



Clerk to the Council/
Clerc i'r Cyngor:

MRS. R.V. TUCKER, B.A.

11th November/Tachwedd 2020

Dear Sir/Madam, Annwyl Syr/Fadam,

You are hereby requested to attend a Virtual meeting of the **EVENTS COMMITTEE** to be held on **WEDNESDAY 18th NOVEMBER 2020**

Gofynnir drwy hyn i chi fynychu - **PWYLLGOR IGWYDDIADAU** yn Rhith Gyfarfod am **6:30 yf, DYDD MERCHER 18 TACHWEDD2020.**

Yours faithfully/ Yr eiddoch yn gywir

CLERK TO THE COUNCIL/ CLERC I'R CYNGOR

A G E N D A

1. **Apologies**
2. **Declarations of Interest**
Members to declare an interest in any items on the Agenda.
3. **Eisteddfod**
To receive a report on the Eisteddfod 2021. (attached: pages 1 – 2)
4. **Update on Autumn/Winter Events**
To receive a report on Autumn/Winter Events (attached: pages 3 – 5)
5. **Colouring Competition**
To consider holding a Colouring Competition as per attached e-mail. (attached: page 6)

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6. **Photography/Poetry Competition**

To consider holding another Photography and Poetry Competition in the New Year. Refer Events Officers

Councillors: *Mrs E. Chilcott (Chair) M. Ford (Vice-Chair) Ms K. Arthur, N. Byrne, Mrs J. E. Jones, N. Jones, Vacancy, Mrs N. P. Parrish, B. Rapier, N. Simons*

Chair and Leader ex officio

To all members for information

Events Committee

Wednesday 18th November 2020

Eisteddfod 2021

1. Purpose of report

1.0 To give a suggestion to members on the format of the 2021 Eisteddfod.

2. Format of Event

2.0 The likelihood of the Eisteddfod taking place in 2021 in the old format is pretty low.

The event would take the following format:

The Council would continue to send out the set pieces and the Key Stage 2 children would choose one instrument to play for the instrumental category. The event must adhere to Covid guidelines that are currently in place regarding singing and the use of some wind instruments. However, these guidelines change frequently and if the Council agreed in principle to the event going ahead the Covid guidelines could be looked at in the new year and the event be adapted to abide by them.

The schools would send in their entries online. The judges would be sent the entries via email.

The Art competition would still go ahead in its current format as the entries would be sent into the Council and displayed and judged in the Chamber. This format would be safe. The theme for the Art would be "Happiness".

The Eisteddfod entry deadline would be Thursday 18th March 2021. The winners will be announced after the Easter Holidays.

Categories could include:

Solo Singing
Solo Recitation
Group Recitation
Choir
Folk Dance
Instrumental (Key Stage 2)

The following schools have stated that they would be interested in entering the virtual eisteddfod as long as Covid guidelines were adhered to:

Ysgol Panteg
Ysgol Bryn Onnen
Penygarn
Griffithstown
New Inn
Garnteg
George Street
Cwmffrwdroer (tentative)

3.0 Costs

3.1 The amount of **£1250** would be needed for Vouchers for the event. Last year love to shop vouchers were purchased.

The breakdown of the vouchers are as follows:

SOLO entries:

1ST - £20

2ND - £15

3RD - £10

GROUP entries

1ST - £30

2ND - £20

3RD - £10

Foundation phase winners receive a £200 cheque and Key Stage 2 winners receive a £200 cheque.

Total cost of vouchers and cheques - **£1637.50**

£500 would need to be put aside for any judging costs to be incurred.

Recommended: (i) that the report be noted
(ii) that the Committee decide if they wish to hold the event online.
(iii) that the budget be set at £2137.50

Annette Ambrosen
Events Officer
Nov 2020

Full Council Committee Meeting
Wednesday 18th Nov 2020

Update on Autumn/Winter Events 2020

1.0 Purpose of report

To provide an update on the events that have already taken place and the ones which will take place up until Christmas 2020.

2.0 Autumn/Winter events 2020

2.1 Halloween Best dressed Business Competition

This competition was open to small businesses of Pontypool Town. There were a total of 4 entrants to the competition. The judges were, Cllr Mrs Gaynor James, and Staff Cindy Challenger, Annette Ambrosen and Rebecca Cronin.

The winners were announced as:-

1st - Salon 68 awarded £300

2nd - A Cut Above awarded £200

Joint 3rd - Angelwoods Residential Lettings and Property Sales and Osbourne Lodge Nursery £50 each

2.2 Pontypool's favourite Christmas Carol Poll

The online poll was advertised on Facebook and Twitter. The poll consisted of 5 songs for the members of the public to vote upon:-

The Holly and the Ivy
Hark the Herald Angels Sing
Little Donkey
Silent Night
Joy to the World

There was a total of 14 votes, with the winner announced as Silent Night, with 8 votes.

2.3 Carol singing competition

This competition is running from 9th November until 23rd November and is open to all Torfaen residents. The competition is advertised on Social Media platforms. There will be two categories, solo entries and group entries (must be from within the same household).

Individuals and groups will all record the same carol – ‘Silent Night’ and send in the recordings via email, to be judged by Sarah Horner-Campbell.

The prizes will be Amazon vouchers 1st - £60, 2nd £40 and 3rd £30.

2.4 Design a Christmas card and write a Christmas verse competitions

These competitions will be open to all Torfaen residents and runs from 13th November until 10th December. All card design entries and verse entries can be sent in via email.

Gwyne Carnell (poetry competition judge) will be judging both the card design and verse competitions, which is due to take place in w/c 14th December.

The prizes will be Amazon vouchers 1st - £60, 2nd - £40 and 3rd - £30 for each competition.

2.5 Pontypool and District Residents Outdoor Christmas Light competition.

This competition will be open to all residents of Pontypool. Residents will be asked to send in a photograph entry of their lights via email. The competition runs from 24th November to 15th December.

It is suggested that the judges are Chair and Leader of Council and 2 members of staff. Baring social distancing in mind, judges may wish to visit the top entries in person.

The prize money will be Amazon vouchers 1st - £100, 2nd - £60 and 3rd - £40.

2.6 Christmas Best Dressed Window competition

This event is not new for 2020, but despite the Cavalcade being cancelled this year, this competition will still run. All small businesses of Pontypool Town will be invited to enter, via posters sent to their business addresses.

Prizes for this competition need to be confirmed, for previous years the prizes are normally, 1st - £50, 2nd - £30 and 3rd - £20, but it had been suggested at the last Events meeting that the prize money match that of the Halloween best dressed business competition, so 1st - £300, 2nd - £200 and 3rd - £100 and for this money to be awarded via Bacs.

Closing date for entries is 10th December.

Judges suggested are Leader of Council, and 3 members of staff.

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2.7 Budget

Total spend for all events in this report will be: £1920.

3.0 Recommendations

Recommended: (i) that the information be received.

(ii) that the Committee confirm the prize money for the Best Dressed business for Christmas competition.

Mrs Rebecca Cronin – Events Officer
09.11.2020

From: John Killick <johnkillick@gmail.com>
Sent: 21 October 2020 09:08
To: Ruth Tucker <RTucker@pontypoolcc.gov.uk>
Subject: Fwd: Play packs

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Hi Ruth

Rather than do a long explanation I thought it best to send you a copy of an email I sent to Julian a week ago. The upshot is that he's agreed 100% that the idea can be done. How should we proceed, please?

Thanks

John

----- Forwarded message -----

From: **John Killick** <johnkillick@gmail.com>
Date: Wed, Oct 14, 2020 at 1:03 PM
Subject: Play packs
To: Davenne Julian <julian.davenne@torfaen.gov.uk>

Hi Ju

Pam and I were talking about the Christmas play packs yesterday evening which she thinks is a great idea. She's had a lot of really good feedback about the summer ones from three of the teaching assistants at Cwmffrwd'oer. I start with this as I wouldn't want you to think that I'm suddenly coming out with good ideas!!

She suggested that in the play packs, children should be encouraged to do a picture or two about children at play which could go in to a competition run by Pontypool Community Council. All the entries could go up in the market or in shops around the town and they could be judged by whoever. The winning twelve would then go into a calendar. This would have to be a calendar for 2022 as it's too late for 2021 now.

This would be great for the children, give an extra activity for parents to do with their children and, for Pontypool, have the benefit of bringing people in to the town as parents and grandparents always want to see their children's work on show.

Would it be possible to include something like this in your pack?

Thanks

John

Julian's reply was

Sounds like a good idea, displaying all the artwork in January and February when this is traditionally a gloomy time of year and with Covid on top will be quite depressing. I think it will be lovely to see all the children's artwork. We have done ones before called – My Torfaen, a happy and healthy place to play.



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