

Minutes of a Meeting of the Events & Community Projects Committee of Cwmbran Community Council held on 22 February 2016

Present Councillor WJ Walker (in the Chair), Councillors SJ Brooks, LJ Chaney, M Day, S Evans, R Jones, KK Manneh, TA Matthews and PJ Williams.

Also Councillors R Kemp, TJ Winter, and DJ Williams.

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

ENT15/037 Apologies for Absence

Apologies for absence were accepted from Councillor M Johnston (Civic Duties)

ENT15/038 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.

ENT15/039 Summer Playschemes 2016

The Chairman referred to the Council's recent decision to deliver Playschemes in a new way for 2016 (Minute CL15/094 refers). The Playschemes would be delivered in partnership with Torfaen County Borough Council in such a way as to avoid the requirement for registration and inspection by the CSSIW. This would be a pilot scheme for 2016 and its success would be closely monitored.

The Clerk reported that public notice of the new arrangements had been published immediately following the Council meeting and further details had subsequently been published in the local press, social media and on the Council's website. Feedback received to date via social media was being carefully managed and monitored to take note of any concerns and reassure the public about aspects of the new arrangements. Advertisements for staff had also already been published in order to make as much early progress as possible.

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

ENT15/040 Forthcoming Events

Members considered the following arrangements in relation to forthcoming events. The Chairman encouraged Members to attend these events wherever possible:

- Primary Schools Choral Festival 1, 2 and 3 March 2016 at the Congress Theatre. Each concert would commence at 6.00 pm. Members considered the fees to be awarded to participating schools.
- St. David's Day 1 March 2016

The Chairman would hoist the Red Dragon flag outside the Council's offices at 9.00 am on Tuesday 1 March 2016.

Subject to Confirmation by Full Council

- An Evening to Celebrate Cwmbran & its Communities: 5 March 2016 at Greenmeadow Golf Club.

This function would also, as usual, form part of the Council's St David's Day celebrations with table displays of daffodils and a choice of Welsh dishes on the menu.

- Armed Forces Day 2016

In accordance with the pattern established in 2015, the Council's commemoration of Armed Forces Day would take place during Armed Forces Week, on Wednesday 22 June 2016. Initial discussions had already commenced with local veteran's organisations and local clergy.

The Chairman also drew attention to the forthcoming "Clean for the Queen" activity taking place on 4 March 2016. He encouraged members to support this event and advised them to meet at the Council House at 9.45 am on the day. (Minute ESP15/036 refers). The Clerk advised that further details would be reported to the Environment, Sustainability & Planning Committee on 24 January 2016.

It was **recommended** that

- (1) the above information is noted.
- (2) each school participating in the Primary Schools Choral Festival is awarded the sum of £125.

ENT15/041 Big Event 11 June 2016

The Clerk drew attention to a number of forthcoming opportunities to help celebrate HM the Queen's 90th Birthday, which would culminate in a weekend of celebrations, including street parties, on the 11 and 12 June 2016.

Members noted that The Big Event would take place on Saturday 11 June 2016, where the Council would once again have a lively presence. This year, rather than ask visitors to our stand to sign a Visitors' Book, Members agreed that visitors could be encouraged to sign a giant birthday card to be sent to Her Majesty by the Chairman on behalf of the community of Cwmbran. There could also be scope to include a photograph of the Council at work.

Members considered that this would be a suitable and cost effective way of recording the Council's congratulations to Her Majesty. It would also provide a lively means of engaging with the public and encourage them to visit our stand, where information about the Council and its services would be available. Members welcomed the support in relation to the production of the card, which had been offered by one of the Council's existing suppliers.

It was **recommended** that the above proposal is supported.

Signed

(Chair, Cwmbran Community Council)