



## Bargoed Town Council

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### Minutes of the Engagement and Wellbeing Committee Meeting July 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2024.

Present: Councillors C Andrews; S Hamer-Thomas; D Ingram-Jones, M Ingram-Jones

Also in Attendance: Mr T Oliver (Deputy Clerk); Miss E Harding (Youth Representative); Miss E Jones (Youth Representative)

Meeting Chairperson: Councillor C Andrews

1. To receive 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 Deputy Clerk.]
  - An apology was tendered by Councillor J Bissex (health).
2. To receive 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 of interests or dispensations were declared.
3. Press and Public Participation Session. [Members of the public who wish to speak on any item on the agenda should contact the Clerk prior to the meeting].
  - There were no members of the press or public present.
4. To receive and approve the draft unapproved minutes of the Community Engagement Committee Meeting 4th April 2024.
  - Draft unapproved minutes of the Community Engagement Committee held on April 4<sup>th</sup>, 2024, were received and unanimously approved. Members also received and unanimously approved draft unapproved minutes of the Engagement and Wellbeing Committee held on June 24<sup>th</sup>, 2024.
5. To appoint a Deputy Chairperson for the Engagement and Wellbeing Committee.
  - Members appointed Councillor M Ingram-Jones as the Deputy Chairperson of the Engagement and Wellbeing Committee.

6. Evaluate Musical Tea & Coffee Morning held on May 16th, 2024, and discuss Age Friendly Communities.
  - Members commented that the Musical Tea & Coffee Morning held on May 16<sup>th</sup>, 2024, was very well attended and provided a positive, uplifting experience. It was also noted that the emphasis of engagement has shifted from 'Dementia Friendly Communities' to the more inclusive 'Age Friendly Communities'. Members agreed to invite Mr R Hill (Age Friendly Communities Officer at Caerphilly County Borough Council) to speak to the Engagement and Wellbeing Committee at the next meeting.
7. Evaluate Community Engagement Session held in Aberbargoed Library on May 16th, 2024, and discuss the next steps for ongoing engagement including the need for more Bargoed Town Council noticeboards (identify potential locations and instruct Clerk).
  - Members reflected on the Community Engagement Session held in Aberbargoed Library on May 16<sup>th</sup>, 2024. They noted that turnout was low and discussed locations that would help increase engagement with residents. Plans were made to hold an Autumn Community Engagement Session in Bargoed, and the Deputy Clerk was instructed to make the necessary arrangements. Miss E Harding and Miss E Jones (Youth Representatives) suggested using the online engagement questionnaire with local the local comprehensive school. Members instructed the Deputy Clerk to liaise with the Youth Representatives with this engagement endeavour.
  - Members discussed the need for more Town Council noticeboards in the community and identified potential locations in each ward. The Deputy Clerk was instructed to seek the relevant permission and obtain quotations.
8. Evaluate D-Day Commemorative Service/Veterans Coffee Morning held on June 6th, 2024, and discuss data collected.
  - Members considered it an honour to commemorate D-Day in the community. They noted that the event was brilliant, well attended and that they look forward to collaborating with the RBL on future events. Members extended thanks to St. Gwladys Church and Fish Kitchen 1931 for their participation.

9. To receive updates from the Clerk on:

Summer sports provision and library activities.

- The Deputy Clerk gave a verbal update to the Committee on the summer sports provision, noting that 15 spaces have been allocated each day for residents to use at Heolddu Leisure Centre for the whole of the 6 weeks. This equates to 450 free passes with a limit of 5 days per child thus allowing a number of young people and families to access this very much needed free provision over the summer. The Deputy Clerk reported that the remaining funds will be put towards a weeklong October half term camp which will be held at the Hanger in Aberbargoed.
- The Deputy Clerk updated Members on the ongoing discussions taking place with Bargoed Library on Summer activities. It was noted that the Committee are awaiting proposals from the Library.

Teddy Bears Picnic.

- The Deputy Clerk updated the Committee on the plans to re-brand the Teddy Bears Picnic as a Pirate Party to make it more age inclusive. The event will be held on the field in Aeron Place, Gilfach on July 25<sup>th</sup>, 2024. Members RESOLVED to spend £1930 to cover the costs.

- The Committee instructed the Deputy Clerk to contact the YMCA to see if the building could be used for extra space and toilet facilities.

Engagement survey on the website and the pre-election period.

- The Deputy Clerk noted that the online engagement survey will not be able to be published on Bargoed Town Council's website until after the by-election.

#### Scarecrow Trail 2024

- The Deputy Clerk gave a verbal update on the Scarecrow Trail 2024, noting that most High Street businesses have received a letter inviting them to participate. There are currently 5 retailers signed up to be involved and Bargoed Library have agreed to help with the initiative. The Committee agreed to visit all High Street businesses on July 31st from 1pm to encourage as many as possible to support the Scarecrow Trail and commented that it will bring families together and increase trade/footfall on the High Street. The Deputy Clerk also shared posters that are being created to promote the event.

#### 10. To receive and approve updates on Bargoed Town Council logo.

- Members received and approved updates on the Bargoed Town Council logo that will make them more accessible and user-friendly.

#### 11. To discuss the installation of a new defibrillator in Bargoed and provide instruction to the Clerk.

- The Committee agreed to helping a local school to find a suitable place in the town for a new defibrillator. Councillor S Hamer-Thomas agreed to speak with the Welsh Ambulance Service about the matter and report on updates at the next Engagement and Wellbeing Committee.

#### 12. To authorise the distribution of Bargoed Town Council's Annual Report 2023-2024.

- Members authorised the distribution of printed copies of Bargoed Town Council's Annual Report 2023-2024 as follows:
  - Bargoed Library to receive 5 copies.
  - Aberbargoed Library to receive 5 copies.
  - Gilfach YMCA to receive 5 copies.
  - Bargoed Community Centre to receive 5 copies.
  - The remaining 25 will be held at the Town Hall and distributed as necessary.

#### 13. To discuss how the role of Youth Representative can increase engagement amongst young people in the community.

- Members of the Engagement and Wellbeing Committee spoke with the Youth Representatives regarding increasing engagement among young people in the community. It was agreed that the Town Council would explore the possibility of supporting a quarterly Youth Forum which would involve local High Schools. Members instructed the Deputy Clerk to make the necessary arrangement and report back to the Committee.

The Chairperson thanked everyone for their attendance and closed the meeting at 17:18pm