

Minutes of a Meeting of the Events & Community Projects Committee of Cwmbran Community Council held on Monday 7 October 2019 at 6.00pm in the Council Chamber, Cwmbran Community Council, Ventnor Road, Cwmbran NP44 3JY

Present Councillors M Day (Chair), Councillors AL Bird, SWJ Ashley, PJ Cathcart, JS Davenne, M Villars, WJ Walker and LE Williams

Also Councillor Mandy Owen (Torfaen County Borough Council) David Collins (Clerk to the Council) and Clare Facey (Administrative Officer)

Absent

Councillors RhM Bennett, SJ Brooks, LG Johnston, RD Kemp, LM Ryan and M Johnston,

(No Public Participation Session was held at this meeting)

ECP19/021 Apologies for Absence

Apologies for absence were accepted from Councillors RhM Bennett (work commitments), M Johnston (sickness) and SJ Brooks (personal).

ECP19/022 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.

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Members welcomed Councillor Mandy Owen (Torfaen County Borough Council, Executive Member for Children, Families & Communities) to the meeting. Councillor Owen reported to members on facts and figures from this year's Summer Playscheme. Mention was also made to the importance of the partnership with Cwmbran Community Council, the success of the playschemes and the additional administration support, that was a huge support.

This summer each child received a free reusable bottle to help improve the local environment. In addition to this, all children were provided with free healthy snacks at all Playscheme sites.

The Play Services Manager (Julian Davenne, Torfaen County Borough Council) attended the meeting and presented a video showing highlights of this year's Playschemes.

After the video, Councillor Mandy Owen and Julian Davenne welcomed members' questions.

All members congratulated the Playscheme Service on the huge success of this year's Playschemes.

Mention was made to the Playscheme visits and how lovely it was to see the children playing outside and thoroughly enjoying themselves. However, at Henllys Summer Playscheme there was some concern over witnessing weed killer being sprayed, whilst the Playschemes were taking place. Councillor Owen explained that some schools employed their own contractors, however this was not acceptable and schools needed to be told that spraying was not to be undertaking whilst children are in the area. She agreed to pass this information on.

It was **recommended** that Councillor Mandy Owen and Julian Davenne are thanked for their presentation and willingness to answer Members' questions.

ECP19/024 "Cwmbran @ 70" 70th Anniversary of Cwmbran New Town

The Clerk reported that a memorial plaque for The Council House had been ordered and a simple ceremony would be held to commemorate the "unveil." Mossfords had kindly agreed to produce the plaque.

The Council was also supporting an exhibition which would be held in Cwmbran Town Centre but the Clerk was still waiting on a date of the event.

The Clerk reported that he had recently met with Torfaen Leisure Trust's, Chief Executive, to ascertain if there was an opportunity to commemorate the anniversary at the forthcoming Firework's event. Unfortunately the two did not really sit alongside one another.

Councillor Bird mentioned to members that it was also the 40th Anniversary of Cwmbran Community Council's Twinning relationship with Bruchsal and whether the Council could send a civic letter to Bruchsal to commemorate this.

It was **recommended** that:-

- a) the Clerk is thanked for his update and;
- b) that a civic letter is sent to Bruchsal to commemorate the 40th Anniversary of the Twinning.

ECP19/025 Provisional Programme of Events

Event	Date	Time	Venue
Senior Schools Festival	Thursday 10 Oct	6pm	Congress Theatre (<i>please note venue</i>)
Community Awards Night	Thurs 21 Nov	6pm	The Council House
Christmas Tree Lighting Ceremony	Fri 29 Nov	6pm	The Council House
Christmas Tree Lighting Ceremony	Wed 4 Dec	6pm	Ladywell, Pontnewydd

The Administration Officer reported on the upcoming Senior Schools Choral Festival and encouraged members to come along and support the event.

The Clerk reported on the Remembrance Sunday Parade and explained to members, as previously mentioned, that there were difficulties in finding a marching band but enquiries were still being made.

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

ECP19/026 Torfaen Armed Forces Covenant Group

Councillor Walker explained to members that he was extremely disappointed to note that over the last 2 years there had been 6 meetings scheduled for the Torfaen Armed Forces Covenant Group but only 2 had taken place, the other meetings have either been cancelled due to the lack of interest or availability.

Councillor Walker reported that he always received the newsletter and it appears that there is extensive work being undertaken in the “background” by this group but no actual meetings were taking place.

Members asked that a letter is sent to Alan Jones, the Torfaen Champion for this group, to express the Council’s concerns to improve communications and the need for regular meetings to actually take place.

It was **recommended** that a letter is sent to Alan Jones expressing the Council’s concerns.

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