Minutes of a Meeting of the Events & Community Projects Committee of Cwmbran Community Council held on 24 November 2014

Present Councillor LJ Chaney (Chairman), Councillors S Brooks, M Day, S Evans, WM Howell, M Johnston and TA Matthews

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

ENT14/018 Apologies for Absence

Apologies for absence were accepted from Councillor Jones (Personal).

Councillor Powell (Maternity) also submitted an apology for absence.

ENT14/019 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.

ENT14/020 Senior Schools Choral Festival

Members reviewed the arrangements for the above, which had taken place at Croesyceiliog High School on 13 November 2014.

Members considered that the event had provided a wonderful evening of entertainment. The adoption of a theme to reflect the centenary of World War One had encouraged several schools to perform a range of moving and entertaining songs and drama. Members considered that the 2015 event could encourage other forms of entertainment, such as drama, music & song and that the event could be rebranded as a Music Festival.

The Administrative Officer reported that she had written to those schools that had participated to thank them for supporting the event. Members paid tribute to the Council's staff for their hard work in delivering such an excellent event.

The Chairman referred to a report template which he had approved to assist with the review of other events in the New Year. Members welcomed the new template.

It was **recommended** that the above comments are taken forward in the planning of the 2015 event.

ENT14/021 Christmas Entertainment Programme 2014

Members noted that arrangements were all well in hand for the Council's programme of Christmas entertainment**.** Entertainment would be provided at Cwmbran Shopping on 10 December and tree lighting ceremonies would take place at Pontnewydd and The Council House on 10 and 12 December respectively. It was unfortunate that the event at Pontnewydd clashed with the event at Cwmbran Shopping but this had been the only date available at Cwmbran Shopping. The Administrative Officer described the entertainment proposed at each event. Blaen Bran Community Woodland had again agreed to generously donate the Christmas trees.

The Leader of the Majority Group considered that there was scope to review the Council's partnership with Cwmbran Shopping.

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

ENT14/022 Cwmbran Shopping

Members noted that a seminar had provisionally been arranged for w/c 2 February 2015 to meet representatives of Cwmbran Shopping and discuss potential future partnership opportunities.

It was **recommended** that the Clerk to the Council is instructed to confirm the above arrangements as soon as possible.

ENT14/023 Primary Schools Choral Festival 2015

It was **recommended** that the above event is held on 3, 4 & 5 March 2015 at the Congress Theatre.

ENT14/024 Revenue Estimates 2015/16

Members considered the Committee's current Revenue Estimates and draft estimate figures for the coming year.

Members noted that June 2015 would see the 200th anniversary of the Ghurkhas becoming part of the British Army. Members suggested that any event held by the Council to mark Armed Forces Day could also help celebrate this anniversary.

The Leader of the Majority Group referred to recent discussions held with Torfaen County Borough Council in relation to budget pressures. The discussions included reference to the potential for Cwmbran Community Council to help fund certain services delivered by Torfaen County Borough Council such as the Big Event and Summer Playschemes. The Leader of the Majority Group also outlined other areas which had been identified by Torfaen County Borough Council as areas where community councils could help fund future service delivery, such as allotments. Few details of any potential financial implications for Cwmbran Community Council had been put forward.

It was **recommended** that

(1) the Committee's Revenue Estimates for 2014/15 be accepted and noted.

(2) the allocation for Remembrance (I19) is transferred from the Policy & Finance Committee to the Events & Community Projects Committee.

ENT14/025 World War One Centenary

Councillor Matthews updated Members on forthcoming events, including a meeting in January in Blaenavon regarding the Heritage Site and the 200th Anniversary of the Ghurkhas referred to in Minute ENT14/024 above.

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

Signed ……..

(Chair, Cwmbran Community Council)