

## ***MINUTES OF THE EVENTS COMMITTEE MEETING HELD ON 17<sup>TH</sup>. SEPTEMBER 2019.***

***Present :*** Councillor Z Hammond ( Chair )  
Councillors G James & C Erasmus  
Also present Emma Wilkins ( Aneurin Bevan UHB )

***Given the poor attendance, the Meeting was inquorate, but as no significant decisions were likely to be required and not to have wasted Emma Wilkins time it was decided to continue with the meeting.***

***Members present did request Town Council to appoint a Vice Chair at its next meeting.***

### ***1. Apologies for Absence***

Apologies for Absence were received from Councillors J Griffiths, D Davies & A Farina-Childs

### ***2. Declarations of Interest***

There were no Declarations of Interest made at this point

### ***3. Presentation by Emma Wilkins ( Aneurin Bevan UHB ) - Turn The Town Pink – Friday 4<sup>th</sup>. October***

Councillor Z Hammond welcomed Emma Wilkins to the meeting, who in turn thanked members for this opportunity to meet with Town Council.

Emma explained that within 2 years Aneurin Bevan UHB's BREAST services for patients will be provided from a single hospital – Ysbyty Ystrad Fawr, Ystrad Mynach. To make this the best it can be, an ambitious fundraising appeal for £200,000 ( £93,000 raised to date ) had been launched to aid the build. It is anticipated the facility will treat approximately 5,000 breast care patients per year. The new unit will provide the best possible environment in which to be supported through the traumatic elements of breast cancer, with counselling rooms, prosthesis room with an aim to make it more of a hotel environment rather than a clinical one.

She said they would like the whole community to get involved in helping, aiming to get as many local practices, individuals and community groups to come together to hold a charity bake sale, plan a pink party or non-uniform Wear Pink to work or join one of the fundraising events. She stated that her fundraising group would ensure anyone interested would have everything needed to make the day fab and full of fun. Turning Pink last year raised approximately £16,000 and the aim was to better than this year.

Several businesses in Blackwood had agreed to take part on Friday 4<sup>th</sup> October, and Emma wondered if Town Council could assist in any way at all to raise awareness.

Members suggested that her volunteers contact the Library, Cinema and various other businesses in town, whilst the Clerk promised to make contact with Institute to see if the building could be lit pink for a few days in the run up to 4<sup>th</sup>. October and with Beverley Edwards of Tidal Stores to see if she would consider doing a window display.

Members also suggested that if this event was to be repeated next year, perhaps it could be incorporated as part of the Town's Bicentenary Celebrations and also perhaps a presence at the Christmas Market on 30<sup>th</sup>. November.

Emma thanked members for their support and suggestions and promised to stay in contact before leaving the meeting.

Members agreed to suggest to Town Council that a donation of £250 be made towards this very worthwhile and much needed facility via Turn the Town Pink

#### **4. To Receive the Minutes of the Events Committee Meeting held on 24<sup>th</sup>. June 2019**

It was *agreed* the Minutes be received

#### **5. Matters Arising**

There were no matters arising

#### **6. Civic Awards Evening**

The Clerk reported that the Blackwood Miners' Institute had been booked for Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup>. October, and the Awards Evening will commence at approximately 7.00pm, with the first presentations being those in respect of Blackwood In Bloom winners.

The evening will follow as previous years, with Presentations to our Civic Awards Winners, Young Persons Award and our newly created Environmental Awards. ( There will obviously be no Velvet Coalmine presentations this year )

There will be entertainment ( The Chair and Clerk to arrange with local artists/ dancers possibly ), and the evening will be rounded off with a buffet.

#### **7. Christmas Events - Market/ Parade/ Light Switch On & Lantern Parade/ Carol Concert**

The Clerk informed members the Blackwood Winter Fair is being organised for Saturday 30<sup>th</sup>. November and it is proposed the staging is as per the Beach Party ie. near Argos with Town Council organising entertainment for the day,( with the assistance of an agreed sum from Caerphilly C.B.C. ) with the planned switch on of Christmas lights set for 4.30pm, with hopefully Newport Pipe & Drums Band leading the parade with Pontllanfraith Rotary Sleigh & Santa bringing up the rear.

There will be stalls available to charities on the run up to Barclays Bank from Argos as per the Beach Party / Carnival event

The Clerk reported that he had provisionally booked the Methodist Church for the Carol Concert on Thursday 5<sup>th</sup>. December and that the evening will be similar to previous years – congregate at Market Place for 6.45pm., Lantern Parade to start at 7.00pm. walking up to Methodist Church for Carol Concert to start approx 7.15pm.

It is envisaged Blackwood & Libanus School Choirs together with Silver/Brass Band & Choir and other artists provide the entertainment, with seasonal refreshments being served downstairs afterwards.