

**MINUTES OF EVENTS COMMITTEE HELD IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBER,
PONTYPOOL COMMUNITY COUNCIL OFFICES
WEDNESDAY 20th January 2021**

In attendance:

Councillor: Mrs G. James (In the Chair)

Councillors in attendance: N. Jones, Mrs N. P Parrish, B. Rapier

Officers: Mrs C. Challenger, Mrs A. Ambrosen, Mrs R. Cronin

98	<u>Apologies</u>	Apologies received and accepted from Councillors Mrs E. Chilcott JP, M. Ford, Mrs J. E. Jones, and Mrs R. Matthews.	JW
99	<u>Declarations of Interest</u>	Councillors Mrs G. E. James, N. Jones and Mrs N. P. Parrish declared an interest in any item on the agenda relating to Torfaen County Borough Council. <u>RECOMMENDED:</u> that the declarations of interest be recorded.	JW
100	<u>Events 2020</u>	The Committee received an update of the Winter events in 2020. A member enquired where the winners of the competitions lived. The Events Officer stated that the winners had come from all over Torfaen. A member enquired if the best dressed business was open to all shops in Pontypool. It was explained that it was only open to independent traders in Pontypool Town Centre. The Member asked if the 2021 competition could be opened to traders throughout Pontypool. The Chair stated that this could be hard to judge and some thought would need to go into the logistics of opening the competition in the future. <u>RECOMMENDED:</u> (i) that the information as outlined at the meeting and in the report be noted.	AA RC CC

101 **Eisteddfod 2021**

The Committee received an update on the proposed online Eisteddfod. The Acting Clerk explained to the Committee that due to the current Covid situation and that all schools are currently closed/scaled down with no secure date as to when they will re-open, she proposed that the Eisteddfod 2021 be cancelled for this year. The members all agreed, and it was stated that teachers would be under a lot of pressure when they return to the classroom the Council would not want to add more pressure onto teachers with an event that would take up a lot of their time.

RECOMMENDED:

- (i) that the information in relation to the events be received.
- (ii) that the 2021 Eisteddfod be cancelled.

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102 **Chairman's Charity Event**

The Committee considered the possibility of a Chairman's Charity Event taking place in 2021. The Chair stated that due to the current Covid situation it would not be possible to hold a Chairman's Charity Event this year.

RECOMMENDED:

- (i) That the 2021 Chairman's Charity Event be cancelled

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103 **Annual Dinner**

The Committee considered the possibility of an Annual Dinner taking place in 2021. The Chair stated that due to the current Covid situation it would not be possible to hold an Annual Dinner this year.

RECOMMENDED: (i) that the 2021 Annual dinner be cancelled.

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104 **Spring Events**

The Committee received a report to consider possible events for 2021. A discussion took place regarding running the following events:
Art Competition

Virtual Spelling Test
Outdoor Treasure Hunt
Spot the Ball.

It was decided that the Council would hold an Art competition with the theme that would allow the entrants to visualise something other than the pandemic and something that people have been missing i.e. A Summers day adventure. The Acting Clerk and staff were asked to come up with a relevant theme. It was agreed that the prizes would be vouchers and the amounts would be £60, £40, and £30.

RECOMMENDED: (i) that an Art Competition be held and the theme to allow the entrants to visualise something other than the pandemic.

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105 **Photography/Poetry Competition**

The Committee was asked to consider holding another Photography and Poetry Competition in the New Year due to how popular they had been earlier in the year with a high number of entries in both categories. It was agreed to advertise in February with the theme unanimously being agreed as “Spring and New Beginnings” for both photography and poetry with judging taking place at the end of March/April.

RECOMMENDED (i)that another photography/poetry competition be held in February as outlined above with the same theme for both photography and poetry - “Spring and New Beginnings”.
(ii) the prizes be vouchers and the amounts £60, £40, and £30.

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106 **NHS, Social Care and Frontline Workers Day**

The Committee were asked to consider a request received through One Voice Wales for the celebrations for the NHS, Social Care and Frontline Workers Day on 5th July 2021. A discussion took place on how the Council could get involved with the event. It was recommended that the window be decorated by staff near the date of the NHS 73rd anniversary and a notice go on the Council’s social media platform stating that if any members of the public were holding

an event to celebrate the anniversary the Council could advertise it and show how the local community commemorated the anniversary.

RECOMMENDED: (i) that the Council staff decorate the window to celebrate the NHS 73rd Anniversary and that the local Community celebrations be promoted on the Council's Social Media platforms.

Chair

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