

Social and Cultural working group

6.30 p.m. 31st January 2022

Present

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

Apologies

Paul Griffiths

Picnic in the Park

The group discussed the various dates available for Picnic in the Park including the Jubilee weekend.

Recommendation

The Social and Cultural working group recommend to Pontyclun Community Council that Picnic in the Park is held on Saturday 16th July prior to the children breaking up from school.

Platinum Jubilee Beacon Trail

The working group discussed the Jubilee Beacon Trail, the operation, the objective and the use of funds. If PCC agreed to purchase the game it would be in operation from 30th April till 9th June. 7 locations are required for the trail to operate. It was noted that the PCC had not allocated and money for the Jubilee on the budget although it could be paid for by reserves. The total cost is £499.00.

The group also discussed the involvement of businesses and that they may be willing to contribute towards the cost. Each business would pay £70.00

Recommendation

The Social and Cultural working group recommend to Pontyclun Community Council that the Clerk writes to businesses with details of the Jubilee Beacon Trail and ask if they would be interested in being part of the trail for a cost of £70.

As part of the trail it is recommended that Café 50 or the Community Centre is one of the seven locations and that the PCC pay £70

Christmas

Use of Christmas Marquee on Sunday 4th December

The working group discussed the practical issues of inviting other groups to use the marquee on Sunday . It was felt that it was possible to offer the marquee to Bethel Baptist for an afternoon concert that may involve schools and churches. It was suggested that it could be offered to The Pipe Works in the evening from 6 pm to 9 pm for an open mic session

Recommendation

The Social and Cultural working group recommend to Pontyclun Community Council that the Clerk is asked to write to Bethel Baptist Church and to the Pipe Works to ascertain interest in use of the marquee on Sunday 4th December.

A Festival of Christmas

The working group discussed the potential for other activities to take place that could be part of a Christmas festival. This would involve a concert and a carol service in the marquee and activities suggested by the businesses and community organisations. It was not expected that the Community Council would be involved in the organisation of other activities but that it would provide support through marketing. It was noted that in 2021 , the Athletic Club organised a Christmas Fayre and potentially in 2022 the Pontyclun pantomime will be resurrected.

Recommendation

The Social and Cultural working group recommend to Pontyclun Community Council that it works with other organisations and businesses to develop a programme of events to be held during December.

Engaging Businesses in Christmas

The working group discussed how businesses could be engaged in developing activities for Christmas and as the Economy working group has been building up a relationship with the businesses it was felt that a meeting with businesses should be set up by the Economy working group

Recommendation

The Social and Cultural working group recommend to Pontyclun Community Council that Gwyn Jackson is asked to set up an Economy working group meeting with businesses.