

## **Minutes of the Social and Cultural Working Group**

**Tuesday 1<sup>st</sup> September 6.00 pm**

**Via Zoom**

### **Present**

Anne Jackson, Gwyn Jackson, Neil Holley Carole Willis , Karan Lane, Martin Ashford

### **Apologies**

Paul Griffiths

### **Christmas Event**

The working group considered the restrictions of Coronavirus and actions being taken by other groups in the area.

- Macmillan will not be arranging the craft market at the Athletic club.
- Bethel Chapel will be holding an online festival
- Pontyclun Pantomime will be performing their Panto at Easter 2021

The group also considered alternatives to the Christmas festival and agreed that it is not possible to organise outdoor gatherings with limited numbers

### **The Social and Cultural Working group recommends to Pontyclun Community Council that**

1. Pontyclun Community Council does not organise the Christmas music festival
2. PCC puts lights on the weeping willow tree outside the Community Centre and Café 50 and consider placing a Christmas tableau on the green
3. PCC ask the local schools if they would like to create some Christmas videos that could be put on Pontyclun.net
4. PCC consider putting trees above the shops recognising that the use of a cherry picker is expensive
5. PCC ask the businesses if they wish to use this opportunity to organise their own Christmas event. The businesses would organise, provide insurance, deal with the necessary legalities. PCC could provide support and the car park.

### **Catering at Café 50**

It was noted that some of the regular diners would like to return to café 50 for sociable lunchtimes.

It was agreed that this is not the best time to re tender the catering service as the catering offer is not attractive as reduced number would not necessarily be profitable.

**The Social and Cultural Working group recommends to Pontyclun Community Council that**

1. Tara is asked to contact the regular diners to ask if they want to return to have lunch at Café 50
2. A socially distanced meeting is held so that the regulars can express their views on returning and the type of lunch they would like; cooked or sandwiches
3. Tara asks Graham if he wants to provide a dinner for Café 50 users
4. If Graham is not interested and diners wish to return, PCC consider the use of frozen meals at a similar cost.
5. 4 above would require someone to defrost and heat the meals. If this is the chosen route, PCC considers how this can be done.
6. Ask Tara to report back to the Council as soon as possible via email or Zoom meeting
7. Café 50 does not organise a Christmas dinner