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Draft Unapproved Minutes of the Events and Environment Committee Meeting 23rd June 2021.

Present: Councillors: S Horton; D Price; A Collis; H Llewellyn; P Collins; J Bissex.

Also in Attendance: Mr Williams (by invitation); Mrs H Williams, Town Clerk

Meeting Chairman: Councillor D Price

1. Apologies for Absence

Schedule 12 of the Local Government Act 1972 requires a record to be kept of the members present and that this record form part of the minutes of the meeting. Members who cannot attend a meeting should tender apologies to the Clerk.

Councillor S Hamer-Thomas; Councillor Higgs; Councillor Halvey; Councillor Davies; Councillor Carroll.

2. Declaration of interests or dispensations on any item(s) on this Agenda, if appropriate.

Councillors and Officers are reminded of their personal responsibility to declare any personal and/or prejudicial interest(s) in respect of any item of business on this agenda in accordance with the Local Government Act 2000, and the Code of Conduct for both Councillors and Clerk.

No declarations made.

3. Press and Public participation session.

No enquiries received by the Clerk.

4. To welcome a visitor to the meeting to discuss remembrance poppy displays.

Mr Williams was welcomed to the meeting to provide Members with information about a successful project he has previously been involved in. Members discussed the possibility of painted ground poppies, using water-based paint as used on sports fields. The machine involved is provided by a garden centre with costs to council for the paint only, approx. £20 per poppy and text, any additional income generated by the project is donated to the Poppy Appeal. Members discussed this project at some length. The committee will bring suggested

locations at each Ward to the next meeting for the clerk to liaise with the team for site inspections to be carried out.

Mr Williams left the meeting at this point.

5. To approve and sign the Minutes of the Events and Environment Committee meeting held on 12th May 2021.

Minutes were reviewed and approved as a true record. The Chair signed the minutes in the presence of the meeting

6. To consider correspondence and receive updates from the committee chair and the clerk in respect of the memorial project.

The clerk provided Members with a verbal update on information from Caerphilly County Borough officers along with recent correspondence from a resident. Members discussed several memorial options and RESOLVED to continue their work on this project at the next meeting. The clerk was instructed to respond to the resident advising that Council is working on a memorial project and details will be confirmed in due course.

7. To confirm arrangements for displays for the NHS & Frontline workers day.

The chair confirmed to Members that the banners are ready for collection from her. Ward Members are to liaise with their respective primary schools to collect children's artwork Friday 25th June and display them throughout the community by 5th July. Any Members who are available to help putting out the displays should liaise with Councillor Llewellyn for Gilfach; Councillor Collis for Aberbargoed; Councillor Price for Bargoed and Park wards.

8. To consider recommendations for the summer sport scheme.

Members RESOLVED to approve the proposals from the sports development team. Fifteen free spaces per day to be provided each week of the six-week programme in Heolddu: Two weeks free provision in the Hangar, Aberbargoed. Skateboard provision at Bargoed skatepark from 1-3pm Tuesday 27th July, Tuesday 3rd August, Monday 16th August, Wednesday 25th August. Clerk instructed to liaise with sports development team to confirm promotion of the programme.

Local Government Act (Miscellaneous Provisions) 1976 s19

9. To discuss the festive lighting programme, confirm the order for new figurines and authorise expenditure.

RESOLVED as follows:

12 new figurines to be ordered for Aberbargoed maintaining the same scheme as Bargoed town centre; 5 new Aura figurines to be ordered for Bargoed North end of the town centre; 2 new sets of tree lights to be ordered (Park Estate and Aberbargoed); Cone Tree to be placed at St Peters Church Aberbargoed in place of Bargoed police station; 22ft cut tree to be placed at the Miners Heads as per 2020 display. Total expenditure authorised £20,525.

Local Government Act 1972 S144

10. To plan wildflower bombing arrangements.

Item deferred to next committee meeting.

11. To receive an update from the clerk on the local places for nature programme and consider the section 6 duty under the Environment (Wales) Act 2016.

The Clerk provided a briefing on the Keep Wales Tidy programme and also the Local Places for Nature Programme. Members were reminded of the council reporting duty under the Environment (Wales) Act 2016 and the need to update the action plan. RESOLVED to invite the Local Places for Nature Officer at One Voice Wales to meet with council at the earliest opportunity.

12. To receive any new items from Members for consideration at future meetings of this committee.

No new items were brought to the meeting on this occasion.

The meeting closed at 18.50pm

Date of next meeting: Wednesday 22nd July 2021.

Signed: _____ Committee Chair