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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 22nd November 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, D Hillman; C Hillman; L Harris, M Williams & 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 that Assistant Officer declared a non-pecuniary in 2a Polar Express.

- 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 Lydia King and **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) Karen Williams, Town Centre Manager, Blaenau Gwent CBC:

E-mail informing that the Polar Express event would take place on Saturday 10th December at The Cwtch, Blaina from 11am until 1pm. Members were invited to consider the details within email.

Assistant Officer declared a nonpecuniary interest. Members were invited to consider

the possibility of purchasing bags and sugar glitter to make up reindeer food to give out at the Polar Express. The total cost was estimated to be approximately £25.00. A discussion ensued regarding edible glitter, and it was suggested that a label advising contents in bag was not for consuming - Please do not eat! Members agreed to purchase items AO agreed that she would donate the bird feed from The Cwtch. Members Cllr L Harris, C Hillman, D Hillman and G Moran offered to make up the bags in the Chamber.

Mayor expressed that she might not be able to attend due to prior engagements but that she would inform the Deputy Mayor if she was unable to attend the event. Deputy Mayor Cllr K Jenkins confirmed that he would be available to attend the event if required.

Resolved to note information received and **Further Resolved** to purchase items for reindeer food and members agreed to make up the food bags in Chamber.

b) Delyn Biston at BGCBC :

E-mail request in respect of Cwmcrachen Travellers Site. Members were invited to consider the details within email

Town Council had been informed by Christmas Lights Contractor Mr R Dunham that there would be 50 meters of LED lights, *although not all the lights were working* and 1 transformer that could be let out on loan. Members agreed to lend out lights and transformer on a loan but suggested that it was the responsibility of Blaenau Gwent CBC/Cwmcrachen site to undertake any required testing on the lights/transformer before getting them installed.

Resolved to note information received and **Further Resolved** to loan out lights and transformer with the guidance that Blaenau Gwent CBC/Cwmcrachen Site was to undertake any required testing before use.

3. School Carol Concerts:

4 local primary schools will be participating at the Christmas Carol Concerts on 29th & 30th November. Coed Garn Primary and Blaen Y Cwm concert would be held at Nantyglo Rugby Club on 29th November and Ystruth and Bro Helyg Primary schools' concert will be at St Peters Church on 30th November. Member were invited to consider the hire cost of £70.00 at St Peters or propose another appropriate venue in Blaina.

Blaen y Cwm and Coed Y Garn Primary schools had both requested that the times or date of the concert be amended to an early start at 5pm due to Wales playing in the World Cup Football.

Members agreed to the hire fee of £70 for St Peters. A discussion ensued regarding then time of Concerts at Nantyglo and agreed the following: Setup from 12pm, open for public at 2pm and carol concert to commence at 4pm for Nantyglo Rugby Club concert.

Chair announced how disappointed he was at the meeting of Finance and General Purposes Committee meeting where it was announced of the change of premises for

the carol concerts, after he had booked Wesleyan Chapel and Gladstone Street Chapel.

Chair expressed that he felt that he should have been informed as he was Chair of Events. A discussion ensued regarding the reasons for the change of venues came in to play and that nothing underhand had happened nor was anyone else trying to take over. It was a discussion about possibilities of holding a Christmas fair at the same time as carol concerts and suitable venues that could accommodate. Nothing had been finalised, no venues had been confirmed and it was just a suggestion to be taken to the Finance and General Purposes Committee meeting due to time restraints.

Cllr Williams confirmed that he was not able to attend and act as photographer due to work commitments. It was suggested for Cllr Williams to ask ex-Cllr Kevin Rowlands if he could act as photographer instead. Cllr Williams confirmed he would ask, but not sure he would be able to help.

Resolved to note information received, **Resolved** that a combined Carol Concert, small Christmas Fair (stalls) and Santa's Grotto be held at Nantyglo RFC on 29th November (concert to start at 4pm) and the same to take place at St Peter's Church, Blaina on 30th November (concert to start at 6.30pm) and **Further Resolved** to pay the requested £70 hire charge for the use of St. Peter's Church.

4. Westside Bench:

Mr Rafi Abbas had been contacted to arrange a photoshoot and presentation of certificates for all those involved, Mr Abbas was not available at the requested date sent to him. Therefore, Mr Abbas had been asked to discuss with a suitable date and time with the group and inform the Town Council.

Mr Abbas had recently confirmed that he had arranged with those in question for the presentation of certificates to take place at Mr Abbas' home address on Wednesday 23rd November. Town Mayor Cllr L Harris and Consort Cllr C Hillman would be in attendance.

Resolved to note the information received.

Meeting closed at 7:40 pm.