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LLANTWIT MAJOR TOWN COUNCIL.

REPORT OF TOWN STUDY STEERING GROUP MEETING HELD ON TUESDAY, 13TH. MARCH, 2012, AT THE COUNCIL CHAMBER, OLD SCHOOL, WINE STREET, LLANTWIT MAJOR.

Present.	Councillor.	E. Williams (Chairman)
	Councillors.	Mrs. A. James Mr. R. Gant. Mr. D. Lane. Mrs. M. Lane. Mr. E. Hacker.
	Mrs. J. Moisan. Mrs. H. March. Mrs. T. Benfield Mr. A. Bennett.	Chamber of Trade. History Society. Llanilltyd Fawr in Flower. Deputy Town Clerk.

Apologies were tendered on behalf of;
Councillor K. Geary.
Councillor J. Clifford.
Councillor Mrs. A. Matthews.
Councillor R. Austin.
Councillor G. Fletcher.
Councillor Mrs. S. Bagstaff.
Councillor G. John.
Mrs. S. Roberts.
Mr. P. Hibbert.

MINUTES.

Steering Group members had previously been circulated with a copy of the report from the previous meeting of the Town Study Steering Group which had been held on 13th. February, 2012. These had been ratified at the Full Town Council meeting of 23rd. February, 2012.

MATTERS ARISING.

There were no matters arising.

Councillor E. Williams welcomed everyone to the meeting and thanked them for their attendance.

COMMUNITY CONSULTATION QUESTIONNAIRE, FURTHER DISCUSSION.

Councillor E. Williams informed the meeting that this project had been put back at the last meeting for further discussion because the Vale of Glamorgan Council were embarking on a

Town Centre Management consultation process and a consultation meeting had been due to take place at the end of February. The Deputy Town Clerk was asked to update the meeting with the outcome of that process. The Deputy Town Clerk informed the meeting that the Vale of Glamorgan had employed consultants to carry out the consultation process and they were due to report back to the Vale of Glamorgan Council by the 28th. March, 2012. At that point it could be anticipated that some form of plan would emerge which would cover the subject of Community Consultation and therefore the Town Council would not need to duplicate a process that had already occurred. If recommendations were forthcoming for the town of Llantwit Major then these could further be discussed. At this time the Town Clerk and Deputy Town Clerk were of the opinion that until the Vale of Glamorgan Council consultation report was published the Town Council Study Group should take no further action. Brief discussion followed with members agreeing that possible duplication was unnecessary.

RECOMMENDED: That the Town Study Group do not pursue a Community Consultation process at this time, but await the results of the Vale of Glamorgan Council Town Centre Management Consultation.

BOVERTON ROAD REGENERATION PROJECT UPDATE.

Councillor E. Williams informed the meeting that unfortunately Councillor G. John was not present to give an update, however the Deputy Town Clerk was in a position to do so. The Deputy Town Clerk informed the meeting that the purchase of new notice boards and refuse bins was still proceeding. The Vale of Glamorgan Council were assisting by producing a town information map. A draft copy of that map was passed around the group and members gave their comments and suggestions for improvements. The Deputy Town Clerk noted these changes and will contact the Vale of Glamorgan Council for amendments to be made. The Deputy Town Clerk informed the meeting that a further snagging process would take place, probably in May, at which time any defects would be recorded and the Contractor would be asked to fix them, prior to the twelve month guarantee period ending in July, 2012. Brief discussion then followed regarding the large planter currently placed in the precinct area and the possible positioning of this and the other street furniture. Councillor E. Williams explained that the main landowner Mr. I Hunt had made it clear that until such time as his own works had been completed and his own survey of the improvements carried out no decision would be taken as to the siting of the new street furniture. Members did express concern that the current flower arrangements within the precinct area may be removed by Mr. Hunt. Mrs T. Benfield informed the meeting that she would be seeking a meeting with Mr. Hunt to further discuss the subject. Councillor R. Gant informed the meeting that during the project both Councillors G. John and R. Austin had been in regular contact with Mr. Hunt, that process was on-going and any major concerns could be addressed by that continued contact.

EISTEDDFOD GENERAL PLANNING UPDATE.

Mrs. J. Moisan informed the meeting that she had recently attended a meeting with the Eisteddfod planning group. The camper van had visited the town supplied information on the cost and events on the Eisteddfod site. Tenders were being dealt with for bus companies to provide transport to the site from the railway station. General discussion followed with members noting that signage for the event was still very poor and hopefully this would improve nearer the time of the event. Members agreed that the issue of guides to be available at the train station needed to be addressed, however there were no solutions available at this time and the Vale of Glamorgan Council were still the main driver of the event planning. The Llantwit Major History Society were going ahead with their exhibition. The Deputy Town Clerk confirmed that the letters agreed at the last meeting had been sent out to as many organisations as possible. To date there had been no replies. It was also noted that fundraising activities were still proceeding, the latest idea being a Duck racing night in the near future.

QUEENS DIAMOND JUBILEE COORDINATING EVENTS AND FUNDING.

Mrs J. Moisan informed the meeting that some planning had already begun with the Rugby Club. It was too early at this stage to be more specific, however other groups had been approached and asked if they would be interested in taking part. The response so far was positive.

CHAMBER OF TRADE WEBSITE UPDATE.

Mrs. J. Moisan informed the meeting that the launch of the website had gone ahead and it was now up and running. What was needed now was to encourage people to use it and submit items for information or advertising. Mrs. H. March informed the meeting that there had been a great deal of concern in the town regarding the Local Development Plan, it was important that all objections and comments be passed back to the Vale of Glamorgan Council.

Councillor E. Williams then thanked everyone for their attendance at the meeting.