



Minutes of the Events Committee Meeting
held at the Council Meeting Room, Trane Cemetery, Tonyrefail
at 6:30pm on Monday, 19th February 2024

Present: Cllr Linda Michel (Chair)
Cllr Danny Grehan
Cllr Dan Owen-Jones
Cllr Amanda Richards

Absent: Cllr Austin Davies
Cllr Mary Davies

Officers: Ms Jo van Tonder (Clerk & RFO)

1. Apologies for absence

No apologies for absence had been received.

2. Declarations of Interest

There were no declarations of interest made.

3. Minutes of the previous meeting: 20th November 2023

It was proposed, seconded and

Resolved: To agree the minutes of the Committee Meeting held on 20th November 2023 as a true and accurate record.

4. Events Committee Finance Report

The Clerk advised that no report was available.

5. Evaluate past events

a) Provision of Christmas lighting and trees

Cllr D Grehan thanked Cllr D Owen-Jones for providing the trees and commended him on a job well done.

Cllr Owen-Jones reported there had been some difficulty getting the trees upright but, with the help of his team from Cardiff, this had been accomplished. He also reported that the set of lights off the Workmen's tree had gone missing during the wrapping up of festivities.

The Clerk was asked to contact the contractor who had supplied and installed the smaller retail trees to see if he might have taken the lights for safe-keeping.

Members discussed the unit cost of installing the small retail trees versus the removal of same. It was noted the cost to take the trees down was the same as putting them up because disposal charges had to be factored in. It was agreed that the Committee would need to look at this for 2024's provision.

It was noted the Committee had ordered eleven sets of green Christmas street lighting but had received a variety of colours instead.

b) Christmas Fayre 2023

Members shared their views on the Christmas Fayre organised and arranged on behalf of the Council by Tonyrefail Community School.

Whilst it was acknowledged to be a success, it was felt regrettable that the Council had lost some control over the event. Members recognised that the demands on the Council's resources had increased significantly over the years since the days when the Council hosted its own large-scale Christmas events.

c) Senior Citizens' Christmas meal – 7th December 2023

Members agreed this had been a most successful occasion with the only criticism being that the entertainer was too loud.

6. Upcoming Events – Quarter 4 (January to March 2024)

a) Schools Eisteddfod – 1st March 2024

Cllr D Grehan reported that this event was to be held in the middle of March instead of the 1st, on a date yet to be decided.

Members were advised that only years 5 and 6 from the cluster group of schools would take part in the event that would include a few competitions and homework events with rosettes as prizes. Cllrs L Michel and D Owen-Jones were invited to attend wearing their Chair and RCTCBC Deputy Mayor's chains, respectively.

Members were reminded the Committee had committed £1,500 towards this event. Following discussion, it was proposed, seconded and

Resolved: To purchase 50 sets of Eisteddfod 2024 entry tickets, with each set comprising one child and one adult ticket.

Resolved: To hold a writing competition with the sets of tickets being the prizes.

It was agreed competition entries into the various categories, still to be decided, would close by mid-June with judging taking place around the end of June.

7. D-Day 80 – 6th June 2024

Members considered the various activities recommended by the King's Pageantmaster that included lighting of beacons, hosting a fish and chip supper and bell ringing, noting that 6th June 2024 fell on a Thursday.

Following discussion, it was agreed to host an event:

- Venue: The Miners – *Cllr D Grehan to arrange booking*
- Fish and chips @ £5 per person (no concessions)
- Ask Tonyrefail Community School to build a brazier as a metalwork project that can be positioned in the Miners carpark and lit at 9:15pm – *Cllr D Grehan to discuss with school*
- See if the Royal British Legion could be involved – *Cllr D Owen-Jones to discuss with RBL*
- Entertainment could include a band and choir – *possibly from Cwmlai School*

8. Programme of events for 2024

Members agreed to retain the following programme of events for 2024:

- Awards Night
- Seniors' Dinner
- Remembrance Service

- Christmas event

It was agreed to source quotations for both alternative venues and caterers for the Awards Night and Seniors' Dinner to ensure fair competition and best value for money. It was noted that any venue would need to be fully accessible in order to be considered.

Members discussed at length various options for spending the £10k budget for Christmas.

It was proposed, seconded and

Resolved: To recommend to Full Council that the Council retains its partnership with Tonyrefail Community School for the provision of a Christmas event for 2024 on the same basis as 2023 but with a financial contribution from the Council of £10,000.

It was agreed improvements to the event publicity poster and banners would be required.

9. Date of the next meeting

The next meeting will be held on Monday, 15th April 2024 at 6:30pm.

Meeting concluded at 7:42pm