

**MINUTES OF A MULTI-LOCATION MEETING OF THE EVENTS  
COMMITTEE OF PONTYPOOL COMMUNITY COUNCIL  
HELD ON  
WEDNESDAY 8 JUNE 2022 AT 6.30PM**

**In attendance:**

Councillor: Rose Matthews# (in the Chair)

Councillors in attendance: Councillors Ben Rapier\*, Matt Ford#, Anne Gunter\*, Gaynor James#, Nick Jones\*, Bog Rogers\*, Jools Rogers\*

Officers: Cindy Challenger# (Events & Projects Manager), Jane Wright# (Assistant Clerk) and Annette Ambrosen# (Events Officer)

Also in attendance: Councillors Jon James#, Richard Overton#

\* *Attending remotely via Microsoft Teams*

# *Attending physically in the Council Chamber*

*The meeting was recorded for minute taking purposes as agreed by Members.*

57. **Apologies**

Apologies received from Councillor(s) Lizzie Hunt.

58. **Declarations of Interest**

Councillors Gaynor James, Jon James and Rose Matthews declared personal and non-prejudicial interests in any agenda items relating to Torfaen County Borough Council (TCBC) as they were members of TCBC, as well as members of Pontypool Community Council.

59. **Eisteddfod**

The Events & Projects Manager informed the meeting that the Eisteddfod was very well attended on both days by the schools. The Infant Schools that participated were Ysgol Bryn Onnen, Penygarn, Griffithstown, New Inn, Cwmffrwdroer and Garnteg; the Junior schools that participated were Ysgol Bryn Onnen, Penygarn, Griffithstown, New Inn, Cwmffrwdroer, Garnteg and George Street. Griffithstown won overall on both Infant and Junior Days.

Menter Iaith provided the Compere and Judges for both days and the music Judge was Wayne Corrie Beecham and dance

Judge Alison Instone. A feedback meeting will be scheduled for June with a detailed report going to the September Events meeting.

The Chair of Events congratulated the staff on an exceptionally well organised Eisteddfod which was reiterated by all members present. The Chair of Council stated that it was one of the best Eisteddfod's he had attended; his only regret was that he was only able to attend the one day; he stated that although people attend on the day they are unaware of the massive amount of work that is undertaken behind the scenes to ensure the Eisteddfod runs as seemingly as it does so a massive thank you to staff especially Mrs AA for organising the Event which was reiterated by the Events & Projects Manager.

**RESOLVED:**

- (i) that the information be noted
- (ii) that Mrs AA and staff be thanked for the outstanding work on the Eisteddfod.

60. **Art Competition**

The Council received a report from Mrs AA, Events Officer in relation to the Art Competition. The theme was the Queen's Jubilee. There were four adult entries and twenty-four junior entries. The entries were judged by representatives from Llantarnam Grange Art Centre who were professionally qualified to judge the entries. The results were as follows:

- 1<sup>st</sup> – Kate Evans
- 2<sup>nd</sup> – Michael Kelleher
- 3<sup>rd</sup> – Russ Jones

All members were extremely impressed with the three winning entries. After a brief discussion it was agreed that it would be a lovely idea to send the three winning entries to Her Majesty the Queen as members felt she would love the pictures, especially the Corgis. It would also be nice for the winners to know their pictures would be sent. Mrs AA stated that she would research this and send them.

**RECOMMENDED:**

- (i) that the information relayed in relation to the Art Competition be noted.

- (ii) that the three winning entries be sent to Her Majesty the Queen.

61. **Poetry Competition**

Mrs AA informed the meeting that the poetry competition is still live, the theme is The Queen's Jubilee (which was also the theme of the Art competition). The closing date is the 17 June and judging will take place on Tuesday 21 June, so far there have only been six entries. Secondary schools in Pontypool and Cwmbran had been contacted at the start of the competition plus again this week to try and gain more entries; Mrs AA pointed out that very often there can be a last influx of entries. The event has been advertised on social media and in the local press plus in libraries and Pontypool Indoor Market.

A presentation evening will be held on Thursday 7 July at 7.00 pm at Torfaen Museum to which all members will be invited to.

**RECOMMENDED:** that the information in relation to the Poet of Pontypool be received and noted.

62. **Party in the Park**

The Committee received a report from Mrs CC, Events & Projects Manager. Party in the Park will be taking place on Saturday 9 July 2022 from 11.00 am to 5.00 pm in Pontypool Park. All members are welcome, an invite would be sent out in due course. The SAG, Hire of Park and the Street Trading Licensing forms had been submitted and approved and Mr Mike Bendell from M B Safety will be the Health and Safety Advisor for the event and security will be provided by him.

The infrastructure for the day is all in hand and everything booked, she stated she is not where she would like to be at present in terms of putting up the banners and a few other matters due to the Eisteddfod being held two months later than normal which has had a knock-on effect on the organising of Party in the Park but was confident that everything would be sorted before the event. Mrs CC stated that she was arranging another Party in the Park meeting for 28 June. Cllr AG enquired if the event had been advertised on social media as she had tried to find it but had

not been able to find anything. It was confirmed by Mrs CC that the event was advertised on the council's website and Facebook pages; they had also asked people to share it; once the poster has been compiled Torfaen will be doing a write up on the event and sharing it on their website pages. Mrs AA added that there is an advertising budget, to which an advert will be placed on Facebook to reach a wider demographic audience. The Chair of Council informed the meeting that he had first-hand experience of organising exhibition events and the amount of work that goes into organising them; so, organising an event such as Party in the Park with the small team of staff that PCC has is a credit.

**RECOMMENDED:** that the information relayed by the Events & Projects Officer in relation to Party in the Park be acted upon.

63. **Environmental Quiz**

For the benefit of new members Mrs AA stated that every year the Council hold an environmental quiz for the primary schools of Pontypool which are aimed at year 6 pupils specifically. Teams of six children from each school take place in the quiz of which the questions are based on environmental issues.

The meeting was informed that seven schools will be participating in the quiz which would be held on Monday 20 June at 4.00 pm at Padre Pio school. The teams will be made up of six pupils from Year 6 of each school; there will be seven rounds in total. Mr Richard Gwinnell (Acting Clerk) will be the quiz master. Every child will receive a recycled notepad and pen for participating and a healthy buffet will be available for the students after the event. The Chair informed the meeting that this is a fabulous event. Mrs AA confirmed that all members will be invited to attend.

**RECOMMENDED:**

- (i) that the information be noted.
- (ii) that all members be invited to attend the Environment Quiz.

64. **Garden Competition**

The Garden Competition is currently live and closes on 11 July. So far there have been eight entries, however Mrs AA

stated the entries tend to increase just before the closing date. The two judges are Annette Ramsey from Greenmeadow Community Farm and Robert Williams from the Secret Garden; judging will take place around mid-July. Mrs CC stated that last year little slips were produced to push through doors as no matter how much advertising you do sometimes people do not see it. A member asked was there an allotment category, it was confirmed no, however there was a category on best vegetable garden, largest grown vegetable so allotments had been contacted in respect of this category, other categories included best container garden, best lawn, best flower bed, as well as a junior section.

**RECOMMENDED:** the information in relation to the Garden Competition be received and noted.

65.

**Platinum Jubilee Best Dressed Window**

In relation to the Queen Jubilee window competition run by the Council the judging took place on Wednesday 1 June and Councillors Mrs Gaynor James and Matt Ford were the judges. There were twelve shops that entered; the winners and prizes were as follows:

- 1<sup>st</sup> – Penrhiwgyngi Bakery - £100.00
- 2<sup>nd</sup>- Osbourne Lodge Nursery - £60.00
- 3<sup>rd</sup> – A cut above - £40.00

**RECOMMENDED:** that the information be noted.

Signed by the Chair .....

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