



Cyngor Tref
Rhuddlan
Town Council

Rhuddlan Town Council – Minutes of the Events Committee Meeting 16th January 2024

Held at Hwb Rhuddlan

Cllr Mike Kermode Mayor
Cllr Val Simmons Deputy Mayor
Cllr Ivor Beech
Cllr Ann Davies
Cllr Mike Elgin
Cllr Arwel Roberts
Cllr Gareth Rowlands
Steve Wilson - Town Clerk
Paul Smith - Clerical Assistant/Minute Clerk

Two representatives of the Rhuddlan allotment association Jill Wainwright and Ralph Thomasson were present
The Chair welcomed all those present & thanked them for their attendance

1. Apologies

Gill Price Rhuddlan Community Centre Association, Shirley Capper Rhuddlan Bowls Club

2. Declaration of Interest

None given

3. Minutes

The previous meeting Minutes of 12/12/23 had been reviewed & approved by the Full Council meeting on 11/1/2024.

4. Progress from the Minutes

There were none reported.

5. Community Christmas Carols around the Tree

The Mayor was very pleased with the event which went according to plan, Santa was wonderful, and the elves great. He asked Members for their observations.

There was concern that there were not enough chairs set out and that there was only one carol in Welsh. Cllr Arwel Roberts will provide more Welsh carols for this year's event.

The meeting then focused on the date of this year's event, Members agreeing that Saturday was the best day. After some discussion about any clashes with other events, the availability

of the community centre, and our own community market on the 14th December it was agreed to go for Sat 21st December in the first instance and 14th if not suitable. Proposed by Cllr Arwel Roberts, seconded by Cllr Mike Elgin. **Resolved.**

6. Gwledd Update

Bespoke Events have 31 traders booked in already and several entertainment providers are booked e.g. face painting, a magician, and the Dyffryn Diva's. In response to asking those present if they wanted any more entertainers they showed enthusiasm for seeking more local talent, and a singer Beverley Taylor was suggested. The Clerk will follow up.

7. DLL Community Grant & a Mid-Summer Event

The Mayor had circulated a discussion document on the grant criteria and proceeded to highlight some of the issues he had noted. Full Council had already agreed to facilitate the event and any applications for this Denbighshire Leisure grant would have to be submitted by 19th February. The two elements eligible for funding were discussed, along with the key information required to accompany any bid, and the need to prepare estimated breakdown of the costs. It was noted that both capital and revenue funding were available. Some concern was noted about the monitoring data required and how Council could gather and record it.

At this point the Mayor asked those present if they wanted to apply for a grant or go it alone in terms of funding, and their ideas of what the event would look like. Perhaps a series of taster sessions by local groups such as the Dementia Group, Rhyl Marching Band, Cadw etc.

He also reminded the meeting that Council has limited person resource and that local groups would need to participate to make it a success.

Several ideas were forwarded including themed competitions, a D Day celebration, football sessions, and choir auditions. How costs could be estimated, along with thoughts on using professional organisers to reduce Council's concerns on the event operation were commented on.

Members soon realised that there were many issues to be considered and agreed to arrange a working group for this task. A date week commencing 29th January will be circulated to all committee members and Councillors.

8. Grant Applications

None had been received and the committee noted that the Council had approved a budget of £10,000 for any future event applications and there was mention of £2,000 in an old Rhuddlan Events Committee (non-council) bank account.

No date for the next meeting was agreed

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11/1/24