

Minutes of a Meeting of the Events & Community Projects Committee of Cwmbran Community Council held on Monday 21 November 2016

Present Councillor WJ Walker (in the Chair), Councillors LJ Chaney, J Davenne, M Day, R Jones, KK Manneh and TA Matthews.

Also, Councillors M Johnston

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

ENT16/016 Apologies for Absence

Apologies for absence were accepted from Councillors S Evans (work commitments) and PJ Williams (personal).

ENT16/017 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.

ENT16/018 Senior Schools Choral Festival 10 November 2016

Members considered a report which reviewed the success of the above event.

The 2016 Festival had been hosted for the first time by Cwmbran High School. Financial support had also been received from Cwmbran Shopping. The event had once again been a success.

Members suggested that, in future years, attention should be given to improved signage within the school to assist with directions to the Hall and possibly some signage/improved access within the car park.

It was **recommended** that the success of the above event is noted.

ENT16/019 Remembrance Sunday Parade 13 November 2016

Members considered a report which reviewed the success of the above event. Members noted that the Parade had now become an established event within the life of the town and drew attention to the growing numbers of persons who took part in the Parade or attended to observe.

Members paid particular tribute to the support received from pupils of Cwmbran High School, who had assisted with distribution of Order of Service Sheets and Handbooks. One student had also read the lesson in Welsh. This was further evidence of the growing partnership which was emerging between the school and the Council. The Clerk confirmed that he had written to the students to thank them for their support.

The Chairman of the Council asked that a letter is sent to Rev Ashley thanking her for the manner in which she had officiated at her first Parade and Remembrance Service.

Members also asked the Clerk to enquire whether Ponthir Community Council would confirm their interest in attending future Parades.

Members noted that the Parade had paused outside the Council's offices and that this feature of the event had improved in recent years and was now an important and dignified aspect of the event.

The Chairman reminded Members that a parade and ceremony would be taking place in Llantarnam on 21 January 2017 to commemorate the life of John Williams (Fielding), who had been awarded the VC at Rorke's Drift. He encouraged all Members to attend.

It was **recommended** that

- (1) the success of the above event is noted.
- (2) the Clerk is instructed to write to Rev Ashley to thank her for contribution to the above proceedings.

ENT16/020 Christmas Entertainment 2016

Members received an oral update from the Administrative Officer on the Council's programme of forthcoming Christmas events. The Administrative Officer described plans which had been put in place in relation to tree lighting ceremonies and entertainment in the town centre. She also described the publicity arrangements to support the events. The Clerk confirmed that the events also featured in the Council's recently published Residents Handbook. The Chairman encouraged Members to help raise awareness of the events via local community notice boards etc.

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

ENT16/021 Seminars & Meetings of Outside Bodies

Members considered reports in relation to the following seminars and meetings of outside bodies, attended by representatives of the Council:

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| (i) | Torfaen Play Sufficiency Action Group | 20 October 2016 |
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The Chairman thanked the Clerk for circulating details of attendance at the 2016 Summer Playschemes – Minute CL16/065 refers. He looked forward to continuing the partnership with Torfaen County Borough Council into 2017. Members drew attention to the positive impressions gained when they had visited Playscheme sites during the summer and discussed other potential sites which could be used in 2017, with particular reference to the Llantarnam ward.

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

Signed

(Chair, Cwmbran Community Council)