

MINUTES OF THE EVENTS COMMITTEE HELD ON 10TH. JUNE 2019.

Present: Councillors Z Hammond, G James, C Erasmus & P Cook

1. Apologies for Absence

Apologies were received from Councillors J Griffiths, R Mills

2. Declarations of Interest

No Declarations of Interest were made at this point

3. To appoint a Chair of Events Committee

Councillor Zoe Hammond was proposed, seconded and unanimously elected as Chair

4. To appoint a Vice Chair of Events Committee

With no nominations made, it was ***agreed*** the matter be deferred to the next Town Council meeting

5. Carnival Arrangements

The Chair reported that the response for Children to lead the carnival parade had been very poor with only four in number having actually been received, having given a considerable extension to the original closing date.

She felt that given this poor response, we should not spend time and effort in trying to ensure a carnival queen and court lead the parade, but maybe try and get local groups and organisations to “support your community” by walking in the parade.

Members present, were disappointed that we would be without a queen and court, but fully agreed with the suggestion put forward by the Chair. The Clerk reported that he had already contacted Blackwood Boys & Girls Football Club but was still awaiting a response. The Chair was hopeful the ATC together with all the dance groups would join the parade and that we would be asking everyone to meet at the Market Place, near the Cafe, to register from approx 11.30am with the parade to start at 12.00 noon.

After further discussion it was ***agreed*** the Clerk invite Blackwood, Libanus & Cefn Fforest Schools and their PTA's to join the parade and also make contact with Blackwood Brownies and Army Cadets. Samba Galez have been approached to lead the parade as last year.

The Clerk and Chair were finalising the entertainment programme, and the staging was likely to be positioned outside Argos/ Methodist Church, but making sure the ramps were accessible for use by disabled etc.

The Chair reported that she had sent the necessary forms to our Charity type stalls for completion but was still waiting for most to be returned. Those expressing an interest were British Legion, ATC, Mayor's Charity, Heritage Association, Burst Publishing (with the possibility of BBC Wales presenter Lucy Owen in attendance), Crime Prevention Panel, Islwyn Arts Project, Police (Mobile Van), Blackwood Churches Group & Army Reserve Unit.

After some discussion on toilet provision which was apparently two sets of 2 toilets, it was *agreed* the Clerk request 2 additional toilets be positioned somewhere near Argos, where it is hoped people will congregate near the stage area.

Members present expressed their disappointment at the poor attendance and questioned members commitment to our events programme.

It was *agreed* to call a further meeting prior to the Carnival in an effort to gauge members availability to assist on the day, and when the Chair could allocate tasks