

Minutes of a Meeting of the Events & Community Projects Committee of Cwmbran Community Council held on Monday 3 September 2018

Present Councillors M Day (Chair), Councillors SWJ Ashley, AL Bird, SJ Brooks, PJ Cathcart, JS Davenne, RD Kemp, LG Johnston, LM Ryan, M Villars, WJ Walker and LE Williams

Also David Collins (Clerk to the Council)

ECP18/009 Apologies for Absence

Apologies for absence were accepted from Councillor M Johnston (personal).

Apologies for absence were also subsequently received from Councillor Rh M Bennett.

ECP18/010 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.

ECP18/011 Armed Forces Day 27 June 2018

Members considered a report which reviewed the success of the above event. The event had been well attended by a variety of community organisations and veterans' representatives. The children from Our Lady of the Angels School had once again supported the event. The Council's gazebo had also been used, which added to the enjoyment of the event.

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

ECP18/012 Merchant Navy Day 3 September 2018

Members considered an oral report from the Clerk, which reviewed the success of the above event. The Clerk displayed photographs of the event and referred to positive feedback received via social media. The event had been well attended by a variety of community organisations and veterans' representatives. Torfaen Sea Cadets & Royal Marines Cadets had assisted with the raising of the Red Ensign, which had added dignity and colour to the proceedings.

Members suggested that representatives of the Monmouthshire, Brecon & Abergavenny Canals Trust are invited to the 2019 event in view of the connections between war and the waterways, and the impact that war had had on the people, places and heritage of canals and rivers.

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

ECP18/013 Remembrance Sunday Parade 11 November 2018

Members noted that, at the request of veterans' organisations, this year's parade would follow a revised, shorter route. A copy of a letter received from CADESA together with a communication from the Royal Welsh Regimental Association confirming this request was submitted, together with observations of the Parade Marshall. The Clerk also referred to an additional letter received from the Royal Welsh Regimental Association, which supported the revised arrangements. The

revised arrangements were also supported by the police.

Members discussed the history of the parade route and the implications of the new arrangements. Councillor Walker (Armed Forces Champion) expressed his disappointment at the level of consultation undertaken about the new arrangements. Several Members referred to discussions which had taken place with representatives of veterans' organisations about their wish to review the route. Members considered whether other arrangements for the route of the parade would be practical.

Members acknowledged that, whilst the Council had been a long-standing supporter of the Parade, the event was not "owned" by the community as a whole. It was therefore important that the event reflected the wishes of the veterans' organisations.

It was **recommended** that:

- (1) the revised arrangements for the 2018 parade are noted.
- (2) veterans' organisations are asked to keep the arrangements under review, to assist with the planning of the 2019 parade.

ECP18/014 Provisional Programme of Events

Members considered the provisional programme of events for 2018/19, details of which were included on the agenda. All Members were encouraged to support the programme of events.

The Clerk drew attention to the forthcoming Senior Schools Choral Festival (7 November 2018) and the fees normally paid to schools and the Master of Ceremonies (MC)).

Members also noted the arrangements for other events which were not delivered by the committee, including the Community Awards Evening (22 November), Schools Eco Quiz (7 February) and John Fielding memorial event in January. Members asked that the arrangements for the Grants Presentation/Community Awards Evening (22 November 2018) are added to the programme in future for information.

The Vice Chairman of the Council drew attention the fact that Torfaen County Borough Council had flown the Rainbow Flag outside the Civic Centre in Pontypool to celebrate Rainbow Flag day on Friday, August 25 and the start of Pride Cymru events in Cardiff. He asked Members to consider whether Cwmbran Community Council wished to fly the Rainbow Flag in future years.

It was **recommended** that

- (1) the provisional programme of events for 2018/19 is endorsed.
- (2) the following fees are paid to participants in the Senior Schools Choral Festival

£125 per school
£75 to Rev H Thomas for the role of MC

- (3) a Past Chairman's badge is presented to the widow of Councillor Bob Jones at the forthcoming Grants Presentation/Community Awards Evening.

- (4) further consideration is given to whether the Council wishes to fly the Rainbow Flag in future years.

ECP18/015 Seminars & 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 | 4 July 2018 |
| (ii) | Playschemes Awards Ceremony | 24 August 2018 |

(the Vice Chairman of the Council was pleased to report that the Council's support for the Playschemes had been acknowledged at the ceremony)

It was **recommended** that

- (1) the above information is noted.
- (2) a review of the 2018 Summer Playschemes is reported to the next meeting of the committee.

Signed.....
(Chair, Cwmbran Community Council)