

**Minutes of a Meeting of the Events & Community Projects Committee of Cwmbran Community Council held on Monday 18 November 2019 at 6.00pm in the Council Chamber, Cwmbran Community Council, Ventnor Road, Cwmbran NP44 3JY**

**Present** Councillors M Day (Chair), RM Bennett (Vice Chair) Councillors AL Bird, SWJ Ashley, SJ Brooks, JS Davenne, PM Johnston, M Villars and WJ Walker.

Also David Collins (Clerk to the Council)

**Absent** Councillors PJ Cathcart, RD Kemp, LJ Johnston, LM Ryan and LE Williams,

*(No Public Participation Session was held at this meeting)*

**ECP19/027 Apologies for Absence**

Apologies for absence were accepted from Councillor PJ Cathcart (sickness) and LE Williams (personal)

Apologies for absence were also subsequently received from Councillor LM Ryan.

**ECP19/028 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.

**ECP/19/029 Cwmbran New Town 70<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebrations**

Members noted that events continued to take place to celebrate the above. These included the unveiling of a plaque at the Council House on 4 November 2019. (An exhibition about the anniversary, supported by the Council, was also running at Cwmbran Town Centre until 13 December 2019. (Minute ECP19/024 refers)

It was **recommended** that a detailed report on the various activities and events which took place during the year is be submitted to a future meeting of the committee.

**ECP19/030 Remembrance 2019**

Members reviewed the Council's involvement in the annual Remembrance Sunday Parade (10 November 2019) and Laying of a Wreath at the Council House (11 November 2019).

The Parade had been well supported by the community and had included support from the Lord Lieutenant of Gwent on behalf of HM The Queen. The simple ceremony to lay a wreath at The Council House had also attracted local interest. Members were particularly pleased that this event had been supported by the children from Our Lady of the Angels RC Primary School.

Members discussed various aspects of the Remembrance Sunday Parade and also referred to other events which had taken place locally to commemorate Remembrance Sunday. Members discussed the role of the Council in relation to the Parade but also agreed that it was important that the community as a whole

took ownership of the event. Members discussed various arrangements which needed to be in place to ensure a successful Parade.

It was **recommended** that a meeting of all key partners associated with the Remembrance Sunday Parade is held in the near future to bring about a clear understanding of arrangements necessary to ensure the safe and successful continuation of the Parade.

#### **ECP19/031 Provisional Programme of Events**

Members noted the arrangements for Christmas Tree Lighting ceremonies at The Council House (29 November 2019) and Pontnewydd (4 December 2019.) Each event would commence at 6.00 pm.

Members also noted the postponement of the Community Awards/Grants Presentation Evening due to take place on 21 November 2019. (Minute CL19/058 (2) refers.)

Members also noted that a graveside service would take place on 25 January 2020 to commemorate the life of John Williams (Fielding) VC. This was an event which the Council had traditionally supported in the past.

It was **recommended** that the provisional programme of events is noted.

#### **ECP19/032 Seminars & Outside Bodies**

Members considered an oral report from Councillor WJ Walker, who had attended a meeting of the Play Sufficiency Sub Group on 7 November 2019. Issues which had been discussed included an initiative to encourage Street Play and the removal of "No Ball Games" signs in suitable locations. Members discussed issues associated with these initiatives, such as road closures and other related issues such as the 30<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Convention of the Rights of the Child and the use of Play Buses in the past. Councillor Walker also advised that he had raised the question of the installation of play equipment at Llantarnam with representatives of Bron Afon. He also advised that he would continue to pursue his concerns about the use of weed killer at a Playscheme site during 2019. (Minute ECP19/023 refers)

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

#### **ECP19/033 Exclusion of the Press & Public**

In view of the confidential nature of the business to be transacted, it was agreed that the following matter be considered in private and that the power of exclusion of the public under Section 1(2) of the Public Bodies (Admission to Meetings) Act, 1960 be exercised.

#### **ECP19/034 Cwmbran Big Event 2020**

Members considered a report which set out matters relating to the proposed arrangements whereby the Council would deliver the above event. The report included a risk assessment of matters relating to aspects of the proposed arrangements and a quotation from MB Safety and Security Limited.

**Resolved** that

(1) the operating model for delivery of the 2020 Big Event is approved.

- (2) Financial Regulations (and Standing Orders & Standing Orders Relating to Contracts) are suspended in order to accept the quotation of MB Safety and Security Limited and engage them for the Big Event 2020, in order to ensure a safe and successful event, as described in the report referred to above.
- (3) Financial Regulations, Standing Orders & Standing Orders Relating to Contracts are also suspended for all other aspects of this project (including budgetary control), should this prove necessary, in order to ensure a safe and successful event, as described in the report referred to above.

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