

**Minutes of “remote” Events Committee held Remotely on Thursday
day 18th January 2023 at 6.30p.m.**

PRESENT: Cllrs J Slate Chair, G Bevan, P Totterdale, J Evans

**Cllrs Ally Wadeward and Graham Slate attended as observers in
addition to Howard Davies Clerk.**

**One member of the public suffered connectivity issues and failed to
connect to this meeting.**

1. Apologies – Cllr E Williams

2. Declaration of interest – None

**3. The minutes of the meeting held on 10TH November 2022 were
unanimously approved (Minute 123 – E3).**

**3a) At this point the Chair asked to discuss point 7 next, prior to point
4 to ensure all present understood how the Events committee was
made up and their voting rights before we look at other agenda points.
This was unanimously agreed. (Minute 123 E3a)**

Move to point 7 now.

**7. The chair had asked the clerk to ascertain how the number of
Councillors sitting on this Committee could be expanded, to broaden its
appeal, thus ensuring that appropriate events are put on that meet
Community expectations are considered. It will also enable us to draw
on the individual skill sets of our Councillors. Additionally, the clerk was
asked to see if non-Councillors could join the Committee again to
broaden its appeal, and to reach out to the community to see what they
wanted thus ensuring a cross section of opinion to drive this initiative
forward.**

**The clerk fed back as follows having discussed matters with Paul Egan at
One Voice Wales:**

Given that we as a Council had adopted a rule that no more than five members to include the chair and vice chair could sit on a Committee, then an upper limit for the members sitting on this Committee and being specific to this Committee alone, would have to be agreed via separate motion to be placed before the full Council.

All Council members to be asked if they wanted to sit on the Events Committee, to ascertain final numbers for the Committee.

All members sitting on the Committee to have voting rights.

Turning to non-Councillors whilst they can join the committee they can only have voting rights in respect of the following specifics :

1. The Management of land owned or occupied by the Council – in our case Llangunnor Park.
2. The Management of a Festival – in our case any Community Events such as fun days, sports days, funs runs, carnivals, and community parties to name a few that come to mind in this category.
3. Their individual votes would be counted along with those of the Councillors.

However, they would not be allowed to vote on the total amount of money which may be spent by the Council in any financial year in respect of land or festivals.

The chair thanked the clerk for his research and feedback and suggested as a starting point that the clerk write to all Councillors inviting them to join this Committee.

Action point: Clerk to write to all Councillors inviting them to sit on this committee.

Back to point 4.

4. Review of Christmas arrangements 2022.

The Chair informed the members that in her opinion, and from feedback received from the wider community and our supporting partners that the night had been a huge success, with record crowds being seen at the “switch on of the lights” and afterwards for refreshments at Basbell Zion Newydd.

She wished to thank all volunteers and our Community partners for their generous support, which ensured the evening was a success. It was also pleasing to see all our Community Councillors were in attendance for this important Community event.

Thank you, letters have been, sent to following businesses and organisations for their support, and donations:

Castell Howell Foods - Donation of 100 Selection Boxes.

Aldi Supermarkets - Donation of food and refreshments for the after party.

St Cynnwyr WI – - Donation of cakes and help on the evening.

Basbell Zion Newydd - For the use of their facilities for “Santa’s Grotto” and the after party

Planning for 2023

- 1) Consideration of providing another Christmas Tree at the entrance to Llangunnor Park- electricity connection permitting.
- 2) Consideration of relocating the “switch on” service to the park if point 1 is achieved, as all felt this would be a safer option, given the large crowds in attendance at last year’s event, and the dangers posed by having the service along side a busy road down at Pensarn.
- 3) If the service was located back to the park, consideration to be given to see if a closer venue such as Yr Aelwyd, along with the local school could be considered for the after party.
- 4) Clerk to ascertain costs and any special requirements to create a new secure anchor sleeve to house a Christmas tree at the entrance to the park similar to that was created for the Nant Y Caws site.

5. Celebration of the Kings Coronation.

The Chair reminded everyone that the King's Coronation will take place on the 6th May 2023 and suggested that consideration should be given to putting on another Community event at the park, building on the success of this years Queen's Jubilee party, which had been well received by the residents of Llangunnor, or do we move to a summer event instead?

After a lengthy debate Cllrs felt that a summer event drawing on the success of last years Queen's Jubilee party, sports and Community event would be the way to go. **(Minute 0123 – E)**

To bolster the appeal of the event, Cllrs Matt Williams and Graham Slate had previously suggested to the Committee that consideration should be given to holding a fun run, to “kick start” the event.

All Councillors thought this was a fantastic idea, would be well received, and would draw on crowds due to current popularity of this type of event, which would appeal to a cross section of ages, and would be a good opener for a summer event at the park.

Action point: Cllrs Williams and Slate to be asked to investigate this further and to report back to next month's Committee meeting, where this would be placed as an agenda item for further discussion.

Given the urgency to start planning and deciding of the format of such a community event to ensure its success, all Councillors were asked to bring their thoughts and ideas to our next meeting, and to check dates for other events locally to avoid clashes.

6. The raising of funds towards a Community building was again discussed and all Councillors felt it was a good idea, if our aspirations to get a rented or permanent building for the Community of Llangunnor be fulfilled.

The Clerk suggested that we ask Cllr Elwyn Williams to attend the next meeting drawing on his experiences to give us some guidance on how any funds raised should be accounted for, as ideally they need to be ring fenced on a separate bank account and perhaps held by a “third party

organisation” at arm’s length from Llangunnor C C, and to be utilised for specific Community benefit projects such as the provision of a meeting place.

The topic of charging entrance fees was again discussed, where the Chair pointed out that the Council had covered the cost of the Jubilee party circa £1300 on a one-off basis, given the significance of the event celebrating the Queens seventy years on the throne, and the desire to put on a “feel good community event” given the challenges of the ongoing Covid pandemic, which was not sustainable going forward.

After a robust discussion it was felt that we should recommend charging a nominal entrance fee for the event to help recoup costs, and to generate a profit which then could be ploughed back to help fund community projects such as our aspirations to have a dedicated meeting place for the community of Llangunnor.

It was further agreed that entry fees would be discussed at the next meeting together with entry charges, for the fun run, as additional costs would be incurred to put on this event.

Councillors also discussed the possibility of putting on additional events throughout the year and concluded that Easter was too close. They also felt that there would be benefit in setting up an events calendar going forward.

Action point: Clerk to ask Cllr Williams to attend our next meeting, and to place entrances fees to be levied as an agenda point to the next meeting.

8. Next meeting – Wednesday 22nd February 2023.

Meeting closed 8.20 p.m.

Signed as true record:

Date: