

**Minutes of a Meeting of the Events & Community Projects Committee of Cwmbran Community Council held on Monday 4 September 2017**

**Present** Councillor M Day (Chair), Councillors AL Bird, SJ Brooks, PJ Cathcart, AJ Davies, LG Johnston, M Johnston, R Jones and WJ Walker

Also David Collins (Clerk to the Council)

**ECP17/012 Apologies for Absence**

Apologies for absence were accepted from Councillor SWJ Ashley (illness), JS Davenne (holiday) and M Villars (holiday)

**ECP17/013 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.

**ECP17/014 Playschemes**

The Clerk reported that the committee would receive a report on the 2017 Summer Playschemes at the next meeting (9 October 2017). Observations from Members who had attended the Member Site Visits would also be reported at that meeting.

Members discussed the sites used for the 2017 Summer Playschemes, expressing concerns at the low number of school sites utilised in Cwmbran. Members asked that consideration is given to more use of school premises in future. Members also discussed access problems at Llantarnam Primary School.

Members also asked that consideration is given to greater publicity for the financial support given to the Playschemes by the Council. The Chairman referred to publicity for the Playschemes, which highlighted the Council's support.

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

**ECP17/015 Merchant Navy Day 1 September 2017**

Members reviewed the success of the Council's arrangements to commemorate the above. The event had been supported by veterans' organisations, local churches and VIPs. Subsequent media interest (including Social Media) had helped to portray a positive image of the event. Modest costs had been incurred to provide light refreshments. Voluntary donations from guests had raised just over £25 for the Chairman's charities.

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

**ECP17/016 Remembrance Sunday 12 November 2017**

Members considered the arrangements for this year's Parade, which were described in a draft Order of Service which had been circulated.

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

**ECP17/017 2017 Events. Fees Paid to Participants**

It was **recommended** that the following fees are paid to participants for forthcoming events.

Senior Schools Choral Festival	£125 per school. £75 to Rev H Thomas for the role of MC
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Christmas Entertainment	£50 per choir/act
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Primary Schools Choral Festival	£125 per school £225 to Rev H Thomas for the role of MC
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**ECP17/018 Provisional Programme of Events**

Members considered the provisional programme of events for 2017/18, details of which were included on the agenda.

The Clerk drew attention to the need to consider making financial provision for any new events to be added to the calendar of events.

Members discussed the potential to erect Christmas Trees at other locations around the town. The Leader of the Majority Group highlighted some of the issues which would need to be resolved for this to take place, such as land ownership, risk assessment and the identification of suitable sites to erect a large tree.

A Member submitted details of a proposal to establish an annual Business Awards Evening.

It was **recommended** that

- (1) the programme of events for 2017/18 is endorsed.
- (2) Further consideration is given to the proposal to establish an annual Business Awards Evening.

*Signed.....*

*(Chair, Cwmbran Community Council)*