

MINUTES OF THE EVENTS COMMITTEE MEETING HELD ON 20TH. JUNE 2016.

Present : Councillor Z Hammond (Chair)
Councillor C Erasmus (Vice Chair)
Councillors W Baber, J Weeks, J Criddle, M Gwynne, M Veater MBE & G Hale

1. Apologies for Absence

Apologies were received from Councillors A Farina-Childs & D Davies

2. Declaration of Interest

There were no Declarations of Interest made at this point

3. To Receive the Minutes of the Events Committee Meeting held on 17th. May 2016

It was ***resolved*** the minutes be received

4. Matters Arising

It was noted that at the end of the application process, 9 applications had been received, and all had been chosen to take part in the parade.

5. Carnival 2016

The Chair & Vice Chair reported that unfortunately Twinkle Twinkle had been unable to assist this year, and due to time constraints/ costs, it had been decided to purchase material to make skirts and to purchase bodices to keep within the Beach Party/ Carnival theme. All applicants and families were fully onboard, and costumes had been agreed with 8 of the 9, with the outstanding child due to be sorted later this evening.

The Chair reported that Sian Curtis had kindly agreed to make the skirts/costumes, and Jenna Curtis was providing trophies to be presented to the children taking part in the parade.

It was ***agreed*** a letter of thanks be forwarded to both and we consider inviting both long to the Civic Awards Evening.

The Chair also informed members that one of our applicants, Miss Mia Rose Lewis had recently been voted Miss Teen Gwent Galaxy, and she had agreed to assist in handing out Carnival flyers at the Beach Party on the Saturday prior.

The Clerk reported that things were progressing well –

Premises licence formally submitted and the necessary public notice advertised in the press (at a cost of £224.25 +VAT)

Entertainment for the day was looking good, with a variety of music/dance. He had recently been contacted by KLA Dance Institute, who work out of Blackwood Miners' Institute, they wish to take part in the parade and perform demonstration on site and Blackwood Musical Theatre Group also expressed an interest in the parade and performing during the afternoon.

Being such a small confined space, when compared with the Civic Centre Site, meant the proposed programme of events would have to run consecutively, to give each performance proper recognition, including the children's entertainment organised by the Churches Group and the Dinosaur Show. Members accepted this, and asked if a Programme of Events timings might be produced, and this was *agreed*.

It was *agreed* the Chair contact all members to check their availability on the day, and to allocate duties/responsibilities.

Councillors Hale & Criddle agreed to organise the start of the parade at the Dragon Circle, near ASDA, whilst Councillor M Veater agreed she and Councillor Cook would meet and greet at the Hospitality tent.

6. *Children's Literature Festival*

The Clerk gave a brief update on the Festival having had a recent conversation with Iain Richards who had informed him that he had had a recent meeting with Chris Evans and other M.P.'s, with the outcome that the Welsh Launch of the First World War Poetry & Art Commemorations (organised nationally from Westminster) would take place at the Children's Literature Festival. This was considered another major coup, and coupled with the attendance of the National Poet of Wales & the Young Peoples Laureate will really ensure the Festival & Blackwood have a really high profile.

Councillor Jim Criddle informed members that the planned Oral History Sessions were progressing well and would be delivered by Rhiannon Phillips of the Gwent Archives.

Councillor M Veater queried if Iain might make contact with Mrs. Ellis of the Freeman of the City of London in Islwyn Association regarding their proposed Poetry Competition. Councillor Criddle proposed that the Clerk try to arrange a meeting with Iain when he is next in the area.