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### Minutes of the Events and Environment Committee Meeting 5<sup>th</sup> June

Present: Councillors R Carroll; S Hamer-Thomas; P Collins; J Bissex; D IngramJones; Y Price.

Also in Attendance: Mrs H Williams, Clerk; Mr T Oliver, Deputy Clerk.

Meeting Chair: Councillor P Collins

1. To receive Apologies for Absence – Cllr R Price
2. To receive Declaration of Interests or dispensations on any item(s) on this Agenda, if appropriate.  
No declarations received
3. To receive, approve and sign Minutes of the Events & Environment Committee 25<sup>th</sup> March 2024 – the chair advised of an incorrect date on the draft unapproved minutes which has been corrected – Members approved the minutes and they were signed.
4. Press and Public Participation Session – no enquiries received by the clerk.
5. To evaluate the joint May Fair 2024 delivered by Caerphilly County Borough Council Events team – Members remarked:  
It was an excellent event; extending it through the whole town was wonderful as there were no major bottlenecks and the whole town was engaged. Everything worked. The Events Team at CCBC should be congratulated as their layout for the event was superb. The children's giant games and activities were well received, as was the extra seating through the town, and moving the animals to the bottom end of the town was a very good idea. The characters brought an additional dimension and many people reported enjoying having their photo taken with Barbie.  
Next time: Maybe move the ice-cream van slightly further up; consider adding something to the two vehicles that were on Hanbury square as it appeared quite sparse; maybe more street entertainers could be included next year or circus performers. Could a maypole be looked at with dancing for next year? Should a different theme be considered to keep the event fresh?  
Town Centre traders were exceptionally pleased with the event.  
Members were unhappy with the footfall figures that have been published and instructed the clerk to liaise with CCBC to suggest they are faulty and to request a repair or replacements advising Members would be happy to discuss the costs if necessary.
6. To receive an update on the arrangements for the Over 60s Summer party in Gilfach Workingmen's club Friday 14<sup>th</sup> June, delegate tasks, consider catering and approve additional expenditure as appropriate.  
The clerk advised that numbers taken so far suggest the catering for 90 people might be insufficient. Members RESOLVED to approve additional expenditure to allow for catering of 100 people, also the purchase of additional bingo pens, tickets, takeaway containers and foil. Total expenditure retrospectively authorised £281.23.  
Cllrs Y Price & J Davies to cover entry door (Cllr Carroll will also support if needed); Cllr Bissex & Collins covering lounge door with bingo tickets and dabbers, and preventing entrants through the lounge door. Members will be present from 1.30pm. Artist performing twice, with second set being more upbeat for dancing if attendees wish to dance.

7. To consider quotations for the grass cutting at the community orchard; discuss the fruit bushes, identify convenient dates for work to be carried out; confirm volunteers and allocate expenditure for raised beds at the community orchard on the Park estate.  
RESOLVED £360 expenditure for cutting – clerk to liaise with Cllr D IngramJones and check with CCBC about marshland and planned development in the area prior to engaging the contractor. Fruit bushes to be split between Aberbargoed food growing area and the Community Orchard, volunteers to attend Aberbargoed Monday 10<sup>th</sup> June 1pm and Park Estate Community centre Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup> June 10.30am – clerk to reach out to youth representatives to encourage volunteer involvement. Cllrs Carroll and Collins to assess repair requirements for the raised beds in the community orchard.
8. To consider and confirm additional elements for the 2024 Bargoed in Bloom initiative approving expenditure as necessary and receive confirmation of dates and arrangements with the Meanwhile Space.  
The chair verbally reported on a meeting earlier in the morning with the regeneration principal officer at the Meanwhile Space and the support being offered for the initiative. The space will extend its opening hours to 4.30pm for the duration of the two weeks in July; they will host the flower wall and they will host the presentation of the three winners at 4pm Friday 26<sup>th</sup> July. The space will be closed Sunday and Monday 21<sup>st</sup> & 22<sup>nd</sup> July. Installation date 15<sup>th</sup> July, Take Down date 27<sup>th</sup> July.  
RESOLVED £545 expenditure for flower wall, installation and acrylic sign.  
CCBC Regeneration team will be installing 3D artwork on the pavement outside the building with a floral themed archway for photographic experiences to further enhance the initiative.  
The team suggested Members invite schools to participate by dressing a wall box (biodiversity theme) for the duration of the event. Members RESOLVED to instruct the clerk to urgently communicate with the local schools and advise of box allocation on a first come first served basis.  
RESOLVED £240 expenditure for banner and five vertical column banners. (2 x bee design, 2 x butterflies design and 1 x ladybird design)  
The Deputy Clerk provided feedback from the local business organiser about wheelbarrow donations secured for planting up, but no further information has been provided. Members expressed concerns about recent theft and vandalism, how to make the items secure, public liability, watering and maintenance, instructing the clerk to provide an update to the organiser and seek additional information from them.  
The clerk provided a verbal report on recent vandalism and theft of floral display barrels from Bargoed town centre along with feedback from the contractor about concerns with the planned siting of the beehive in Aberbargoed given recent antisocial behaviour. Members will move two barrels away from the bus shelter and instructed the clerk to advise the contractor the beehive should be placed as far as possible from the shelter on the right, without going on the grass.
9. To discuss arrangement for installation of the craftwork displays for Bargoed in Bloom and confirm volunteers.  
Cllr D IngramJones will take responsibility for the Cross street net installation, Cllrs Collins and Carroll will install remaining displays. Cllr Carroll has the plans.  
Cartref Community Hall will liaise with Cllr Collins when remaining nets are ready, and St Gwladys Church Hall will liaise with Cllr Carroll.
10. To receive an update on the plans for the forthcoming Summer Music Festival in Bargoed being delivered by Caerphilly County Borough Council on behalf of Bargoed Town Council.  
The clerk verbally reported on the arrangements for the Summer Music Festival and provided members with the programme that was provided early in May. Members requested an updated programme for the next meeting.  
Cllr Carroll advised that the local press have reported this to be the first event of this kind in the valleys.

The Chair thanked the Committee for their attendance and closed the meeting at 12.15pm