

Pontyclun Community Council, 19th January 2021.

Minutes of the Social and Cultural Working Group

Present

Anne Jackson, Martin Ashford, Neil Holley, Carol Willis, Karan Lane, Margaret Griffiths, Paul Griffiths, Tara Davies.

Christmas 2021

It was agreed that the circumstances are still very unknown and that we could not consider Christmas arrangements until there is guidance from Welsh Government about lifting the lockdown.

We believe that all groups who may be considering booking a marquee or stage will be in the same position, so there is no rush.

The working group recommends that:

1. We wait to receive Welsh government guidance on mixing outdoors and indoors
2. We contact the Pontyclun Macmillan group and the primary schools out of courtesy.

Catering for Café 50

The working group agreed that Café 50 will not be opening until there is Welsh government guidance on mixing indoors and outdoors.

It is noted that the core clientele has reduced to about 10 people and that catering at Café 50 would not focus on meat and two veg.

The working group feel that it is not possible to retender the catering contract but that we could ask for expressions of interest. We would need to write an open specification that can be sent to catering companies asking for their interest in developing and marketing a catering provision that would meet wider needs of the over 50 community.

The working group recommends that:

1. Margaret and Tara work together to write an advert / letter asking for expressions of interest.
2. Tara and the Clerk advertise and receive expressions of interest.
3. The working group consider the expressions of interest and recommend to the council which companies we may want to work with for a stage 1 discussion

Brightening up Pontyclun

It was noted that some towns are brightening up public spaces with arts and craft made by the public.

It is felt that Pontyclun CC could offer the park railings for people to add their craft to.

It was agreed that as there are no budget implications and that if all councillors agree by email that this could be advertised on Facebook as soon as possible.

It was suggested that the project could be called a Year of Hope

The working group recommends that:

1. The Clerk writes to all councillors asking them to agree to the project
2. The Clerk writes to RCT highways for the necessary permission to decorate the railings
3. If there is agreement, the clerk and Tara advertise the project on Facebook