

**MINUTES OF EVENTS COMMITTEE HELD IN THE COUNCIL
CHAMBER, PONTYPOOL COMMUNITY COUNCIL OFFICES
WEDNESDAY 20th MARCH 2019**

In attendance:

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

Councillors in attendance: Mrs G. E. James, Mrs J. E. Jones,
N. Jones, Mrs R. Matthews, N. Simons

Officers: Ms J. Wright, Mrs A. Ambrosen

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Apologies

Apologies were received from Councillors N. Byrne, G. Davies, M. Ford, Mrs E. Hunt, Mrs N. P. Parrish

RESOLVED: that the apologies be noted.

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Declarations of Interest

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.

RECOMMENDED: that the declarations of
interest be recorded.

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Poet of Pontypool

Members received a report on the 2019 Poet of Pontypool competition. A discussion took place regarding the theme for the 2019 competition and it was unanimously agreed that the theme for the 2019 competition out of those presented in the report be Land of my Fathers subject to the Grand Slam/Welsh Rugby being incorporated within the theme and the Events Officer informing Pontypool District Writers to this effect.

It was noted that the closing date for entries will be Friday the 14th June with judging taking place the week commencing the 17th June. The presentation evening will take place on Thursday 11th July subject to venue being arranged.

RECOMMENDED:

(i) that the theme for the 2019 Poet of Pontypool be Land of my Fathers to incorporate Grand Slam/Welsh Rugby within the theme.

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(ii) Events Officer to inform Pontypool District Writers and the other information in relation to the Poet of Pontypool be noted.

AA

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Eisteddfod 2019

Mrs AA, Events Officer informed the meeting that today 8 Infants Schools had taken part in the Inter-Schools Eisteddfod and the day had gone extremely well with New Inn and Griffithstown being declared joint winners. Tomorrow it would be the turn of the Junior Schools and again 8 schools would be participating.

Mrs AA informed members that several years ago there had been a third day where all the secondary schools had participated and for various reasons this dwindled out. However she explained that the new Head of Welsh at West Monmouth school who is presently one of the judges at the Eisteddfod is keen for the secondary school competition to be introduced and she knows that the new Head at Abersychan also would be keen for their school to take part. St. Alban's School have always said they would participate. Reference was made to the proposed closure of St. Alban's in two years.

After a short discussion it was agreed that the Events Officer make enquiries with these secondary schools in respect of taking part in 2019 and it was also suggested that maybe the two comprehensive schools in Cwmbran could also be asked to take part just as Blaenavon Primary had taken part in the Infant and Junior Eisteddfod in previous years. A member made reference to Ysgol Gyfun

Gwynllyw and the meeting was informed that out of 10 years being invited they only participated in 1 year; the Events Officer stated that this could be to do with exam timetabling for certain year groups but she would certainly send an invitation to ask them to participate in 2019.

It was further agreed that subject to the Events Officer ascertaining the interest from the secondary schools to participate in 2020 that an item be placed on the budget day to increase the Eisteddfod budget as obviously with an additional day then there would be extra costs incurred.

RECOMMENDED:

(i) that the information relayed by the Events Officer be noted.

(ii) that the Events Officer ascertain the interest from secondary schools at outlined above.

(iii) Subject to the interest by secondary schools that an item be placed on the budget day if a Secondary Inter-Schools Eisteddfod takes place.

385 **Environmental Quiz**

The Committee received a report on the 2019 Environmental Quiz. The Quiz will be held on Tuesday 11th June at 4.00 pm at New Inn Primary School. Year 6 children from each school that enters will form a team of 6 pupils and answer questions about the environment. This year an additional round on Bio-Diversity has been added as agreed at the October Planning & Environment meeting.

RECOMMENDED: (i) that the information be noted.

(ii) that the explanation of how the well-being objectives are being met is supported.

386 **Presentation Evening**

The Committee noted that the next Grants Presentation Evening will be held on Thursday 6th June at the Comrades Club where Grounds Maintenance Grants, Core Funding

Grants and other grants will be awarded.

RECOMMENDED: that the information in relation to the next Grants Presentation Evening be noted.

387 **Twining**

An invitation was received for the Chair of the Council to attend the Peter and Paul Festival in Bretten from the 28th June to 1st July 2019 in accordance with the Council's twinning policy. It was unanimously agreed that the Chair of Council attends this event. The Chair Elect informed the meeting that she would prefer a hotel more central as given in the information provided; this was agreed and Bretten to be informed in order that they can book a more central hotel as given in the information provided.

RECOMMENDED: that the Chair of Council attends the Peter and Paul Festival in Bretten from the 28th June to 1st July 2019 and Bretten be informed to this effect.

AA

388 **Christmas Trees/ Lights**

It was agreed that the item on Christmas Trees/Christmas Lights be deferred to Full Council in order that the Finance & Events Manager who will be in attendance at Council is able to answer financial related questions on this item. The Chair informed the meeting that the Christmas tree in Pontnewynydd is opposite the entrance to North Pontypool Industrial Estate as stated, however the Christmas tree sited at the Pleasant Court Complex is actually in the Trevethin ward, so for clarification there is only one tree in the Pontnewynydd Ward.

RECOMMENDED: that the item on Christmas Trees/Lights be deferred to Full Council and the information in relation to the Christmas tree in Pontnewynydd be noted.

Chair

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