

**Minutes of the Promoting Porthcawl Meeting**  
**held on Thursday, 4<sup>th</sup> November 2019, 7.00pm**  
**at Harris Printers, Board Room, 16 – 18 Mary Street, Porthcawl**

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

Clerk: Mrs A Thomas  
Mrs S Watkins

In attendance: Mrs P Bowen (DSO)  
David Lynn (PO)

1. **Apologies for absence.**

Cllr N Clarke (Personal).

2. **Declarations of Interest.**

Cllr M Emmet-Lewis Agenda Item 9, Chamber of Trade.  
Cllr T Hill Agenda Items 4a & 9, Chamber of Trade.

*Members agreed to vary the order of the agenda to provide sufficient time for Mr Whittaker to arrive.*

3. **To consider item – Grant Applications as presented:**

a) Christmas Morning Swim

Members acknowledged the success of the Christmas Morning Swim and the many charities benefiting from this event. Members suggested that advertising Porthcawl Town Council, possibly the Town Crest/other could be added on the Porthcawl Christmas Swim promotional material, i.e. Brochures/Leaflets for Porthcawl Christmas Swim.

**Resolved to recommend:**

**To award a 'Sponsorship Grant' to Porthcawl Christmas Swim for £787.50 to cover the cost of the safety element of the Swim.**

b) Porthcawl Rugby Club

Members acknowledged the application from Porthcawl Rugby Club, however due to insufficient information decided to defer the application. Members wanted to know who owns Porthcawl Rugby Club, are there Trustees, is Porthcawl Rugby Club a limited company.

Members agreed to inform Porthcawl Rugby Club (PRC) of PTC current budget situation. Also to inform PRC their application is not rejected, PTC has insufficient information to make a decision.

*(The Clerk arrived – apologies were given for being late due to previous meeting overrunning).*

Once this information has been provided the application will be considered again.

c) Cwlwm Celtaidd

Members agreed the Cwlwm Celtaidd Music & Dance Festival has been very successful and beneficial to both participants and to the people of Porthcawl. Members agreed to support their application with a Sponsorship Grant.

**Resolved to recommend:** **To award a ‘Sponsorship Grant’ to Cwlwm Celtaidd for £750.00 to continue to bring high quality music and dance by artists to take part in the festival.**

**4. To consider item – Summer Planting 2020 update.**

Members were informed that an email had been sent to all Councillors asking them for their Summer Planting 2020 suggestions.

Members were provided with an update of Summer Planting 2020 by Ward.

*Newton – Porthcawl Medical Centre and Newton Green.*

*Nottage – Hanging baskets in and around Nottage Village/West Road area.*

*East Central – All the new beds by the Boxing Club and some wild seeds thrown on the grassed area of Poplar Crescent.*

*Rest Bay – On the green by the Seagull Pub, along the footpath in Fulmar Road that travels from Fulmar Road to Fitzhamon Road, Glenavon Crescent, Hutchwns Close, Fulmar Road on the strip opposite Rest Bay Close and between Sandpiper Road and West Park Drive.*

Members acknowledged the reliable and efficient service provided by A J Guttridge but agreed to provide a set amount (budget) for Summer Planting 2020 and provide this budget to local florists with a request for an itemised quotation.

The Clerk to seek detailed itemised quotes and report back to a future meeting.

**6. To consider item – Nottage Seasonal Plant Display Boat (information attached)**

Members were provided with a written report from The PO and a verbal update.

The PO provided an update concerning Nottage Seasonal Plant Display Boat. The boat was planted and maintained by SUSSED during the summer. The boat is continually obscured by vehicles parked in front of the boat display also the boat is looking faded and unattractive.

To improve the display it is proposed to relocate the boat slightly further toward Nottage traffic island and parallel to the road where it can be clearly seen at all times. As part of this process arrangements will be made to refurbish the boat and add a scaled down mast to facilitate the installation of LED lights or bunting. To prevent grass cuttings being sprayed over the side it is proposed to install barrier matting with small chippings on top around the base. This would portray a beached boat.

Work that needs to be done would be carried out by the Probation Service – possibly starting work March 2020 providing agreement has been granted by BCBC Highways.

The PO to report back on progress at the next Promoting Porthcawl meeting on Monday, 3<sup>rd</sup> February 2020.

Members agreed to ring-fence part of next year's planting budget to support this initiative. The PO agreed to keep the Committee informed of progress.

**7. To consider item – Landscape Improvements – Newton Nottage Traffic Island and Main Town Traffic island (information attached).**

Members were provided with a written report from The PO and a verbal update.

a) Nottage Traffic Island

The traffic island (approx. 61m in diameter) is the main focal point for the majority of people entering Porthcawl. The landscaping consists of established trees with surrounding ground cover planting forming the backdrop to the four rectangular seasonal plant display beds. It is estimated that budget provision of £5,000 would be necessary to cover associated costs with clearance of the existing planting and implement new landscaping. The options for improving the appearance of this traffic island include:

1. Enlarge and reshape the four rectangular seasonal plant display beds and continue with summer and spring bedding plant displays.
2. Remove the ground cover plants surrounding the trees and plant the areas with perennial and annual wild flowers, as planted on the other traffic islands. The areas would just need cutting in September.
3. Remove the majority of trees and ground cover planting then plant a larger area with perennial or annual wild flowers. Please note that trees would be left for the Councils Christmas tree light display.
4. Grass over the four rectangular seasonal plant display beds.

b) Portway/Town Traffic Island

The traffic island forms the gateway to the seafront, marina, and areas subject to future redevelopment. It is larger (approx... 77m in diameter) than Nottage Traffic Island. The landscaping consists of large areas of over mature planting, with dead trees, with three areas of annual wild flowers to the perimeter. Due to its position and size it is proposed that a different approach is taken to that outlined in a) above for the Nottage traffic island. It is estimated that budget provision of £5000 would be needed to commence clearance of the existing planting and cover costs associated with the production of designs. The following proposals have been considered as viable actions:

1. The existing landscaping is removed in phases due to its extent and the associated cost.
2. That a design for a suitable icon structure with a maritime theme is progressed to aid discussion and costing.
3. Draw up draft proposals for a suitable low maintenance landscape theme.





**11. To receive update – Joint Meeting with Experience-Porthcawl, Chamber of Trade and Town Centre Manager (Cllr T Hill).**

The Chair advised that she would be attending a meeting with various organisations which had been organised by Bridgend CBC and that she would report back to the next meeting.

**12. Clerk's Report.**

Nothing to report.

*The meeting concluded at 9.05pm*