Bedwas, Trethomas & Machen Community Council

Remote Events & Leisure Committee (ELC) 10 May 2021
Draft Minutes

Present: Amanda McConnell (Chair), Lisa Phipps, Jill Winslade
Apologies: Chris Morgan, Dan Llewellyn

2. Declarations of Interest
None received.
3. To receive and confirm the Minutes of the E&LC on 08 March 2021
Agreed and accepted.
4. Matters Arising (not on the Agenda) from the E&LC on 08 March 2021
4.1 Blue & White Buses Event - defer to next meeting due to Chris Morgan not in attendance and this being his Event.
4.2 Garden Competition for 2021 - defer to next meeting.
4.3 Providing litter picking equipment to residents
Cllr Phipps has received more requests from residents and asked if a further 15 pickers & 15 hoops could be purchased from the Special Projects Fund. Members agreed. **FULL COUNCIL TO DECIDE**
5. Review schedule of events for 2021-2022 and confirm dates
Defer to next meeting as no up to date copy with the papers.
6. To consider poppy stencils/prints in relevant locations for Remembrance Day
Members agreed but the number of locations depends on the price. Cllr Phipps will chase this up. TO NOTE
7. To consider "A Dogs Trail" – Sponsorship Opportunity
7.1 Caerphilly Town Centre will be hosting this event in March - June 2022.
7.2 'A Dogs Trail with Snoopy' (https://adogstrail.org.uk/) is a project that is being hosted in Cardiff, it follows an established model and has an amazing proven track record with trails such as the 'Snow Dogs Trail' in Cardiff in 2017.
7.3 At the moment the agreement with CCBC and Dogs Trust is for 6 characters to be located in and around Caerphilly Town Centre, with any additional characters that may form part of the trail being generated through sponsored characters. There is also a school and community learning programme running alongside the main project to encourage 'packs' of smaller dogs to be located at indoor venues such as Caerphilly library, Caerphilly leisure centre and shop foyers etc.
7.4 Schools and Community Groups who wish to be involved in the project will have a £750 fundraising pledge to cover the cost of the mini character. It is essential to reiterate that there are no contractual obligations for schools/community groups to raise the £750, as long as there is a pledge for each school/community group involved to commit to try and raise some funds towards paying for the character, which essentially costs £750 to commission.
7.5 Members agreed for Cllr McConnell to send an email asking if they offer any cheaper packages and whether we could involve all 4 Primary Schools in BTM with the one mini character. TO NOTE
8. To consider a fundraising event for the new Breast Unit at YYF (LP)

Defer to next meeting.

9. NHS, Social Care & Frontline Workers Day 5 July 2021 – to confirm Council support and arrangements

The Clerk has ordered the Flag 150cm (w) x 90cm (h) @ £ 34.98 in readiness for this event. Cllr McConnell will contact Rev Dean Aaron Roberts to see if the Church bells at St Barrwgs & Machen could be rung on the 5 July at 8pm. TO NOTE

10. To discuss and plan arrangements for the 'Community Garden Open Day & Macmillan Coffee Morning' Event

Defer to next meeting due to number of apologies received. Cllr McConnell did also invite Cllr Aldworth & Cllr Gale. TO NOTE

11. To receive an update and confirm lighting/arrangements for living Christmas Trees 2021

11.1 The Lighting Company have confirmed that the Christmas Trees in Trethomas, Machen, Upper Graig y Rhacca & Lower Graig y Rhacca are not large enough for lighting supplied by them apart from the one outside BTM Offices.

11.2 The wiring would need to be at a height that would be acceptable to meet safety standards and this will probably require anther 10 years of growth. The tree at the office is higher and can easily provide a power supply from the office so he will quote for this and send to Clerk email address.

11.3 Quotes will need to be obtained for an outdoor socket at the front of the office building near the Christmas Tree. Defer to next meeting.

11.4 The Lighting Company have suggested using battery operated timer lights as the solar lights can be inadequate. Members of Council/public would still need to put them up. Members agreed to purchase x4 sets 600 Battery Operated LED Timer Lights @£30 each (Trethomas, Machen, Lower GYR, Upper GYR) Total £120. **FULL COUNCIL TO DECIDE**

12. AOB

Cllr Phipps confirmed that the Co-op have offered to purchase and plant a living Christmas Tree with electrical supply lights by the Bedwas Co-op Store. TO NOTE

13. Date of next meeting

Monday 12 July at 5pm.

Meeting ended 5:30pm.