

Minutes of a Meeting of the Events & Community Projects Committee of Cwmbran Community Council held on Monday 6 January 2020 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, PJ Cathcart, JS Davenne, LM Ryan, M Villars, WJ Walker and LE Williams.

Also David Collins (Clerk to the Council) and Clare Facey (Administrative Officer.)

Absent Councillors M Johnston, R Kemp, LG Johnston

(No Public Participation Session was held at this meeting)

ECP19/035 Apologies for Absence

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

ECP19/036 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/19/037 Cwmbran New Town 70th Anniversary Celebrations

At the last meeting Members requested a detailed report on events which had taken place to celebrate the Cwmbran New Town 70th Anniversary Celebrations.

The Clerk reported on the highlights:-

- capitalising on the popularity of the Cwmbran Big Event to celebrate the anniversary, include the making of a giant birthday card.
- utilising an issue of the Residents Handbook to promote the anniversary. (The handbook was distributed at a number of community events during the year)
- extensive coverage on social media and the Council's website.
- the unveiling of a plaque at The Council House on 4 November 2019, which was kindly donated by Mossfords.
- An exhibition about the anniversary, supported by the Council, also ran at Cwmbran Town Centre until 13 December 2019. Both the exhibition and the anniversary itself attracted significant media interest.

Following the Clerk's report Members suggested that the exhibition that was held in the Town Centre could be displayed here at our officers.

Mention was also made to the VE Celebrations which will be taking place on 8th May 2020 and the VJ Celebrations which take place on 15th August 2020.

Members suggested that the Council support both celebrations in this year's Council diary.

It was **recommended**:-

- a) that the Town Centre Cwmbran New Town 70th Anniversary Celebrations exhibition is displayed at the Council offices,
- b) that the Council supports the VE Celebrations and the VJ Celebrations,
- c) that the above is noted.

ECP19/038 Christmas Events 2019

Members considered the Christmas Tree Lighting Ceremonies which had taken place on 29th November and 4th December at The Council House and Pontnewydd. It was noted that 6 members actually attended the Pontnewydd Tree Lighting and not 2 as stated in the report.

Members felt that the events were well supported. Mention was made to the 'glitch' with the tree lights at The Council House. Members were pleased to note that checks will be in place next year to prevent this from happening again.

Members also suggested that the Christmas Trees are reduced in size next year to prevent any issues and/or accidents arising.

It was **recommended** that:-

- a) checks are in place to prevent any issues with the Christmas Tree lights not switching on,
- b) the trees are reduced in size next year,
- c) the report is noted.

ECP19/039 Provisional Programme of Events

Members considered the following programme of events:-

| Event | Date | Venue | Power |
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| Community Awards & Grants Presentation Evening | 30 January 2020 (6.00pm) | Council House | Local Government Act 2000 s2 (Power of Well-being) |
| Schools Eco Quiz | 6 February 2020 (6.00pm) | Congress Theatre | Local Government Act 2000 s2 (Power of Well-being) |
| Celebration of Cwmbran and its Communities | 6 March 2020 (6.00pm) | Greenmeadow Golf Club | Local Government Act 1972 s137 |

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| Primary Schools Choral Festival | 23, 24, 25 March 2020 (6.00pm & &.7.00pm) | Congress Theatre | Local Government Act 1972 s 145. |
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It is anticipated that a graveside service will also take place in January 2020 to commemorate the life of John Williams (Fielding) VC. This is an event which the Council has traditionally supported in the past.

The Administration Officer updated Members on any progress on the above events.

It was **recommended** that

- (1) the programme of events is noted.
- (2) in pursuance of the power conferred by Section 137 of the Local Government Act 1972 (as amended) and being of the opinion that the expenditure satisfies the requirements of that section, expenditure up to £3200 is approved in relation of the above Celebration of Cwmbran and its Communities.

ECP19/040 Committee Estimates 2020/21

Members received a proposal for the 2020/21 Committee Estimates. It was suggested that the Council identify earmarked reserves to assist with any unforeseen costs in relation to the Big Event and other events in the amount of £10,000.

It was **recommended** that:-

- a) The Council identify earmarked reserves for this Committee in the sum of £10,000 in relation to the Big Event and other events.
- b) The Committee Estimates are approved.

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