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Minutes of the Events and Environment Committee Meeting 30th September 2021.

Present: Councillors: D Price; J Bissex; J Davies; A Higgs; H Llewellyn; J Halvey; R Carroll

Also in Attendance: 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 A Collis; P Collins; S Horton.

RESOLVED flowers to be sent to Councillor Horton from town council.

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.

4. To approve and sign Minutes of the Events and Environment Committee meeting held on 22nd July 2021.

Minutes approved - moved by Cllr Carroll, seconded Cllr Davies. The chair signed the minutes in the presence of the committee.

5. To plan Wildflower bombing arrangements.

RESOLVED Councillors Halvey, Higgs, Davies and Carroll to liaise with the Clerk to make final arrangements and identify locations. Working group to report back to the next meeting of the committee.

6. To receive a verbal update from the Clerk on:

The Clerk updated Members as follows:

(i) Festive lighting

Expected receipt of new figurines and tree lights to Elsbury confirmed for October 2021. St Peters Church Aberbargoed has requested liaison with Members for carols and mulled wine at the Christmas tree on switch on day. Members discussed and confirmed two locations for switch on of festive lights. Members instructed the Clerk to liaise with Bargoed salvation army band for switch on in Bargoed, and with CCBC to enquire about trees on Lowri Plaza.

(ii) Cross Street Garden in Bargoed

CCBC officers are still working on the request for access to the garden at Cross Street in Bargoed.

(iii) Commercial Street, Aberbargoed

Floral displays will not be possible at the North end of Commercial Street, Aberbargoed because there is insufficient width on the pavement.

(iv) Painted poppies

The suggested location is not suitable. The project is not viable this year.

(v) Environmental projects.

Several emails received advising of available funding. Members discussed this item and RESOLVED to set up a working group tasked with working alongside the Clerk to pull together a project plan.

7. To consider quotations and review financial resources for planters and barrier baskets.

Members RESOLVED the following:

- To purchase 11 new barrier baskets and round rail converters from Amberol. £1,720.21 expenditure authorised.
- To use one floral fountain in Aberbargoed in the vicinity of the clock; one floral fountain in the vicinity of Royale square in Bargoed.
- To source 20 half barrels for further expansion to the floral displays next year – 12 in Bargoed, 4 Aberbargoed, 4 Gilfach. Cllr Carroll to work with the Clerk.
- Hanging baskets to be used at the Miners square in Bargoed and the roundabout on the Park estate.
- Clerk to seek quotation for planting and maintenance of baskets avoiding petunias if possible.
- Clerk to liaise with CCBC officers to have 4 concrete blocks moved from the steps to the bus station in Bargoed.
- Develop the bus stop in the vicinity of the clock in Aberbargoed as the focal point for the 2022 floral display in the village.

8. To discuss the 2021 and 2022 CCBC Winter Events and plan Christmas activities.

The Committee discussed CCBC proposal in respect of the ice rink in 2022 and instructed the Clerk to feed back concerns over insufficient space at the proposed location. Members are broadly supportive of the half term week long ice rink but feel the location is too small. Members discussed Christmas activities and RESOLVED:

- Selection boxes for each primary school child as arranged in 2021;
- Clerk to research the possibility of a theatre group performance in each of the six primary schools;
- Clerk to secure a date for Santa to take his sleigh around the four wards.
- Clerk to seek guidance from CCBC officers about the trees on Lowri plaza.

9. To revisit planning for the Queen's Platinum Jubilee (Thursday 2nd – Sunday 5th June 2022) with a view to making recommendations to Full Council.

The clerk reported to Members that CCBC will be participating in the beacon lighting activities going on across the UK for the platinum jubilee, and they expect to be receiving street closure requests from residents for street parties. Members spoke about this issue at some length with Members expressing concern about the forthcoming elections. The committee RESOLVED to recommend

the P&R committee ensures budget is available should the newly elected council wish to deliver any specific activities.

- 10. To receive information from CCBC and discuss moving forward with the memorial project.**
Councillor Llewellyn apologised and left the meeting during this item.
Members considered options for taking this project forward having received feedback from the Clerk about one of the preferred locations. The committee instructed the Clerk to arrange a site meeting with the manufacturer.
- 11. To consider Remembrance Activities at each ward.**
The Clerk confirmed Bargoed branch of the Royal British Legion are working on securing wreaths for Town Council use. Councillor Higgs requested two new flags for the memorial garden in Aberbargoed, one union flag and one Welsh flag. The committee RESOLVED expenditure of £180.60 and instructed the Clerk to order flags from Celtic Flags as soon as possible.
- 12. To appoint a working group to review the Town Council Biodiversity Action Plan and the draft Environmental Policy.**
RESOLVED to appoint Councillors Collins; Davies; Bissex and Halvey to the working group tasked with updating the biodiversity action plan and reviewing the draft environmental policy.
- 13. To receive any new items from Members for consideration at future meetings of this committee.**
Councillor Carroll requested the committee revisit the opportunity of a community orchard in Aberbargoed ward.

The meeting closed at 19.00pm

Date of next meeting: Thursday 21st October 2021.