Minutes of a Meeting of the Events & Community Projects Committee of Cwmbran Community Council held on 13 October 2014

Present Councillor LJ Chaney (Chairman), Councillors S Brooks, D Daniels, M Day, WM Howell, M Johnston, R Jones, KK Manneh, TA Matthews and PJ Williams

Also David Collins (Clerk to the Council) Clare Rowles (Administration Officer)

ENT14/012 Apologies for Absence

Apologies for absence were accepted from Councillors S Evans (holiday) J Rees (sickness) and WJ Walker (personal).

ENT14/013 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. Councillor Daniels declared an interest in minute ENT14/014 below.

ENT14/014 Summer Playschemes 2014

Councillor Daniels declared an interest in this item.

Members were made aware that feedback from this year's Summer Playschemes was currently being analysed and that there would be a seminar for members to consider issues arising in more detail.

Members, however, received an oral report from Councillor Brooks identifying the areas which needed to be the subject of further consideration for the future running of the schemes. He indicated that he would discuss these matters with the Chairman of the Policy & Finance Committee and the Chairman and Vice Chairman of this committee before any seminar took place.

It was **recommended** that the above information is noted and the way forward described above is endorsed.

ENT14/015 Senior Schools Choral Festival

Members were pleased to note that arrangements were progressing well in readiness for the forthcoming Senior Schools Choral Festival at Croesyceiliog Comprehensive School on Thursday 13 November 2014 at 6.30 pm.

The Administration Officer described progress in relation to the 6 schools who were taking part this year. Members noted that schools were being encouraged to choose material which helped to commemorate the Centenary of World War One as part of their performance.

It was **recommended** that the position be noted.

ENT 14/016 Christmas Entertainment Programme

Members reviewed the arrangements for the annual Christmas Lighting Motif 2015 in the light of declining interest from schools.

Members also noted the arrangements for Christmas entertainment at Cwmbran Shopping, which the Council was supporting with activities proposed for 10 December 2014. Members also noted that the Clerk had invited Cwmbran Shopping to meet members prior to Christmas to discuss ways in which the Council and Cwmbran Shopping could work together.

The Administration Officer reported that the annual Christmas Lights Switch On Ceremony with carols would take place at the Council House on 12 December 2014 at 7.15 pm. A similar event would take place at Pontnewydd on 10 December 2014, to commence at 6.00 pm.

It was **recommended** that

(1) the above arrangements are noted.

(2) the Christmas Lighting Motif competition is discontinued after the current year and that members are invited to submit suggestions for an alternative activity for 2015 at the next meeting.

ENT14/017 World War One Centenary

Members noted the continuing programme of events and activities which the Council was delivering and supporting to help commemorate the centenary.

Recent activities included helping children attending the Council's Summer Playschemes to commemorate the centenary through a range of poppy based craft activities. Some of the children had also helped form a Guard of Honour for a local church service held on 4 August to mark the centenary. The Council had also supported its community partners by, for example, providing core funding to Llantarnam Grange Arts Centre, who launched their '14' exhibition on 26 July 2014 when 14 artists presented their artwork based on World War One.

Future activities included utilising the Senior Schools Choral Festival taking place next month to commemorate the centenary and working with the local church and uniformed organisations to involve scouts, guides etc. in an act to commemorate the centenary of the Fallen as part of Remembrance Sunday.

Members noted that the above information was also described on the Council's web pages and had also been shared with Cymru yn Cofio (Wales remembers) who were publishing a selection of First World War Centenary events happening in Wales or related to Wales on line.

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

Signed ……..

(Chair, Cwmbran Community Council)