

MINUTES OF THE EVENTS COMMITTEE MEETING HELD ON 11TH. APRIL 2017

Present : Councillor Z Hammomd (Chair)
Councillor C Erasmus (Vice Chair)
Councillors J Criddle & W Baber

1. Apologies for Absence

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors A Farina-Childs, D Davies, J Weeks, M Gwynne & P Cook

2. Declarations of Interest

There were no Declarations of Interest made

3. To Receive the Minutes of the Events Committee Meeting held on 19th. October 2016

Councillor Z Hammond queried if these were the minutes of the last meeting, thinking there had been a subsequent meeting just prior to the Christmas Activities.

The Clerk apologised if he had circulated the incorrect minutes, and promised to check this out.

It was, however, ***agreed*** to receive same

4. Matters Arising

There were no matters arising

5. Carnival Sunday 2nd. July 2017

The Clerk reported that he had sought permission for the Carnival to be held at the Market Place as last year, but it appeared there were new owners, and whilst everything seemed positive he was still awaiting final confirmation.

Councillor W Baber mentioned the Market Manager was a little upset that direct contact had been made with the owners rather than via him, but the Clerk responded that he was following the request from Adam last year to make contact with the owners direct. He had not meant any disrespect, realising without his assistance and co-operation the event would be difficult to progress, and that he had copied Adam into the correspondence.

The Clerk also reported that he had contacted Peter Jones (Classic Catering) who had confirmed that even though they were committed on the day to a Food Festival of their own, they would still be in a position to provide staging, marquee and sound system for us on the day.

Discussion turned to the Parade, and after much discussion, it was agreed to extend the parade so it walks from the Institute down the High Street, to near the roundabout at the library, up the pavement to the Bus Station approach and along to the Market Square.

Whilst hopeful this could be managed without a formal request for road closure, it was ***agreed*** discussion would be needed with local police and Caerphilly C.B.C.

It was **agreed** the theme be as last year – beach party/ carnival, and that Samba Galez be approached to lead the parade as last year.

Contact had been made several weeks ago with Newport Pipe & Drums Band, and it was also agreed to approach them confirming the date and requesting a quote for their appearance, either in the parade and/or at the Market Place.

The Mayor informed members he had requested Armed Forces presence on the day, and was also confident the British Legion bikers would also attend.

Application forms had been ordered from the printers, but delay was possible due to substantial work on election material. It was agreed Posters and fliers be in the same format as last year.

Councillor Z Hammond suggested that local businesses be approached regarding possible sponsorship of the Carnival Queen and/or the hospitality Marquee, and it was **agreed** this be explored. It was also **agreed** to invite last years Queen to sit on the interviewing panel for this years Court.

Regarding entertainment on the day, the Clerk confirmed the attendance of Tropical Inc. Dinosaur Show, which had proved extremely successful last year, and it was also **agreed** to contact the Owl Sanctuary to request their attendance.

The Church Groups had been approached and it was hoped their puppet show could be presented on stage rather than from their trailer, which could free up much needed space.

After some discussion, it was also **agreed** to approach the following groups/ individuals regarding their input throughout the day (probably looking to provide entertainment from approx 10.30am through to 4.30pm – all to be confirmed)

DYT Street Dance
KL Dance Institute
Blackwood Little Theatre
Blackwood Musical Society
Peter Karrie Group
Side by Side Autism Choir
CWCW
Caitlin Nedahl
Travis Smith
Dafydd

With the possible additional entertainment from the Samba Band and Pipe & Drums Band, this was considered a varied day of entertainment.

It was also **agreed** to invite Charitable and possibly small craft stalls to attend as in previous years, and dependent on available space to position them around the Market Square

6. Velvet Coalmine Children's Literature Festival

The Clerk reported that he had heard from Iain Richards that the Launch of this years Festival was to be held on Thursday 8th. June at the Senned (National Assembly Building), Cardiff commencing at 6.00pm. Organised with the assistance of Rhiannon Passmore and the Major Events team, this was considered an excellent opportunity to promote the event and the host town of Blackwood to a much wider audience. Representatives from Africa Writes would be invited, and it was hoped to organise transport for approx 100 people including Town Council, participating Schools, Blackwood Little Theatre, Mynyddislwyn Male Voice Choir, Rotary Clubs and other sponsors. The Clerk promised a further update at the Annual General Meeting.

