

**MINUTES OF EVENTS COMMITTEE HELD IN THE COUNCIL
CHAMBER, PONTYPOOL COMMUNITY COUNCIL OFFICES
WEDNESDAY 18TH APRIL 2018**

In attendance:

Councillor: Mrs E. Chilcott JP (In the Chair)

Councillors in attendance: Mrs G. James, N. Jones, R. Mills, Mrs N. P. Parrish and Mrs R. Matthews,

Officers: Mrs R. Tucker, Mrs A. Ambrosen

365 **Apologies**

Apologies received from Councillors N. Byrne, M. Ford, and Mrs J. E. Jones.

RECOMMENDED: that the apologies be recorded.

366 **Declarations of Interest**

Councillors R. Mills, N. Jones, Mrs G. James and Mrs N. Parrish declared an interest in any item on the agenda relating to Torfaen County Borough Council.

RECOMMENDED: note the information.

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367 **Eisteddfod 2018**

Members received a report on the 2018 Eisteddfod. The Clerk explained that there was a very good turnout from the schools and the event was a success. Members agreed that the event was a success however more staff should be made available to help on the day. Members mentioned that the catering services at Pontypool Active Living Centre were disappointing and asked the Clerk to write a letter highlighting the issues.

A member enquired why two cups were awarded for Solo Recitation and Group Recitation categories as they felt it gave the Welsh speaking schools an advantage. The Clerk explained the reasons behind the process. She explained that for the 2019 event the schools would be given set pieces determined by both Pontypool Community Council and Menter Iaith and that would allow for one cup to be presented for those categories.

The Chair explained that the event came in under budget.

- RECOMMENDED:** (i) that more staff be made available to help out on the days of the event
(ii) The Clerk to write to Pontypool Active Living Centre highlighting catering issues.
(iii) that Solo and Group Recitation categories only be awarded one cup.

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368 **Council Dinner**

Members received a report on the 2018 Council Dinner. The Clerk updated members on the arrangements and explained that representatives for the Chairman's chosen charities would be speaking at the event.

A member enquired about the budget for the event and asked for clarification on the guests attending and whether the majority of guests had helped the Community Council over the past year. The Clerk confirmed the budget for the event and confirmed that the majority of invited guests had helped the Community Council with events over the past year. The member asked the Clerk to supply him with a list of guests attending. The Clerk agreed.

- RECOMMENDED:** (i) that the report be received.
(ii) that the Clerk provide a list of guests attending the dinner as requested.

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369 **Charity Concert**

Members received a report on the Charity Concert. The Clerk explained that the concert would be held at Abersychan Comprehensive on Thursday 26th April at 6.30pm.

The Chair enquired if The Spirit Choir would be participating and the Clerk confirmed that they would be participating.

RECOMMENDED: (i) that the report be received.

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370 **Environmental Quiz**

Members received a report on the 2018 Environmental Quiz. The Clerk informed members that the date of the event stated in the report had now changed to Tuesday 19th June at Griffithstown Primary school. She stated that in previous years the Council had used Sharper Image to produce a PowerPoint presentation but the company no longer existed, the Clerk explained that she had contacted Cwmbran Community Council to enquire if the Council could collaborate with them in producing a PowerPoint presentation as they also host an Environmental Quiz.

RECOMMENDED: (i) that the report be received.
(ii) that the Council collaborate with Cwmbran Community Council and produce a PowerPoint presentation for the event.

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371 **Poet of Pontypool**

Members received a report on the 2018 Poet of Pontypool competition. A discussion took place regarding the theme for the 2018 competition and it was unanimously agreed that the theme for the 2018 competition be "A Canal Journey". Members recommended that in future more child friendly themes be nominated.

RECOMMENDED: (i) that the report be received.

- (ii) that the theme for the 2018 competition would be “A Canal Journey”
- (iii) that in future more child friendly themes be nominated.

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372 **Presentation Evening**

Members received a report on the 2018 Presentation Evening. The Clerk told members that the 2018 dates for the presentation evenings were Thursday 19th July and Thursday 11th October 2018. She stated that the Chair chose one of the venues and the other venue was chosen by the Committee via a rota. The Clerk stated that as the new Chair is yet to be determined the presentation evening on the 19th July was to be chosen by the Committee. A discussion took place and the Committee recommended Trevethin Workingmen’s club as the venue to host the Presentation evening on 19th July 2018. The projects Officer is to contact the venue to check availability.

- RECOMMENDED:** (i) that the report be received.
(ii) that Trevethin Workingmen’s club be chosen to host the Presentation evening on 19th July 2018 and that the Projects Officer contact them to check availability on the 19th July.

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373 **Twinning**

- (i) The Committee received an invitation for 8 youth to participate in the Youth Festival in Longjumeau from 27th August to 2nd September 2018. A member asked the Clerk to update new members on the current position the Council held on Twinning trips. The Clerk explained the history of Twinning and stated that the current position was that Youth Council representatives had not attended a Youth Festival since 2013. The Clerk explained that there was a minute stating that if the Youth Council was re-established then the Council would consider sending the Youth Council members to the next Festival, she explained that the Youth

Council was now re – established and had 11 members and that most of them had played an active role helping out with Events for the Council in the past eighteen months. The Clerk stated that the current leader of the Torfaen Youth Forum had indicated that she would be willing to accompany the youth providing that two of her forum could also attend. The two members of the Torfaen Youth Forum are Pontypool Residents. A member enquired how the representatives from the Youth Council were chosen to attend the Festival. The member stated that the Council needed to ensure that the process was fair. The Clerk explained the process. A member enquired about the budget for the event. The Clerk explained that the Youth Council had a separate bank account and the Council had set aside an amount over the past five years to fund any future Twinning trips. A member enquired into what Council staff do in regards to organising the trip, and what the Council actually fund. The Clerk explained that the Council organises and pays for the travel arrangements and that the host country pays for the accommodation and food costs. The Clerk clarified that no new amount of money would be allocated for the event and that the process for choosing what Youth Council members attend the event was fair.

- (ii) An invitation was received for members of the Council to attend and participate in the Twinning Conference at the end of the Youth Festival week at which two youths would also give a presentation. The theme for the conference is “The use of Social Media networks amongst young people.” It was agreed that Council would decide if any Councillors attend the Conference.

- (iii) The Committee received an invitation to the Sta Cristina Festival in Condeixa from 21st to 22nd July 2018. The Committee discussed the invitation and it was decided to defer the item until after the annual meeting in May

2018.

RECOMMENDED: (i) that 8 members of the Youth Council participate in the Youth Festival in Longjumeau from 27th August to 2nd September 2018.

(ii) that Council determine if any Councillors are to attend the Twinning Conference in August.

(iii) that the invitation to attend the Sta Cristina Festival in Condeixa from 21st – 22nd July 2018 be deferred until after the annual meeting in May 2018.

The Chair closed the meeting by stating that it was the last meeting for her as Chair and that she thanked The Clerk, staff of Pontypool Community Council and members who have helped and attended the events in her term as Chair.

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