

**Minutes of a Meeting of the Events & Community Projects Committee of Cwmbran Community Council held on 27 June 2016**

**Present** Councillor WJ Walker (in the Chair), Councillors LJ Chaney, J Davenne, M Day, S Evans, R Jones, KK Manneh, TA Matthews, J Rees and PJ Williams

Also, Councillors M Johnston and TJ Winter

Also David Collins (Clerk to the Council)

Prior to the commencement of the meeting, Members observed a minute's silence in memory of Jo Cox MP. The Chairman of the Council also reported that he had represented the Council at a memorial service held for the MP in Newport recently.

**ENT16/007 Apologies for Absence**

Apologies for absence were accepted from Councillor S Brooks (personal)

**ENT16/008 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 Davenne declared an interest in Minute ENT16/010 below.

**ENT16/009 Big Event: 11 June 2016**

The Clerk reported that the Council's attendance at the Big Event had been a success and had been well supported by Members and Staff. The giant birthday card to celebrate HM Queen's 90<sup>th</sup> birthday had been a popular feature on the Council's stand, attracting many signatories, including the Lord Lieutenant, Mayor, MP, AM, Members, schoolchildren and others. The clerk confirmed that the card had since been sent to Her Majesty.

The Chairman thanked the staff of the Council for their hard work in supporting this event.

Issues raised by Members included:

- the need to ensure adequate provision of bins for the collection of dog waste at future events.
- the need to ensure that car parking wardens were equipped to provide the best possible advice to visitor to the Big Event.

It was **recommended** that

(1) the success of the Council's attendance at the 2016 Big Event is noted.

(2) the Clerk is instructed to forward the above observations to Torfaen County Borough Council to assist with the planning of future events.

**ENT16/010 Summer Playschemes 2016**

Councillor Davenne declared an interest in this item.

The Clerk reported that arrangements for this year's Summer Playschemes were well in hand. Information about the way in which this year's Playschemes appeared to have reached the public and there had been relatively little negative feedback about the new arrangements. The Chairman emphasised the importance of monitoring feedback about the new arrangements.

Members noted that children from the Playschemes would be visiting Greenmeadow Farm but that it would not be possible for this to coincide with "National Play Day" on 3 August 2016. The Clerk confirmed that arrangements would be made for Members to visit the Playschemes.

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

**ENT16/011 Programme of Events 2016/17**

Members noted the provisional list of events for 2016-17. The Clerk also reported that the new Members Handbook 2016/17 was currently being prepared and would be published shortly.

*(Note: the Primary Schools Choral Festival would take place on 21, 22 & 23 March 2017, not 12, 22 and 23 as reported.)*

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

Signed .....

*(Chair, Cwmbran Community Council)*