members' visits to Playschemes. The Clerk to the Council encouraged all members to take part in the visits but discouraged members from visiting sites outside of these pre-arranged visits. Members agreed that a final decision on the date of the proposed visits could be delayed until the programme of activities at each site was nearer completion.

It was **recommended** that

(1) the funding requirements for CRB (DBS) Checks are noted.

(2) the Clerk to the Council is instructed to agree the arrangements for site visits by members to the Playschemes in consultation with the Chairman of the Committee and advise members accordingly.

ENT 14/010 Senior Schools Choral Festival 2014

Members noted that the above event would take place at Croesyceilliog Comprehensive School on 13 November 2014. There was interest in the event from a number of schools and discussions were being held to ensure a balanced programme of entertainment on the night. There was also potential to reflect the centenary of World War One at the Festival.

It was **recommended** that the above arrangements are noted.

ENT14/011 World War One Centenary

Members paid tribute to the success of the first ever ceremony held in Cwmbran to commemorate Armed Forces Day. The event had been organised by the Community Council and took place on 28 June 2014. The event had been well attended and the new flagpoles and memorial plaque at the Council House had added to the dignity of the occasion. Members were pleased to note that voluntary contributions from guests at the event had yielded £122.40 for the Chairman's charity SSAFA.

Members noted a meeting of the World War One Centenary Co-ordination Group would take place on 3 July 2014 and that an exhibition of "Torfaen at War" would be held at Blaenavon World Heritage Centre on 4 August 2014 commencing at 2.00 pm.

Members also discussed the anticipated arrangements for church services taking place on 4 August 2014, to commemorate the centenary of the date when Britain declared war on Germany. The Leader of the Majority Group

encouraged all members to support the service arranged for Cwmbran, which was taking place at the Holy Trinity Church, Pontnewydd. Members discussed the potential for children from one of the Council's Playschemes (e.g. Maendy Primary School) playing some part in this service.

It was **recommended** that the above arrangements are noted.

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(Chair, Cwmbran Community Council)