



# cwmbran Community Council Cyngor Cymuned Cwmbran

You are summoned to attend the following meeting:

## **Events & Community Projects Committee**

**Tuesday 1 September 2015 @ 6.00pm**

Venue: Council Chamber Council House, Ventnor Road, Cwmbran NP44 3JY

## **AGENDA**

To: Councillors: WJ Walker (Chair), D Daniels, M Day (Vice Chair), S Evans, R Jones, KK Manneh, TA Matthews, JC Powell, J Rees, PJ Williams.

Councillors M Johnston, L Chaney, S Brooks & WM Howell (Ex Officio Members)

To: ALL OTHER MEMBERS FOR INFORMATION

1. **Apologies for Absence**
2. **Members' Declarations of Interest**
3. **[Summer Playschemes 2015: Annual Review](#)**

Members will undertake their annual review of the Playscheme at the next meeting. This will include observations of the Playscheme Manager, feedback from service users & the public and any issues arising from visits undertaken by Members.

Members will thus have an opportunity to review the success of the Playschemes and assess the impact of the changes introduced this year. This will inform future decisions about the Playschemes and associated budgets.

The regulatory framework surrounding Playschemes continues to evolve. The Council was made aware of changes affecting Holiday Playschemes in June 2015 but agreed to make no further changes this year. (Minute PF15/003 refers.) However, the notification published in June also described other changes which would come into effect from September 2016 to September 2018, and further changes beyond that. Details are attached.

As matters currently stand, the Council is not required to register its sites in relation to children aged over 8. **If this remained the position, then the arrangements put in place this year would work well again next year.**

However, there are proposals to extend the requirement for registration to older children. This would impact greatly on the Playschemes. The Clerk responded to Welsh Government consultation about these proposals in May 2015, in consultation with the previous Committee Chairman. It is hard to predict how quickly these changes may take place.

During the summer of 2015, an Award in Managing a Holiday Play Scheme is being developed. This will provide an interim qualification which will be added to the Skills Active List of Required Qualifications to work within the Playwork Sector in Wales, specifically for persons in charge of a holiday play scheme.

Other factors to be taken into account in relation to the future of the Playschemes include new National Minimum Wage Rates which come into effect from 1st October 2015:

- Age 21 and over: £6.70 (3% increase)
- Age 18 – 20: £5.30 (3.3% increase – though we currently pay over 18s £5.45 per hour.
- Over compulsory school age – 17: £3.87 (2.2% increase)
- Apprentice rate: £2.80 (2.6% increase)

These changes will have budgetary implications in terms of the wages we pay our Playscheme staff.

This note is just for information at this stage, but Members may wish to contemplate such matters in advance of the next meeting. Members may wish to invite an expert witness such as a representative from Play Wales or Torfaen Play Service to that meeting to help us understand the increasingly complex framework within which the service must operate.

### ***Forthcoming Events***

4. **[“Fly the Red Ensign for Merchant Navy Day” 3 September 2015](#)**

To confirm the arrangements for the above event, as described on the attached.

5. **Remembrance Sunday Parade 8 November 2015**

To report progress in relation to the above event.

6. **Senior Schools Choral Festival 12 November 2015**

To report progress in relation to the above event.

7. **Christmas Entertainment Programme 2015**

To report progress in relation to the above programme of events.

8. **Big Event 11 June 2016**

To note that the next informal meeting with Torfaen County Borough Council to discuss the future of the event will take place on 15 September 2015. Issues arising will be reported back to members.

9. **Date of Next Meeting**

Members are reminded that the next meeting of this committee will take place on Monday 19 October 2015 at 6.00pm.



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*21 August 2015*

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