

RHONDDA CYNON TAF COUNCIL COMMUNITY LIAISON COMMITTEE

Minutes of the meeting of the Community Liaison Committee meeting held on Monday, 27 July 2020
at 10.00 am virtually

County Borough Councillors - Community Liaison Committee Members in attendance:-

Councillor M Webber

Councillor R Bevan

Officers in attendance

Mr C Hanagan, Service Director of Democratic Services & Communication
Sarah Daniel, Senior Democratic Services Officer
Claire Chick, Senior Community Safety Officer
Nia Doherty, Research and Consultations Officer
Scott Thomas, Eisteddfod Project Officer

Town and Community Councils in attendance

Alison Jenkins – Llantrisant Community Council
Cllr Brian James – Llantwit Fardre Community Council
Stephen Powell – Tonyrefail Community Council

13 WELCOME AND APOLOGIES

Apologies were received from Tony Graham and Cllr Simon Pritchard –
Pontypridd Town Council

14 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

None received

15 MINUTES

It was **RESOLVED** to approve the minutes of the 27th May 2020 as a true and
accurate record of the meeting

16 UPDATE REPORT - SERVICE DIRECTOR OF DEMOCRATIC SERVICES AND COMMUNICATIONS

The Service Director of Democratic Services and Communications provided the
Community Liaison Committee with a verbal update on the following areas:

- As lockdown restrictions were easing, community recycling centres were beginning to reopen to the public
- Libraries were also beginning to reopen with services reduced
- It was recently announced that schools would be reopening in September with further details being communicated to parents once individual schools plans for reopening were put in place
- Pest control and animal rescue services had been resumed
- Marriages were able to take place from the 15th July
- Face to face registrations of death would resume in August and mourners at funerals would also increase in August

- A new library at Llys Cadwyn was planned to open on 1st September 2020
- Playgrounds reopened on 20 July 2020 after some minor maintenance issues had been resolved to make them safe to reopen
- Community centres and leisure facilities were going through a phased reopening
- The Councils AGM was scheduled for the 16th September and the service director reported that there was an improvement in attendance at remote meetings.

The Deputy Leader added that she was pleased to finally see the safe reopening of the playgrounds for the children and young people to utilise again and advised that community centres had also prepared activity packs for children to use during lockdown. She further added that the democratic process was continuing with virtual meetings of the Council taking place and working very well.

A member raised a question over the requirement for community centres to reopen to provide a childcare service. The Deputy Leader stated that clarification would be sought and feedback to the Community Council

17 CONSULTATIONS UPDATE

The Senior Research and Consultations Officer updated the Committee on the current consultation that was underway in relation to the proposed extension to dog controls in RCT. She advised members that there were many ways in which the public could contribute to the consultation as they had held a number of virtual events in addition to face to face events and the opportunity to provide feedback online. She advised the committee that the consultation ends on Monday and if anyone had any feedback to contact her before then.

The senior community Safety Officer stated that the feedback received so far had been positive and some of the issues such as improved signage were already being addressed. She addressed the issue of enforcement and stated that there would be more social media presence around the public reporting areas of concern so enforcement could be deployed to key areas.

The Deputy Leader advised members of the Committee that a final report on the findings would be reported to cabinet in September

18 EISTEDDFOD PROJECT OFFICER INTRODUCTION

The Eisteddfod Project Officer, Scott Thomas introduced himself to the Committee who advised that the planning of the Eisteddfod for when it returns to RCT in 2023 was already underway. He advised that if the Community Councils would like to get involved in the Eisteddfod, or have any questions in relation to it, that they could get in touch with him at eisteddfod2023@rctcbc.gov.uk and that he is happy to communicate with members in English or Welsh.

He advised that he would be meeting with the Eisteddfod CEX to discuss an action plan in late September, early October time. He added that they would also be formalising a fundraising Committee later in the year as

they had to raise in the region of £350k towards the Eisteddfod events but that it was a fantastic opportunity to boost the local economy.

19 URGENT ITEMS

None

Meeting closed at 10.35am

**Cllr M Webber
Chair**