

**Minutes of a Meeting of the Events & Community Projects Committee of Cwmbran Community Council held on Monday 20 February 2017**

**Present** Councillor WJ Walker (Chairman), Councillors LJ Chaney, M Day, S Evans, R Jones, TA Matthews, J Rees and PJ Williams.

Also Councillor M Johnston.

Also David Collins (Clerk to the Council)

**ENT16/027 Apologies for Absence**

Apologies for absence were accepted from Councillors SJ Brooks (holiday), KK Manneh (holiday) and RA Seabourne (holiday)

**ENT16/028 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.

**ENT16/029 "An Evening to Celebrate Cwmbran and its Communities" 4 March 2017**

Members considered progress in relation to the arrangements for the above event, which would be held at Greenmeadow Golf Club.

Members noted that the guests had been invited to arrive at 7.00pm for a 7.30 start. Members drew attention to the need to start promptly at 7.30 pm.

Members discussed the Guest List for the event and the overall arrangements, which would follow a similar format as in recent years. Torfaen Sea Cadets had been invited to provide entertainment at the event and Cwmbran Street Pastors had been invited to speak to the audience about their activities.

The Council was grateful for the support of a number of organisations and individuals who had donated items to help raise funds at the event for the Chairman's chosen charity, the MS Society Torfaen Branch.

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

**ENT16/030 Primary Schools Choral Festival 21, 22 and 23 March 2017**

Members considered progress in relation to the arrangements for the above event, which would be held at the Congress Theatre, commencing at 6.00pm on each occasion.

13 schools would be taking part. The Clerk encouraged as many Members as possible to attend.

It was **recommended** that the arrangements for the above event are noted and agreed.

**ENT16/031 Senior Schools Choral Festival 2017**

Members considered provisional arrangements for the above event.

The Clerk advised that it had become customary for the event to take place around Remembrance Sunday as this provided an opportunity for participating schools to reflect on matters associated with Remembrance in their performances. He therefore suggested that the event take place on Thursday 9 November 2017 at 6.00 pm.

Members agreed to invite Cwmbran High School to host the event again and also supported an approach to Cwmbran Shopping, who had generously provided financial assistance to assist with the cost of the 2016 Festival.

It was **recommended** that the above suggestions are agreed.

**ENT16/032 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:

- (i) Welsh Government & Imperial War Museums                      26 January 2016  
First World War Partnership Day 2017

(Members noted that a memorial plaque at Blaen Bran Community Woodland, funded by the Council, was now in place. Members highlighted potential sources of external funding for other projects, including opportunities to collaborate with other organisations who might be able to access funds on the Council's behalf.)

- (ii) Play Sufficiency Assessment (PSA)                                      16 February 2017  
Monitoring Group

(Members considered an oral report of this meeting. The Group had looked at 9 key areas of the Play Sufficiency Assessment. Other issues discussed included the Half Term Playschemes and an update on recruitment for the Summer Playschemes. Members discussed the potential for identifying any unspent finance as Earmarked Reserves for Playschemes at year end.)

It was **recommended** that

- (1) the above reports are noted.
- (2) the Policy & Finance committee is asked to consider the identification of Earmarked Reserves for Playschemes as part of its wider consideration of Reserves.

*Signed .....*

*(Chair, Cwmbran Community Council)*