

Minutes of the Promoting Porthcawl Meeting
held on Monday 3rd February 2020
at the Porthcawl Community Hub

Present: Cllrs T Hill (Chair), N Clarke, M Emment-Lewis, L Tallon-Morris and R Smith

Clerk: S Watkins

1. Apologies for absence

None.

2. Declarations of Interest

None.

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

➤ **Miners Eisteddfod O/A Welsh Open Brass Band Entertainment Championship**

It was considered about the possibility of the funding applications being considered only twice yearly, however, certain months were not determined at this meeting.

It was discussed that a dashboard should be devised to illustrate all previous grant funding applications, including in the dashboard how much funding and how often the applicant had applied for funding during the financial year.

Resolved to recommend: **To thank the Miners Eisteddfod for their application and to advise them that due to the current financial constraints of Council that Porthcawl Town Council is not in a position to provide any funding for the Welsh Open Brass Band Championship Event on this occasion.**

4. To consider item – Delivery of Porthcawl Town Council Events and to determine specific amounts of financial contribution to be allocated to an organisation agreeing to co-ordinate the Summer Event and the Christmas Event 2020

The Clerk informed Members that she had spoken with the Secretary of the Chamber of Trade along with the Town Centre Manager and advised that the Porthcawl Chamber of Trade would be happy to organise the Porthcawl Christmas Event in 2020 assigning to EPM Creative Marketing as done for the

event in 2019. However, they would not be looking to organise a Summer Event for 2020.

Funding amounts were agreed by Members for the summer and Christmas Events 2020. It was agreed that these amounts could be paid in full for each event if required by the organisation or should one event not require the full amount the remaining balance could be used to increase the funding for the other event if required. (*The agreed amounts are omitted from these minutes so that this information is not shared in the public domain at this stage*).

It was agreed by Members that no profit is to be gained nor are any funds to be collected by the organisers at either the Summer or Christmas Events 2020.

Following consideration it was agreed by the Committee that the Clerk produces a press release asking organisations to show an expression of interest to organise a Summer and/or Christmas event 2020. The press release to be submitted to the local press and also placed on the Town Council website and notice board.

5. To consider item – VE Day 8th May 2020 (Cllr T Hill)

Members were informed that the Porthcawl Museum are looking to organise a street party to commemorate VE Day on the 8th May 2020, and it was agreed by Members that Porthcawl Town Council should support this event in principle.

6. To consider item – Projects Officer Report February 2020 (Tender information attached on pink for Members information only)

The Chair read out some information included on the Project's Officer Report.

It was considered going forward about the possibility of the Town Council purchasing their own planters for the Summer planting and agreed that the Town Council should only place two planters outside the Grand Pavilion this year.

Members discussed that the current condition of the floral display on the Nottage boat is of a poor standard. It was advised that it was currently the responsibility of volunteers who had requested to take over the planting of the boat following the departure of the Town Council Handyman in 2018. The Clerk was asked to make some enquiries with the persons responsible for the boat in terms as to whether this is something they still wished to pursue.

Members questioned the high costs for the planting and on-going maintenance of the Cenotaph and requested that a full breakdown of costs be obtained from Guttridges for all areas including the Cenotaph.

It was suggested that the flowers for the town should be possibly put out to tender for 2021. Members were reminded that as the amount is under £25,000 a tender would not technically be required.

Following discussion:-

Resolved to recommend: To proceed with Guttriges at the cost of £5,959.00 for the Summer Planting Provision 2020.

Resolved to recommend: That the Clerk obtains a breakdown of all the current locations that summer planting is located and a full breakdown of the costs from Guttriges.

Resolved to recommend: To look into the possibility of having six hanging baskets each in both Newton and Nottage Villages. Cllr N Clarke to initially source costings from a local business for Nottage Village and the Clerk to initially source costings from Guttriges.

7. **To consider item – Development of a Tourism Support Strategy as outlined in the Terms of Reference for the Promoting Porthcawl Committee. (Terms of Reference document attached for Members information only)**

Resolved to recommend: To invite Andrew Highway, Town Centre Manager, to a Full Council meeting and the subsequent Promoting Porthcawl Committee meeting following his attendance at the Full Council meeting.

8. **To consider item – Update on Joint Meeting with Experience-Porthcawl, Chamber of Trade and Town Centre Manager (as requested at the last meeting of the Promoting Porthcawl Committee on 4th November 2019) (Cllr T Hill)**

Resolved to recommend: To not proceed with a joint meeting until such a time that an introductory meeting with Andrew Highway, Town Centre Manager has taken place.

9. **To consider item – De-brief of Christmas Lighting 2019 and strategies for Christmas Lighting 2020**

Members showed discontentment in relation to some of the Christmas lighting that was provided in 2019.

Members were informed that a revised invoice had been received from the Christmas lighting supplier and that no confirmation had been received from them to date with regards to a scheduled date for a meeting.

It was agreed that the Clerk establishes the current amount of features that the Christmas lighting provider are currently holding on behalf of Porthcawl Town Council and to search for other local Christmas lighting companies who could potentially provide the Christmas lighting for Porthcawl in 2020.

10. Clerk's Report

Nothing to report.

The meeting concluded at 8.40pm