

Minutes of a Meeting of the Events & Community Projects Committee of Cwmbran Community Council held on Monday 8 October 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) and Clare Facey (Administrative Officer)

ECP18/016 Apologies for Absence

Apologies for absence were accepted from Councillors Rh M Bennett (sickness) and M Johnston (personal).

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

ECP18/017 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.

Councillor JS Davenne declared an interest in Minute ECP18/018 below (Summer Playschemes 2018).

ECP18/018 Summer Playschemes 2018

Councillor JS Davenne declared an interest in this item.

The Chair welcomed Councillor Mandy Owen, Chair of the Play Sufficiency Assessment (Torfaen County Borough Council) and Julian Davenne (Play Services Members (Torfaen County Borough Council).

Members considered a detailed report which reviewed the success of the Playschemes. Information presented included details of locations, attendance and feedback from children, parents and carers. Members also viewed a video which displayed highlights from this year's Playschemes and considered any issues arising from site visits undertaken by Members. Members also discussed all of these matters within the wider context of the future delivery of the Playschemes.

Councillor Owen and the Play Services Manager elaborated on issues within the report. The Play Services Manager highlighted attendance at Playschemes across Cwmbran and drew attention to the support provided by the Community Council. He confirmed that financial support from the Community Council was used to provide play opportunities across Cwmbran. He also highlighted matters relating to staffing and training and drew attention to positive feedback. Torfaen Playschemes were now held up as a model of Best Practice from which others could learn. He also described arrangements to provide free fruit & snacks at certain sites and the identification of some sites as "Laugh, Learn and Get Active Camps," which attracted Welsh Government funding.

Issues raised by Members included:

- provision for children who were young carers.
- the potential to expand the service in 2019.
- expenditure per child. (the Play Service Manager agreed to provide this information)
- links with Social Services and children on the Child Protection Register.
- the take-up of spaces at each Playscheme setting from children who lived within the communities where they were sited.
- demand from new housing areas such as South Sebastopol.
- the success of the Members' to Playscheme sites and the Playscheme Awards.
- the need to consider the potential to fund free fruit and snacks earlier in the planning process for 2019.
- Criteria for selection of schools as "Laugh, Learn and Get Active Camps." (the Play Service Manager referred to the number of free school meals as an indicator for selecting schools).

The Leader drew the discussion to a conclusion by emphasising the Council's commitment to providing play opportunities for local children and the importance of making provision within the Council's estimates for all matters relating to any contribution towards the Playschemes.

It was **recommended** that the Chair of the Play Sufficiency Assessment and Play Services Manager are thanked for their attendance.

ECP18/019 Senior Schools Choral Festival 7 November 2018

Members considered an oral report from the Administrative Officer on arrangements for the above event.

Members noted that a number of local schools would be taking part in this year's festival. Other local choirs had also been approached. The Administrative Officer also explained the position in relation to ticket sales.

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

ECP18/020 Christmas Events 2018

Members considered an oral report from the Administrative Officer on arrangements for the above event.

Members noted that the Salvation Army and Cwmbran Brass Band would be supporting the programme of activities and that discussions were also taking place with the new Team Rector of Cwmbran Rectorial Benefice and Ministry Area, Rev'd Nick Perry.

Members discussed wider aspects of celebrating the Festive Season, such as the potential to erect decorations on existing facilities around areas such as Pontnewydd, options to provide Christmas Trees at other locations around Cwmbran. Members agreed that there was scope to examine such matters for future years as part of the annual estimate and budget setting process. However it would be important to establish responsibility for issues such as maintenance and land ownership.

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

ECP18/021 Rainbow Flag

At a meeting of the committee held on 3 September 2018, 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. (Minute ECP14/014 (4) refers.

Members noted that this matter would be considered by the Council's Policy & Finance Committee. Members of the Events & Community Projects Committee are invited to attend for this item.

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

ECP18/022 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.

It was **recommended** that the provisional programme of events for 2018/19 is endorsed.

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