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Events Committee Meeting Minutes
Tuesday, 25th March 2025, 6.45 PM
Waterfall Suite, Forge Fach Resource Centre

Attendees: Cllrs: Eve Jackson (Chair), Steve Weller, Sue Powell.

Also in attendance: C Kennedy (Clerk to the Council), Gwyn Evans (Heritage Society), Steve Cook (RBL), Caitlin Langridge (Clydach Army Cadets)

Apologies: Cllr Katrina Davies

Absent: None

1. Apologies

There were no apologies for absence.

2. Declarations of Interest

There were no declarations of interest.

3. Minutes

RESOLVED: The minutes of the meeting held on the 18th of February 2025 were reviewed and approved as a true record.

4. Public Questions

Three members of the public were in attendance and gave updates under item 6.

5. Matters Arising

There were no matters arising.

6. Events

6.1 Summer Event

The committee discussed entertainment and logistics.

6.1.1 *Cllr Jackson reported that the following had confirmed attendance:* the DJ, fair, face painter, and Ghostbusters.

ACTION: Cllr Jackson will ask if a bar can be borrowed and ask former councillor Ian James if he can provide information regarding generators.

6.2 VE Day

Steve Cook provided the following updates:

6.2.1 The planned tea party for VE Day will not go ahead due to a lack of interest.

6.2.2 Pupils from the local primary schools will be encouraged to make bunting.

6.2.3 Police checked volunteers have been recruited to discuss the history of VE Day with children.

6.2.4 An application is being submitted to the local Co-op for a community grant to support the purchase of commemorative mugs for primary school children.

6.2.5 The VE service of Remembrance will be at 2:30 PM on Sunday at St. Mary's Church, with hopes of involvement from army cadets and youth groups.

6.2.6 Following these updates; Cllr Jackson stated that on behalf of the Community Council, she has compiled a draft letter for the four primary schools offering a contribution of £100 per school towards VE Day celebrations.

ACTION: The Clerk to the Council to provide Steve Cook with contact details for the four primary schools.

RECOMMENDED: To approve the draft letter prepared by Cllr Jackson.

6.3 Clydach Swimming Baths Commemoration

6.3.1 Gwyn Evans of the Heritage Society provided an update, noting that many community members had submitted memories of the baths. These will be displayed on boards on the day, in the foyer, and, if required, in the main hall of Forge Fach.

6.3.2 Councillors suggested reaching out to the men's club, gardening club, and including an article in the community magazine. They also recommended having a stand at the summer event in Waverley Park, as there is a mobile stand available and limited space in the Heritage Centre.

6.3.3 The Heritage Society requested council funding for teas coffees, and banners.

6.3.4 Caitlin Langridge, Commander of Clydach Army Cadets, attended and stated that she is working on fundraising for the event in collaboration with the cadets, Neath College, and secondary schools.

ACTION: The Clerk will send a grant application form to Gwyn Evans.

6.4 Clydach in Bloom

6.4.1 Cllr Jackson stated that her son would design a flyer for Clydach in Bloom.

6.5 Remembrance Sunday

6.5.1 Extending the road closure was mentioned, and it was agreed that this would be discussed at a future meeting.

6.6 Christmas Parade

6.6.1 The Christmas Parade was briefly discussed.

7. Community Engagement Working Group

RECOMMENDED: The terms of reference will go to the full council for approval. The date and time of meetings will be confirmed at the Annual Meeting in May.

8. Date of Next Meeting

To be confirmed.

Meeting adjourned at 8:00 PM.

Chair:

Signed:

Date: