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Minutes of the Meeting of the Events Committee held at the Council Chamber, Blaina Institute, High Street, Blaina. Immediately following the Meeting of the Town Council on Tuesday 27th June 2023.

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

Present: Councillor L Harris, Chair of the Events Committee,
Presiding Councillors D Hillman; K Jenkins, C Hillman (remotely),
M Williams (remotely), L King & K Jones JP

In attendance: Mrs T Hughes, Town Clerk / RFO
Mrs N Horner, Assistant Officer

Prior to the commencement of the meeting the Town Clerk informed that no members of the press or public 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 Assistant Officer (AO) made declaration of interest to point 7, ARC Awards.

- 1. Apologies:** Members were invited to consider the apologies for absence received and to formally resolve to accept.

Resolved to note that apologies were received from Cllr G Morvan and **Further Resolved** to accept the apologies received.

- 2. Questions from the public:** To receive any questions from the public on matters on the agenda.

Resolved to note that there were no questions from public received.

3. Correspondence:

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

a) Email from Ystruth Primary School (Copy Attached)

Thanking for the invite to attend Council Chamber and Coronation Gifts,

Resolved to note information received.

b) Email from Mike Cummings, Sixbells Nurseries, (copy attached):

Advising that he is no longer able to sell compost.

Resolved to note information received and further **Resolved** to

4. Planters: Members to receive an update in respect of planters.

Cllr Keith Jenkins confirmed that all new planters are in situ and would like to thank the 3 people who gave him the support. Cllr Glyn Morvan, for his support in filling the planters with compost, Russel Dunham for the delivering the planters to all the designated areas, and to a gentleman who lives in Tanglewood, Blaina (name unknown) for kindly offering to take the bags filled with old compost and weeds to the skip, which was a tremendous help. Cllr Keith Jenkins asked if Clerk could send a letter of thanks to Mr Russell Dunham for his support.

He also, went on to say that all planters are now in need of some TLC (watering) and should be done soon than later.

AO suggested the item to be put on the next agenda. To which Cllr K Jenkins replied, the plants will be dead if left un-watered in 4 weeks. Cllr D Hillman replied moving forward that the Chair of events will get the watering done.

Cllr D Hillman expressed that he had offered his support on several occasion, but the offer had not been taken up. It was also mentioned that he, members and public have great appreciation for Cllr K Jenkins for all his hard work in getting the planters planted.

Chair confirmed that she had collected 2 of the old planters from Cllr Jenkins on Sunday and 1 of which is in situ, composted and planted. The remaining planter is being waited on a neighbour to cut grass for the planter to be positioned.

Chair went on to say, that she would still like to receive the 2 bags of compost that was promised, as she will keep them for another project.

Cllr K Jones explained that all Cllrs are getting older and not get any fitter, therefore a contingency plan should be put in place for someone to water the planters, even if this means the Town Council pay for the job to be done.

Cllr D Hillman suggested that ATC or Football clubs could help with the watering?

Cllr K Jenkins explained that in 3 years he had asked for support and only ever received 1.5 offers, which was from Cllr G Morvan and from a lady who offered to water the planter that was just outside her home.

Resolved to note information received and further **Resolved** for the item of watering planters to be put on the next agenda. Chair to water the planters in Nantyglo & Blaina. Clerk to write a letter of thanks to Russel Dunham.

5. Planter signs: Town Council Members to discuss quotes and design (*Copies of quote and design attached*).

5.1: Buzz Banner

5.11: Colour Frog

5.111: Vista Print

Members liked and approved the design of sign. Discussion ensued as 1 quote was priced for 8 and the other 2 were quoted for 10 signs. It was explained that the quote gives a breakdown of extra amounts, so figures can be worked out.

Members agreed the quote provided by Buzz Banner was the chosen choice to purchase the signs. Members also agreed that extra signs should be purchased in the case of ordering new planters or even if a sign goes missing. Members agreed to purchase an additional 8 signs, total of 18.

There was a discussion about how to fix the signs, AO explained that she was sure that the planters are not made to be screwed into as they are self-watering planters, Cllr D Hillman explained that rubber grommets could be fitted to get the signs screwed. AO will contact the supplier of planters to ascertain if planters can be screwed or glued.

Resolved to note information received and further **Resolved** to AO to ascertain the fixing method of signs to planters. AO to place the order of 18 signs, with or without fixing holes, depending on reply from planter supplier.

6. In Bloom: Application forms received to date.

Ysgol Bro Helyg	Schools
Blaen y Cwm	Schools
Llys Capel	Community Group
St Annes Church	Places of religion
Kim Bishop	Individual House
Mark Williams	Individual House
Victoria Phillips	Individual House

AO explained that the names in table were the only applicants received, the highlighted names are those that had been received after the agenda had been sent out. AO explained that reminder letters and emails have been sent out, it was also put out on social media and a mention was put on BGfm Radio.

A discussion ensued about sometimes no matter how hard you advertise the public will not apply. AO explained that the closing date is Friday 30th June.

Resolved to note information received.

7. **ARC Awards:** No applications were received at the point of sending out agenda but have since received 2 applications. AO declared an interested.

Garth & Julia Collier	Lifetime Achievement Award
Carol Perkins & Lesley Emanuel	Good Neighbour Award

Cllr D Hilman announced that he had abstained from this agenda on previous meeting as he does not remember any conversation about members not being able to apply to the Arc Awards.

Cllr C Hillman also explained she had asked for a copy of the minutes where it was discussed that members cannot apply, as she do not recall the discussion, however, she do recall that members were not permitted to apply to the In Bloom. In which she agreed with.

Clerk replied that she is sorry, but she had more importantly items to deal with such as Audit reports which will take priority over searching through previous minutes but explained that the item will be in our terms of reference. Cllr C Hillman went on to say that there are Cllrs that do above and beyond outside their council role and therefore they should be rewarded for their recognition. Clerk explained that it was agreed during the time of covid 19 as council was never quorate for item to be resolved. Cllr D Hillman announced that he has the terms of reference pack with him, and he cannot find such statement.

Resolved to note information received and further **Resolved** to review at next meeting.

Meeting declared closed at 19:27