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Minutes of the Events Committee held on Tuesday 25th June 2019.

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

Present: Councillor K Jones, Chairman of the Council, Presiding
Councillors R Abbas; C Hillman; D Hillman; K Jenkins; T McKnight

In attendance: Mrs T Hughes, Town Clerk/RFO

In the absence of the Chairman of the Events Committee, it was **Proposed** and **Resolved** that Councillor K Jones act as Chair for this meeting.

Declaration of Interest

Members were invited to declare matters of interest either at the beginning or at any time during the proceedings. Members are reminded that all declarations of interest must be recorded in the book provided. **Resolved** that Councillors D Hillman and K Jenkins declared an interest in Item 3. **Further Resolved** that Councillors D Hillman and K Jenkins remain in the chamber but not take part in the discussion of this item.

At the beginning of the meeting, Councillor Jones explained the fire procedures and regulations in place should an emergency occur.

1. Apologies for absence:

Members were invited to consider the apologies for absence received and to formally resolve to accept.

Resolved to note that apologies were received from Councillors G Morvan, R Pagett, E Morgan and C Bridgeman.

Further Resolved to accept apologies.

2. Update in respect of the Primary Talent Showcase 2019:

Members were invited to consider the recent Primary Talent Showcase held on 19th June 2019 at Blaen y Cwm Primary School.

Councillor Jones thanked Councillor Hillman for attending this event as Deputy Mayor and thanked Councillor C Hillman for acting as Deputy Consort. The Town Clerk informed members that several comments had been made by the local schools who took part in the Primary Talent Showcase that it might be better held in February when they feel there would be less clashes with other school activities. It was mentioned that between the beginning of the term in January and half term in February would be the most viable for them. Members discussed this item and felt that there would always be clashes in events for schools regardless of when the Showcase would be held. A member emphasised that it had previously been mentioned to create a calendar of events for the whole year so that this could be distributed to avoid clashes. Another member reiterated that this item only concerned schools and not external organisations or bodies with which the Town Council liaises.

Councillor T McKnight joined the meeting at this juncture.

Members continued to demonstrate concerns whether the winter weather would have an effect on the feasibility of an event in February and that it was too soon after the Christmas holidays. Members **Proposed** and **Resolved** this item be given more consideration and that it be deferred until the next Events Committee Meeting in July 2019.

Resolved to note the information received.

Councillor T McKnight was offered his seat as Chair but agreed that Councillor K Jones continue as Chair for the remainder of this meeting.

3. Update in respect of Nantyglo and Blaina in Bloom 2019:

Councillors D Hillman and K Jenkins declared an interest in this item. **Resolved** that Councillors D Hillman and K Jenkins remain in the chamber but not take part in the discussion of this item.

Members were informed that the following recommendations have previously been agreed by Council but will require formal resolution:

- The closing date of the event had been confirmed as Friday 21st June 2019.
- Judging would take place during the week 1st – 5th July 2019.
- A total of three judges were confirmed and expenses payable if required.
- Posters and application forms were distributed and advertised.

Members were informed that the three judges were: Aileen Vaughan (Blaenau Gwent County Borough Council), Gwynfor Evans (Tai Calon) and Chloe Butler (Tai Calon). Members were informed that entrants would be informed imminently of judging times and dates.

Resolved that the recommendations stated above be agreed.

Members were also invited to consider and if appropriate resolve:

- The purchase of appropriate awards for the winners of the competition and the presentation of certificates for each entrant.

Resolved that appropriate awards and certificates be purchased.

- An appropriate date / event at which the awards be presented.

Members initially considered that the award ceremony could take place at the Flower, Fruit and Vegetable event, however due to that event being cancelled for 2019 (see Item 4), it was suggested that this be deferred to the next Events Committee meeting.

Resolved that an appropriate date/event at which the awards could be presented be deferred to the next Events Committee meeting.

4. Flower, Fruit and Veg (with Craft) Show:

Members were informed that the following recommendations had previously been agreed by Council but will require formal resolution:

- A fete style event be held at Blaina Community Centre on 13th July 2019 (possible cost for hire of the hall).

Please note that it has since been confirmed that Blaina Community Centre would be unavailable on this date. Additional dates/venues were being investigated.

The Town Clerk informed members of the current situation in respect of accommodation for this event. Nantyglo RFC had been contacted but had no availability for the dates requested. Members were additionally informed that there had been no interest or response in this event and that no entries had been received for this event. Members commented that it was a shame that no interest had been shown in this event.

A member commented that this would be an optimal time to engage with local groups and organisations ready for next year. It was noted that as individuals, members had strong connections within the community, but as a body there had not been much interaction with local organisations and groups.

Members discussed that they could not understand why the schools when offered opportunities to take part in this event did not show interest, especially as some of the local schools were very proactive with these types of activities. Members discussed that it might be beneficial to move the event forward so that schools could be involved.

Resolved that the Flower, Fruit and Veg (with Craft) be cancelled for 2019.

- Categories of competitions would be as resolved for 2018.

Members were also invited to consider and if appropriate resolve the purchase of appropriate awards for winners of the competitions.

Due to the resolution above, it was deemed that this item was not applicable.

Resolved that no categories would be needed due to the cancellation of the event.

5. Event in respect of Red Ensign Day – 3rd September 2019:

Members were invited to consider holding an appropriate event in respect of Red Ensign Day which is to take place on Saturday 3rd September 2019.

Members discussed this item thoroughly and showed interest in holding an event for Red Ensign Day. Members considered the existing flagpole and queried whether it would be possible to relocate this so that it could be in a more prominent position, e.g. the Square in Blaina (this would be a long term consideration) or whether a flag pole could be erected on the Institute building in the short term. Members were informed that planning permission may need to be sought to implement this. Members were additionally informed that the Town Clerk had made some initial enquiries with Mr Paul Miles from the Estates Department in Blaenau Gwent County Borough Council about this item.

Members discussed having an event to celebrate the Red Ensign Day, it was queried whether the day itself was set and members were informed that although the actual date was set (3rd September), an event could be held close to this date which would be more accommodating. Members decided that Saturday 31st August would be most appropriate as more people would likely be available. Members suggested that the Town Band could be contacted to perform and whether the local ATC branch would be available.

Resolved that the Town Clerk investigate options in respect of the flagpole. **Further Resolved** that the Red Ensign be flown on 3rd September. **Additionally Resolved** to investigate the feasibility of holding an event to celebrate the Red Ensign on Saturday 31st August 2019.

6. Possible Event in respect of the recently purchased Memorial Benches.

Members were invited to consider and if appropriate resolve a suitable event in respect of the Memorial Benches at Nantyglo and Blaina.

Members were informed that Blaenau Gwent County Borough Council had confirmed a storage facility for the memorial benches and that they were awaiting delivery. Members were informed that BGCBC were now responsible for siting the bench. Overall, due to grant funding and BGCBC's cooperation, there had been no cost to the Town Council. Members were informed that plaques would be affixed to the bench.

Members were reminded that if they wished to hold an event for the unveiling of the benches that a bench would be located in each ward and that it might be a consideration for simultaneous events. Members discussed possibilities and thought that Armistice Day would be appropriate.

Resolved that the memorial benches be dedicated on Armistice Day 2019.

7. Community Grant Application Form:

Members were invited to consider the application form received from GAVO (Blaenau Gwent Volunteer Centre) in line with the current policy.

The Chairman was given the up-to-date Financial Regulations.

Members discussed this item and thought the request of £300 was excessive especially when compared to the Town Council's own awards evening. With this in mind, members expressed that they would be happy to contribute but the donation would not exceed the £100 limit as outlined in the Financial Regulations.

Resolved that a donation of £100 be made.

8. Christmas Events:

Members were invited to discuss and consider the following Christmas Events:

a) School Christmas Carol concerts:

Members commented that the dates worked very well for 2018 and would like to follow the same pattern of dates as 2018, therefore proposed dates for the School Christmas Concerts were 27th/28th November 2019. Members were informed that a new minister may have to be sought as Reverend Roy Watson was retiring during Summer 2019.

Resolved that School Christmas Carol Concerts be held 27th and 28th November 2019.

b) Christmas Fun Nights in Nantyglo and Blaina:

Members commented that the dates worked very well for 2018 and would like to follow the same pattern of dates as 2018, therefore proposed dates for the Fun Nights be 2nd/3rd December 2019.

Resolved that Christmas Fun Nights in Nantyglo and Blaina take place on or around 2nd and 3rd December 2019.

Members discussed the possibility of creating a calendar of event.

Resolved that a draft calendar of events be created.