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Draft Unapproved Minutes of the Community Activities & Environment Committee meeting 20th July 2026.

Presentation from Gwent Breastfeeding Welcome Scheme

The committee welcomed two officers from the Early Years team at CCBC who brought details of the new Breastfeeding project being promoted across Gwent by Aneurin Bevan University Health Board (ABHB). Members spoke about community venues such as Cartref Community Hall and Gilfach Bargoed Community Centre. One member asked about the percentage of women in the area who are currently breastfeeding.

A representative from the scheme responded 20% locally but there is hope that Caerphilly will follow the Blaenau Gwent increase to almost 80% following promotion of this project.

New literature with QR code will be provided to town council along with social media materials.

Visitors left the meeting at 14.08pm.

Present in person: Councillors: Y Price; R Price; R Carroll; P Collins; D Ingram-Jones.

Present remotely: Councillor: S HamerThomas

Chairperson: Councillor: D Ingram-Jones

Also present: Mrs H Williams (Town Clerk/RFO); Mr G Wadley (Deputy Clerk/Deputy RFO)

Apologies for absence.

Councillor J McCarthy (Poor signal/connection)

To receive declarations of Interests or dispensations on any item(s) on this Agenda, if appropriate.
Councillor S Hamer-Thomas declared an interest in item 2.5.

Press and Public Participation Session.

No enquiries

1. To receive, review and approve the draft minutes of the Engagement & Wellbeing Committee of 22nd June 2026.

Chair noted an oversight on the meeting agenda that the committee's name is Community Activities and Environment committee which met on 22nd June 2026.

Councillor Y Price moved; Councillor R Carroll seconded

Resolved to approve and sign minutes

2. To receive information from the chair on:

2.1 Remaining Forces Fitness Session

A member indicated that they had hand delivered promotional flyers for the Forces Fitness sessions across the Park Ward. The chair encouraged members to visit the sessions if possible.

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The chair instructed the Deputy Clerk to check if Forces Fitness receive parental photo permission to utilise as promotional material.

2.2 The remembrance poppy at the car park in front of St Gwladys Church Bargoed.

One quotation was reviewed during the meeting, giving several options for the area. The chair instructed the Deputy Clerk to seek a further three quotations from local building contractors, and for artists to be contacted regarding painting the poppy.

2.3 The two benches in storage.

One quotation was reviewed during the meeting. The Deputy Clerk is still waiting for one further quotation which has been promised but has not yet been received. If the second quotation is received prior to the meeting agenda, the committee requests the July 2026 P&R committee to make a decision on this work. The chair instructed the Deputy Clerk to discuss and identify the location of the two existing plinths in the Gilfach Ward

2.4 Confirmation of arrangements for the September Event at the Arthur Balfour Conservative Club.

The chair updated the meeting on confirmation of arrangements and promotion. Members were encouraged to promote the event.

2.5 Update Parent network summer activity

The chair informed members of no capacity within the Parent Network to deliver a summer event, leaving a surplus in the budget for reforecasting. The chair advised that this would be discussed in agenda item 4.

2.6 Update on the community projects in support of students at Heolddu Comprehensive School

Members were made aware of the work undertaken to date, and the offer of the loan of 80 books from Bargoed library which can be rotated every few months.

Self-care letters have gone out to town center businesses. Members requested letters for Aberbargoed pharmacies also.

3. To receive information on inspection work carried out at the Bus Station, Commercial Street Aberbargoed

Information Noted

4. To revisit the Event Schedule for December in light of available budget

Resolved to swap the 4th December scheduled event for older people in Gilfach Ward, to a Night Out Scheme event for families. Add and an additional event for older people in Aberbargoed Ward for Friday 18th December using the Night Out Scheme. Replacement event for the Summer Picnic to be added into the calendar for half term in February 2027, with the final event of the financial year being St David's Day for older people.

5. To consider activity planning for 2027-28 financial year.

Members spoke about the current schedule of activities, requests from the community, the budget

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planning schedule and the weather-related cancellation of the Winter Fair events in the past two years. The clerk detailed information on previous precepts and the committee's need to plan in advance. Members were also asked by the Chair to consider additional activities by the next committee meeting.

6. To discuss potential Cost of Living initiatives and activities to help our community.

Members had a lively discussion about options for cost of living initiatives agreeing that the town council should focus on its remit when considering new projects. A member advised that the local Citizens Advice Bureau are exceptionally helpful and should be referred to when families are in need. Members were encouraged to give this item further thought by the next meeting.

This concludes the business of the meeting.

The chair thanked everyone for their attendance and closed the meeting at 2.50pm.

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