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Report of Youth Activities Forum meeting held on 23rd. April, 2013, in the Council Chamber, Old School, Wine Street, Llantwit Major.

Present. Councillor Mr. E. Williams – Chairman.

Councillor Mrs. P. Percy.
Councillor Mr. G. Ingram.
Councillor Mr. R. Jenkins.
Councillor Mr. M. Mason.

Also Present. Mr. J. Durrant – Bethel Baptist Church.
Mr. P. Hibbert – Bethel Baptist Church.
Mrs. D. Chapman – Boys Brigade.
Mrs. J. Smith – Girl Guides.
Mrs. A. Kincaid – Girl Guides.
Mr. P. Deere – Scouts.
PCSO. M. Thomas.

There were no Councillors Declaration of Interest Forms.

Apologies were received from;

Councillor Mrs. P. Lancaster. Other Commitment.

Ms. N. Stanton – Vale of Glamorgan Council Youth Service. Other work Commitment.

Mrs. Jean Williams – Retired Youth Worker. Other Commitment.

Mrs. K. Griffiths – Sunshine Club. Other Commitment.

Mr. R. Jones – Welfare Officer MoD St. Athan. Prior Commitment.

Councillor E. Williams welcomed everyone to the meeting and if all those present could introduce themselves and give their current roles within organisations. Members then introduced themselves and Councillor E. Williams thanked everyone for their attendance.

Report of the last meeting of the Youth Activities Forum held on 5th. February, 2013, as ratified at the Full Town Council meeting of 28th. February, 2013.

Members had previously been circulated with a copy of the report of the last meeting of the Youth Activities Forum meeting held on 5th. February, 2013, as ratified at the Full Town Council meeting of 5th. February, 2013. Noted.

To discuss Agenda Brief regarding update on initial meeting of Llantwit Major Youth Council held at the Llantwit Major Youth Centre on Monday, 15th. April, 2013.

Members had previously been circulated with a copy of an Agenda Brief regarding the initial meeting of Llantwit Major Youth Council. Councillor E. Williams informed members that a newspaper article had been published in the local press giving details of the proposed Youth Council. This had been done without prior consultation with the Youth Forum Group. This had been done because the setting up process had moved at quick pace and followed a meeting with the Vale of Glamorgan Council Youth Service. Councillor E. Williams apologised for this and asked for any comments. There were none. Councillor E. Williams then informed members that the initial meeting of the youth group held on 15th. April, 2013, in the Llantwit Major Youth Centre had progressed very well and a positive response seemed to come from the youth themselves. Other members supported this view and it was noted that several organisations had taken away the packs distributed by the Vale Youth Service covering elections from youth groups towards the Youth Council. As yet no formal name had been given to the youth group, however members expressed the view that this was early in the formation process and time would be needed for the group to form.

Members agreed that it was important that as many groups should be included as possible including those with Special Needs. Mr. Deere suggested that his Scout group may benefit from an input by member of the Town Council. This will be arranged. Councillor E. Williams informed members that the basic plan for the next few months was to establish the youth group through elections which it was hoped would be completed by middle of May. The new group could then meet at the end of May. There would be a pause during the month of June because it was the examination period, however following that the set up process would begin again in July.

Members agreed that the Youth Forum should allow this process to continue under the guidance of the Vale of Glamorgan Youth Service and progress reviewed in September, unless a specific issue arose which required the Youth Forum to meet again. It was agreed that Councillor E. Williams and the Town Hall Staff would continue to monitor progress, any enquiries members had should be channelled through the Town Hall Staff and, where necessary, any updating required would also be sent out via the Town Hall. Councillor E. Williams briefly mentioned the current Terms of Reference for the Youth Forum, members agreed that these were in need of amendment and could be further discussed at the next meeting when put on as an agenda item.

To discuss Agenda Brief received from Councillor Mrs. P. Percy.

Members had previously been circulated with an agenda brief from Councillor Mrs. P. Percy regarding the future of the Youth Forum Group. Councillor Mrs. P. Percy informed members that it was important that the Youth Forum seek ways to engage with all sections of the youth of Llantwit Major. The Youth Forum should have its own identity and look to inform the community of its activities. Town Councillors, she suggested, were seen as being to remote from the youth and perhaps one way forward would be to encourage Town Councillors to visit youth groups and engage with them. Brief discussion followed with members agreeing that at this time the Youth Forum should wait to see what ideas and projects the new youth group came up with as it developed. If the youth group suggested a similar course of action, then this could be pursued. This subject could be discussed again at

another meeting once the youth group was up and running. Members also agreed that at some point, the future direction of the Youth Forum itself would have to be considered and it might then be a good time to consider any further engagement with other youth groups. PCSO M. Thomas informed the members that if the Police could assist in anyway with youth activities then himself or PC Colin Malone would be available.

DATE OF NEXT MEETING.

The next meeting will be held in the Council Chamber, Old School, Wine Street, Llantwit Major, at 7.00pm on Tuesday, 23rd. April, 2013.

Councillor E. Williams thanked everyone for their attendance and the meeting was closed.