



Bargoed Town Council

Minutes of the Events and Environment Committee Special Meeting 26th July 2023

Present: Councillors R Carroll; T Williams; J Bissex; P Collins; S Hamer-Thomas (joined remotely);
D Ingram-Jones

Also in Attendance: Ms A Jones, Ms A Price (Parent Network); Mrs H Williams, Town Clerk

Meeting Chair: Councillor P Collins

The chair welcomed both representatives from the Parent Network to the meeting, and thanked them for their proposal. He moved on to agenda item one:

1. To receive Apologies for Absence
Councillor D Price (health); Councillor R Price (work).
2. To receive Declaration of Interests or dispensations on any item(s) on this Agenda, if appropriate.
No declarations received.
3. To consider details of a proposal from The Parent Network for the facilitation of a teddy bears picnic activity at Bargoed park 12 – 2pm Friday 25th August 2023 and to confirm allocation of funding for the activity.

The chairman invited the visitors to present the details of the teddy bear picnic proposal.

Ms Jones spoke about a recent site meeting at Bargoed park confirming the area agreed with Caerphilly County Borough Council. Members were briefed on the details of the picnic delivery including confirmation of insurance, DBS, risk assessment, first aid provision and other stakeholders supporting the event. Caerphilly County Borough Council will provide access to the public toilets at the rear of the grandstand for the duration of the picnic.

The project costs include the purchase of a portable PA system that will become a community resource for voluntary organisations in the area to have on loan from the parent network on request.

Initial project costs provided to Members £2,101 which has been reduced through stakeholder support and the purchase of a portable PA system.

This is to be a free to attend event, with families encouraged to bring a picnic and enjoy the park environment. Fresh fruit and water will be available for all children to ensure inclusivity.

The visitors spoke to members about the organisation's experience and current work including trips to the beach; outdoor cinema events during 2022; Blackwood Miners Institute pantomime experience for young families; the network runs 37 sessions across the county borough each month and work very closely with Welsh Government's Families First programme.

The chair thanked the visitors for their presentation, and congratulated them on their work to date. The visitors left the meeting at this point.

Members spoke about difficulties in securing alternative proposals due to lack of capacity at several voluntary organisations. They also spoke about this organisation's experience of delivering this type of activity. The committee talked about the added value of the teddy bear picnic in Bargoed park with stakeholders distributing valuable cost of living information, family support information and providing access to other support agencies.

Members RESOLVED to award a grant of up to £2,000 for the teddy bear picnic. The clerk was instructed to obtain the confirmed costed project plan, insurance, risk assessment and agreement to the standard terms and conditions of grant prior to making payment. The chairman closed the meeting at 12.33pm.