

**MINUTES OF AN EVENTS COMMITTEE MEETING OF BACKWOOD TOWN COUNCIL
HELD ON 8TH. AUGUST 2022**

Present : Councillors P Cook, K Williams & D Davies

1. To Appoint a Chair and Vice Chair of the Committee

Given the poor attendance it was agreed by all present that the Appointment of Chair & Vice Chair be left until a better attended meeting

2. Apologies for Absence

Apologies for Absence were received from Cllrs D Box, R Mills, K Etheridge & G Edwards

3. Declarations of Interest

There were no Declarations of Interest made

4. Blackwood in Bloom Update

The Clerk reported that he had received nominations from Blackwood North, Blackwood South & Blackwood Central Wards but was still awaiting same from Cefn Fforest East Ward

Cllr. D Davies reported that nominations had been agreed and that these would be forwarded to the Clerk over the next day or so

**5. Blackwood Beach Party - Update
Entertainment Stage - Suggestions**

The Clerk reported that from his discussions with the Borough Events Team everything seemed to be in order, with all trade stands taken and all but 2 of Town Council free pitches accounted for - interest has been shown but awaiting necessary completed applications

The Clerk identified that Town Council responsibility was the provision of entertainment from 10.00am through until 5.00pm - 7 hours or 14 x 25/30 minute sets

To date, the following local groups etc had been contacted and all welcomed the opportunity to take part -

Mynyddislwyn Choir
Blackwood Musical Theatre
Studio 54
KLA Dance
DYT

With both Studio 54 & DYT likely to include singers and dancers they are likely to take 2 sets each, meaning 7 sets are already basically arranged, and with all these being local groups are very likely to bring fairly sizeable support of family and friends

The Clerk further reported that he was in contact with Rhinestone Cowgirls a ladies Line Dance type group and a Calypso type Steel Band.

Initial discussions with the Steel Band means that an Acoustic Steel Trio would play 3 x 30 minute sets throughout the late morning / afternoon for £825. Members thought this idea to be in keeping with the Beach Party theme and would be something different for the crowds to enjoy, and it was agreed the Clerk book same.

With these additional 4 potential 25/30 minute sets that realistically leaves only 3 to fill – and probably require a headline type performer/ group to bring the afternoons proceedings to a close.

Cllr. K Williams offered to make contact with 4th. Street Traffic to check their possible availability and Cllr D Davies offered to heck same with The Moos

Members then turned their attention to what else might enhance the day, especially for the children, and some suggestions put forward was Face Painting and photo opportunity with possible comic cut outs or Disney like characters.

The Clerk confirmed one of the stalls was a Face Painter, and also stated he was certain Jenna from Studio 54 could, at a cost, source characters to walk through town throughout the day giving photo opportunities for families and would make enquiries.

It was also agreed to research costs of Hawaiian type garlands and possibly balloons to hand out to children on the day

The Clerk thanked members for their attendance and input and proposed to hold another meeting in approx. 2 weeks time to follow up on some of the suggestions and hopefully also produce a Programme of Entertainment