

**Minutes of a Meeting of the Events & Community Projects Committee of Cwmbran Community Council held on 23 November 2015**

**Present** Councillor M Day (in the Chair), Councillors SJ Brooks, LJ Chaney, S Evans, WM Howell, R Jones, KK Manneh and TA Matthews.

Also Councillors D Standing and R Kemp.

Also David Collins (Clerk to the Council)

**ENT15/026 Apologies for Absence**

Apologies for absence were accepted from WJ Walker (illness), DJ Williams (personal) and M Johnston (personal).

**ENT15/027 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.

**ENT15/028 Summer Playschemes 2015**

Members noted that information about daily attendance at the 2014 Playschemes had already been provided to Members. (Minute CL15/065 refers.)

The Clerk reported that he was continuing to examine potential solutions to the difficulties faced by the Council's Summer Playschemes arising from changes to the registration of childcare provision in Wales. The changes would extend the age range for registration of childcare in Wales from 8 years to 12 years. (Minutes ENT15/015 and ENT15/024 refers.)

He reported that he had examined a model whereby the Playschemes could be delivered on an Open Access basis in 2016, supported by a Statement of Purpose which confirmed that children could arrive or leave at any time during the published hours. However the Care & Social Services Inspectorate Wales (CSSIW) had advised that any service provided for children under the age of eight for two hours or more in any day on more than 5 days in a calendar year must be registered. The CSSIW had advised that this requirement applied to Open Access playschemes as well as other types of provision.

Members noted that the Clerk was continuing to examine options for ways in which the Playschemes could be delivered in future. However the changes to registration referred to above would have considerable implications for the 2016 Playschemes and posed significant challenges.

Members noted that the Clerk was due to attend a Consultation Workshop on play, leisure and other matters on 27 November 2015 (Torfaen County Borough Council) and a CSSIW workshop on changes to childcare regulation on 4 December 2015. The Clerk undertook to report back to members following these events. Members also referred to a forthcoming opportunity which some members would have to meet the Minister for Health and Social Services.

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

**ENT15/029 Remembrance Sunday 2015**

Members reviewed the arrangements locally to commemorate Remembrance Sunday and, in particular the Parade from St Gabriel's Church to Cwmbran Park.

Whilst the event was owned by the community as a whole, the Council's role in co-ordinating the planning and organisation of the Parade had grown in recent years. Members paid tribute to the success of this year's event and the new initiatives put in place this year, such as the purchase of rope & posts to help with crowd control. The PA system had again proved successful and had already been booked for 2016. The Clerk paid tribute to the support provided by a local student, Isabelle Winter, who assisted with Welsh language elements of the Service. In addition to the Parade and Act of Remembrance at Cwmbran Park, Members noted that the Vice Chairman of the Council had also laid a wreath at Pontnewydd on Remembrance Sunday.

Members drew attention to the increasing number of anniversaries of key events from the First World War over the next few years and emphasised the need to make adequate provision with the appropriate budget.

It was **recommended** that

- (1) the above information is noted.
- (2) appropriate provision is made within the Remembrance Budget for 2016/17 (L10) to commemorate forthcoming anniversaries.

**ENT15/030 Senior Schools Choral Festival 2015**

Members reviewed the success of the above event, which this year had also included a local junior school, Our Lady of the Angels. The event had once again proved a success and had also raised funds for the Chairman's charity. Minor changes which could improve the event further included dispensing with an interval to encourage members of the audience to stay for the whole event.

Members looked forward to the 2016 Festival, when it was hoped that Cwmbran High School would also take part and may even host the event.

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

**ENT15/031 Forthcoming Events**

The Clerk reminded members of events arranged by the Council to celebrate Christmas 2015. He encouraged as many members as possible to support the events, in particular the Christmas Lights Switch On Ceremony at the Council House on 4 December.

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

*Signed .....*

*(Chair, Cwmbran Community Council)*