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Minutes of the Events Committee Meeting held via a hybrid meeting at the Council Chamber, Blaina Institute, High Street, Blaina at 7.25pm on Tuesday 26th July 2022

A meeting to which members of the public were entitled to attend

Present: Councillor K Jenkins, Chair of the Events Committee, presiding
Councillors G Morvan, L Harris, C Hillman, D Hillman, L King & B Lucas.

In attendance: Mrs T Hughes Town Clerk

The Town Clerk informed that no members of the public or press were in attendance.

Resolved to note the information received.

Declaration of Interest

Members were invited to declare matters of interest either at the beginning or at any time during the proceedings. Please note that all declarations of interest must be recorded in the book provided. **Resolved** to note that no such declarations were received.

1. Apologies:

Members were invited to consider the apologies for absence received and to formally resolved to accept. **Resolved** to note that apologies were received from Councillor C Hillman, G Morvan, M Williams & Mrs N Horner, Assistant Officer.

Further Resolved to accept the apologies received.

2. Correspondence:

Members were invited to consider the listed correspondence, plus with the Chair's permission, any urgent information that might be received prior to the date of the meeting.

a) Veronika Brannovic (for information):

E-mail informing of ideas and design workshop 'Nature isn't Neat'.

Resolved to note the information received.

b) Aneurin Bevan University Health Board (for information):

Information re: The Outdoor Partnership Gwent – Free Summer of Fun Programme 2022.

Resolved to note the information received.

Additional correspondence received with permission of the Chair:

c) Cllr L Winnett:

Members were informed of an e-mail received from Blaenau Gwent County Borough Council Ward Councillor Lisa Winnett (Members had been provided with the e-mail prior to the meeting), asking if the Town Council would like to be involved with the Santa Run (Santa Sleigh) throughout Nantyglo and Blaina for Christmas 2022. The e-mail states that a meeting would take place in October 2022 to discuss this. The Town Clerk informed that she had acknowledged receipt of the e-mail in the first instance. Members considered the e-mail and invite and cautiously commented that there was a need for the Town Council to join for this event (which had previously been undertaken by the Town Council prior to 2021) and that the event could be increased to provide an even bigger and better event.

Resolved to note the information received and **Further Resolved** to consider the e-mail when discussing item 4 (Christmas 2022).

3. Update: In Bloom:

Applications received Individual House x 6, Schools x 2, Individual allotment x 1, Open Spaces x 1 & Community Group x 1. Judge Sheryl Edwards from BGCBC had completed judging but Gavin Trinder from Abergavenny Garden Centre was still to judge the applicants.

The Town Clerk informed that one of the judges, Gavin Trinder from Abergavenny Garden Centre had been unable to judge the entries to date due to work commitments. As the primary schools had now closed for the summer it would mean that he would not be able to judge those two entries. The Town Clerk also informed that the judge from Blaenau Gwent CBC had visited each of the entrants and her scores and feedback had been received.

The Town Clerk left the meeting at this juncture to photocopy the results for each member.

The Town Clerk re-joined the meeting at this juncture.

The Town Clerk provided each member with a summary of the results of the In Bloom judging and Members discussed and considered the results.

Resolved that the winners of each section would be the highest scoring entry in each category, **Further Resolved** that Martin Meredith be awarded the Overall Winner due to the judge's positive comments and **Additionally Resolved** that each entrant were to receive a 'highly commended' award' as in previous years.

Resolved that the awards be presented at an appropriate ceremony when Council reconvened following the recess.

4. Christmas 2022:

Members were invited to consider the provision of Christmas Events for 2022 and were informed of an e-mail invitation from Blaenau Gwent Ward Councillor Lisa

Winnett regarding a meeting to discuss the provision of the Santa Sleigh throughout Nantyglo and Blaina.

For information, the following events have been held in previous years:

- Carol concerts with each primary school – 2 at Wesley Church, Nantyglo and 2 at Gladstone Street Chapel, Blaina (4 concerts in total). Santa had also been provided by the Town Council at each concert and distributed selection packs to the pupils present.
- Christmas evenings in both Nantyglo & Blaina – consisting of Santa's Grotto, Blaina Band, Katy Treharne, stalls & refreshments. These had taken place on different evenings in venues such as Nantyglo RFC; Blaina Community Centre & St Peter's Church, Blaina.
- Santa's Sleigh throughout Nantyglo & Blaina – usually taking place on different evenings for Nantyglo and Blaina with the sleigh then arriving at the Christmas evening (as above).
- Distribution of selection boxes – these had been provided to all primary school pupils within the area during 2020 & 2021 due to events not taking place due to Covid. Prior to Covid, this was not undertaken.

Members considered the above information together with the e-mail received from Councillor L Winnett.

It was proposed, seconded and **Resolved** that a working group be set up to discuss the proposals together with Christmas events and **Further Resolved** that the Town Clerk arrange a suitable date for the working group to meet with the Chair of the Events Committee.

Meeting closed at 7.55pm