

NEATH TOWN COUNCIL – EVENTS SUB-COMITTEE MEETING
Minutes of the Meeting held via video conferencing on Tuesday, 16th January 2024 at 6pm

Present: Cllr. J. Warman (Chair), Cllr. Mrs J. L. Lockyer, Cllr. J. Miller, Cllr. T. Pearson, Cllr. R. Price, Cllr. Mrs S. Price, Cllr. P. Sambrook, Cllr. A. Sims, (Kathryn Charles - Town Clerk)

Absent: Cllr. T. Cooze, Cllr. Ms. L. Heard, Cllr. P. James, Cllr. Mrs. L. Jones, Cllr. Ms. M. Lloyd, Cllr. G. Morgan, Cllr. A. Musaied, Cllr. M. Protheroe

EV2024/1 To accept apologies for absence from Members

Apologies for absence were received from Cllr. K. Finn, Cllr. D. Thomas.

EV2024/2 To receive any declarations of interest from Councillors in accordance with the Members Code of Conduct

There were no declarations of interest received.

EV2024/3 To review Christmas Light Switch on November 2023

Members discussed all the arrangements for the Light Switch on and gave feedback they received from those attending, the wider community and via social media posts. The community felt that the event was safer for children, easier to access and well laid out. The community also felt that there was shelter from the bad weather on the stand. Members confirmed that the feedback was overwhelmingly positive despite the dreadful weather on the night. Consideration was given on this year's event and its location.

EV2024/4 To confirm arrangements for Christmas Light Switch On November 2024

RESOLVED: Members confirmed that the location, due to its favourable feedback could be Neath Rugby Club. **RESOLVED:** Members asked that the Town Clerk approach the Club and ask whether it would be possible to host the event, free of charge, once again for 2024.

The Town Clerk asked Members if they wished to continue with the same format of the event. **RESOLVED:** Agreed.

The Town Clerk reminded Members that Tecwins Twist were no longer able to support the event and asked for alternatives for the free entertainment. **RESOLVED:** The Town Clerk to approach an alternative.

RESOLVED: Members were extremely happy with the events contractor and wished to continue to use them for 2024.

RESOLVED: After positive feedback, the free Santa's Grotto which was available on the Saturday for a limited time in Neath Town Hall would also continue for 2024.

EV2024/5 To consider arrangements for all 2024 Events in advance to ensure any NPTCBC paperwork (where necessary) can be submitted asap

Members discussed the overview of events for the year.

RESOLVED: To continue with Party in the Park in its usual format on the listed date in Victoria Gardens, Neath.

RESOLVED: Confirmation of the Lighting of the Beacon to commemorate the 80th D Day commemorations on the listed date. This would take place at Neath Castle.

RESOLVED: Confirmation of holding an 80th D Day commemoration event in Victoria Gardens, Neath. Arrangements for this event were discussed with several sourcing options to be taken forward by the Town Clerk. **RESOLVED:** All NTC school governors to approach schools to discuss involvement and also include cadet forces. **RESOLVED:** Music would be sourced from brass bands, cadet forces and based on 1940's.

EV2024/6 To receive the updated Schedule of Events for 2024/25

Members reviewed the schedule of Events plus the Lighting/Flag schedule.

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EV2023/7 **CONFIDENTIAL MATTERS – To consider passing a resolution under the provisions of Section 1(2) of the Public Bodies (Admission to Meetings) Act 1960, in view of the confidential nature of the business about to be transacted, it is advisable in the public interest that the press and public are excluded from the remainder of the meeting**
The resolution was duly passed.

EV2023/8 **To receive Correspondence relating to 'Events'**

Correspondence received for action		Resolutions
An email from One Voice Wales regarding Lamp Light of Peace	To be discussed.	Already covered in events above and Beacon Lighting.

The Town Clerk asked Members if they still wished to proceed with the suggestion of a collective meeting with community organisations and NPTCBC. The aim of the meeting was suggested via previous correspondence in relation to the difficulties all groups were facing holding events in NPT town centres. **RESOLVED:** Members agreed to take this forward.

EV2023/9 **To discuss Commercial Contracts relating to Events**

The Town Clerk confirmed that they had approached the Christmas lights contractor asking for a larger tree install for 2024.

EV2023/10 **To fix a date for the next Meeting**

The Chair advised that the next meeting would be held on Tuesday, 6th February 2024.

There being no further business, the meeting was closed.

Signed: _____

Dated: _____

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01/02/2024