



Minutes of the Events Committee Meeting
held at the Council Meeting Room, Trane Cemetery, Tonyrefail
at 6:30pm on Monday 28th April 2025

Present: Cllr Ceirion Skym (Chair-Interim)
Cllr Danny Grehan
Cllr Amanda Richards

Absent: Cllr Mary Davies, Cllr Austin Davies, Cllr Greg Powell

Officers: Mrs Aingie Cripps Melody (Deputy Clerk)

Appointment of Interim Chair

In the absence of the Chair, it was proposed, seconded and

Resolved: to elect Cllr Ceirion Skym as the Interim Chair

1. Apologies for absence

No apologies for absence received.

2. Declarations of Interest

No declarations of interest given.

3. Minutes of the previous meeting: 13th February 2025

It was proposed, seconded and

Resolved: To agree the minutes of the Committee Meeting held on 13th February 2025 as a true and accurate record.

4. To note the financial report for period ending 22nd April 2025

The Deputy Clerk presented the Events Committee with an Income & Expenditure report for the period 1/4/25-22/04/25.

5. To receive update on Eisteddfod Winners Commemorative Plaque at Welsh School

The Deputy provided an update on the location and installation of the Eisteddfod Winners Commemorative plaque. The Committee members were shown a photograph of the plaque in place, provided by the school.

The Deputy clerk also advised of the cost of the plaque to the Committee being £114 and the problems experienced in receiving the invoice, obtaining authorisation for its payment and getting clarification that it had been installed. This had all resulted in a delay in payment of the invoice.

The Deputy Clerk suggested that should a similar situation arise in future, it must be made clear to external parties, that the ordering of items being billed to the Community Council, can only be undertaken from within the administrative team in order to avoid discrepancies and delays and ensure that good value is achieved.

6. Upcoming Events January-December 2025

a) To receive update on Easter Rock Hunt April 2025

The Deputy Clerk provided an update on the Easter rock hunt, explaining that there had been good uptake on the first week of the easter holidays with children and parents collecting gift bags and there had been positive feedback and interactions with visitors. However, the second week had been slow and there remained approximately half the rocks not returned and gift bags not claimed.

The Deputy Clerk suggested that the rock hunt would be closed at the end of the month.

Cllr Grehan suggested that if there were gift bags unclaimed by the closing date, he could collect them to give to a local school for distribution.

b) To discuss on Awards Night October 2025

The Committee discussed this years Awards Night plans and whether to continue with the same format for the evening and the same award categories.

It was suggested moving the buffet table to the side of the dance floor area so that guests could continue to collect food without hindering the host during the evening.

It was also suggested that the restaurant attached to the Workmens club could be approached for Buffet quotes; the Deputy Clerk will add them to the list of companies to contact.

The Committee felt that although the Choir singing at the start of the night was a nice introduction, the timing of this needed to be reduced as it was a little too long. In addition there was little interest in the singer at the end of the evening so the committee did not feel that this would be required this year.

c) To discuss Remembrance Sunday November 2025

There committee discussed the Remembrance Sunday event this year and agreed that the 2024 event went well.

The Deputy Clerk confirmed that she had approached different brass bands for availability and quotes, but to date had not received any responses.

d) To discuss Seniors Dinner December 2025

The Committee discussed the Seniors dinner with the Deputy Clerk raising the asking whether the event was targeting the range of seniors that the Community Council wanted to support and whether it should be aimed at older seniors where currently the starting age is sixty years.

Cllr Grehan supported keeping the age range as it currently is, as older seniors that are less likely to want to go out at night on a cold, dark evening.

The pricing of tickets for the events was discussed. It was felt that price of tickets can be finalised once the cost of meals supplied by the Workmens club had been quoted. The Deputy Clerk agreed to follow this up closer to the time.

e) To discuss large Christmas Trees for The Square, Workmens, Coed Ely, Edmondstown

The Deputy Clerk reminded the Committee that in 2024 the Community Council paid for the tree at the Workmens club and the trees at The Square and Edmonstown were paid for personally by the then Chair of the Community Council.

The Deputy Clerk advised that enquiries had been made with various local tree suppliers for the large trees but to date no responses had been received.

It was proposed, seconded and

Resolved: To agree that the Community Council will supply large Christmas trees for the Workmens Club and The Square only, this year.

f) To discuss Christmas Light switch on event December 2025

The Committee discussed holding a Christmas Light Switch on event in December 2025.

It was proposed, seconded and

Resolved: To hold a Christmas light switch on event at the Workmens Club on 1st December 2025.

The Committee discussed the possible content of the event and how it would run. They felt it was important to hold the event away from The Square in Tonyrefail due to this not being an ideal location.

Cllr Grehan suggested having a choir singing prior to the light switch on outside in the Workmens carpark along with food stalls. It was discussed having a Christmas market inside the club in the events room with the whole event running from 5-7pm.

Further discussion took place over a possible charge to suppliers to have a stall at the event.

Cllr Skym suggested that the Chamber of Trade may wish to be involved by putting funds toward the event and it was further discussed that the Chamber of trade may hold their own event on the evening to run alongside the Community Council event but separately to it. This could possibly include a Christmas float parade. The Deputy Clerk suggested that this would be for the Chamber of Trade to organise their own attractions.

7. Date of the next meeting

Date of the next meeting to be confirmed.

Meeting concluded at 7:30pm