



Minutes of the Extraordinary Meeting of the Council
held at the Council Meeting Room, Trane Cemetery, Tonyrefail
at 6:30pm on Wednesday, 27th September 2023

Present: Cllr Linda Michel (Chair)
Cllr Glenn Evans (Vice Chair)
Cllr Danny Grehan
Cllr Dan Owen-Jones
Cllr Karen Webb

Absent: Cllr Debra James
Cllr Greg Powell

Officers: Ms Jo van Tonder (Clerk & RFO)
Mrs Pauline Williams (Deputy Clerk)

1. Apologies for absence

Apologies for absence had been received from Cllrs Austin Davies, Mary Davies and Amanda Richards.

2. Declarations of Interest

There were no declarations of interest made.

6:36pm – Cllr Karen Webb arrived.

3. Christmas event 2023

Members noted the meeting had been called at the request of the Events Committee in order to gain consensus on the Council's holding of a Christmas event.

Three options were presented to members:

1. Cancellation of all plans and not hold an event at all this year,
2. Put on as good an event as possible with the resources available, or
3. Contract out the logistics of the event to Tonyrefail Community School.

Members went on to discuss what would be on offer under a collaborative arrangement with the school. It was noted the Council would provide the funding while the school hosted and oversaw the logistics both on the day and during the organisation of the event.

In order to accommodate the school's regular activities and allow for set-up, the event would take place on Sunday, 3rd December.

Members discussed points of concern from the previous year's event such as Santa being located outside in the cold and stalls and retailers selling expensive merchandise located right at the entrance.

Following discussion, it was proposed, seconded and

Resolved: To contract out the provision of a 2023 Christmas event to Tonyrefail Community School on the proviso that Santa was located indoors.

Resolved: To contribute the Council's event budget of £15,000 to the Tonyrefail Community School for the purposes of providing the event.

It was agreed the event would be open to pupils of the Special Schools and their families an hour early.

The Clerk was asked to arrange a meeting with Tonyrefail Community School representatives the following week to discuss the Council's expectations.

Members went on to discuss the Christmas lights switch-on scheduled for 1st December. Cllr Owen-Jones suggested that Santa could make a turn around the town before arriving at the Square. It was suggested the Events Committee may wish to consider changing the date of this to 2nd December.

Meeting concluded at 7:14pm.