

Minutes of the Promoting Porthcawl Meeting
held on Thursday, 4th July 2019

Present: Cllr's T Hill, R Smith and L Tallon-Morris

Clerk: Mrs A Thomas

In attendance: Mrs S Watkins
Mrs P Bowen (DSO)

1. Apologies for absence.

Cllr N Clarke (Personal)

Cllr M Emment-Lewis (Personal)

2. Declarations of Interest.

Cllr T Hill Agenda Item 3 (d) Porthcawl Museum

Cllr T Hill Agenda Item 3 (e) Porthcawl Truck Gathering

Cllr T Hill Agenda Item 3 (f) Col Canto

3. To consider item – Grant Applications as presented:

a) Porthcawl RNLI

Members acknowledged the invaluable work the RNLI does. Members discussed the application for financial assistance and agreed to grant Porthcawl RNLI £500.00 [Sponsorship] to facilitate the purchase of public address system also for Porthcawl Town Council to receive public recognition.

Resolved to recommend:

**To award a grant to Porthcawl RNLI for £500.00 to facilitate the purchase of public address system.
Sponsorship Grant.**

b) Porthcawl Girlguides

Members discussed the application from Porthcawl Girlguides towards building costs of existing rebuild. Members acknowledge that Porthcawl Girlguides had already received £20k from Porthcawl Town Council in 2017. Members also acknowledged that Porthcawl Girlguides are undertaking fundraising events.

Resolved to recommend:

To award a grant to Porthcawl Girlguides for £2500.00 towards the cost of the rebuild of Porthcawl Girlguides Hall.

c) 1st Nottage Scouts

Members discussed the work of Nottage Scouts and their request to complete recent disabled access improvements. Members agreed to grant 1st Nottage Scouts £570.00 [Sponsorship] to add a safety rail to the new rear access door also for Porthcawl Town Council to receive public recognition.

Resolved to recommend: **To award a grant to for £570.00 to 1st Nottage Scouts to add a safety rail to the new rear access door. Sponsorship Grant.**

- d) Porthcawl Museum
- e) Porthcawl Truck Gathering
- f) Col Canto

Grant Applications d, e and f were not considered at Promoting Porthcawl meeting due to declarations of interest by the Chairperson. Defer applications to Full Council Meeting, Thursday 11th July 2019.

4. To consider item – Recommendation of the Revive & Thrive Report (Copy of Report attached for information only) – Investigate various place solutions currently being implemented by other towns to see which would or could benefit Porthcawl (as deferred from the Promoting Porthcawl meeting held on 25th April 2019).

Members discussed the recommendations of the Revive & Thrive Report. Members were concerned that there are no brown (Tourist) signs on the M4 advertising Porthcawl and the many attractions it has to offer (Fun Fair, Museum, Beaches etc). Members would like to know the costs of these signs. The Town Clerk informed Members that the PO is consulting with a signage organisation on current signage. The PO to find out costs and other factors to put up signs on M4.

5. To consider item – Recommendation of the Revive & Thrive Report (Copy of Report attached for information only) – Bring all relevant stakeholders together to form a town centre partnership which can take a strategic view on moving the town forwards and can unify existing initiatives to under one banner (as deferred from the Promoting Porthcawl meeting held on 25th April 2019).

Members discussed the recommendations of the Revive & Thrive Reports. Members were keen to bring all relevant stakeholders together to form a town centre partnership which can take a strategic view on moving the town forward and unify existing initiatives to under one banner. Members agreed that an initial meeting would be useful to decide on attendees and these meetings. The Town Clerk to arrange an initial meeting.

6. To consider item – Placement of flowers/hanging baskets/tubs around Nottage Village (Cllr T Hill).

Members discussed the current arrangement for hanging baskets and other flowers within the town. Members were informed that placement of flowers/hanging baskets/tubs in Nottage for this Summer is not possible due to permissions. Restrictions. However, Members agreed that for next year all wards should have flowers/hanging baskets/tubs.

Members discussed the possibility of contacting Community Garden Groups to ask for involvement for each ward.

Resolved to recommend:

To arrange placement of flowers/hanging baskets/tubs for all wards for Summer 2020. Contact Community Garden Groups to ask for their involvement.

7. To consider item – Decorative Lighting Update.

Members expressed their disappointed over the Christmas Lighting 2018. Members wanted a better display for the residents of Porthcawl.

Members have been invited to Centregreat to view Christmas lighting for 2019.

The Town Clerk stated the contract with Centregreat had expired. Members would like to contact other companies to explore all options for Christmas lighting 2019.

Member will meet with Centregreat also the Town Clerk to contact other companies for quotes.

8. To consider and approve the new Financial Assistance application process and form (separate booklet attached).

Members discussed the current financial assistant application process and agreed that the new process would be easier for applicants to complete with more guidance for applicants. Councillors would be more informed with the Checklist now added at the back of the form (large grants).

Members agreed the new process would be easier and agreed to adopt the new process.

9. Clerk’s Report.

Nothing to report.

The meeting concluded at 8.05pm.