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Report of Youth Activities Forum meeting held on 5th. February, 2013, in the Rear Annex Room, Old School, Wine Street, Llantwit Major.

Present. Councillor Mr. E. Williams – Chairman.

Councillor Mrs. P. Percy.
Councillor Mrs. P. Lancaster.
Councillor Mr. G. Ingram.
Councillor Mr. R. Jenkins.

Also Present.

Ms. V. Van de Voorde – Vale of Glamorgan Youth Service.
Mrs. K. Griffiths – Sunshine Club.
Ms. N. Stanton – Vale of Glamorgan Council Youth Service.
Mr. J. Durrant – Bethel Baptist Church.
Mr. P. Hibbert – Bethel Baptist Church.
Mrs. D. Chapman – Boys Brigade.
Mrs. J. Smith – Girl Guides.
Mr. P. Deere – Scouts.
Ms. A. Palin – Penarth Youth Action Group.
Mr. H. Stephanakis – Penarth Youth Action Group.
Ms. K. Stanton – Llantwit Major Youth Club.
Mrs. Jean Williams – Retired Youth Worker.

There were no Councillors Declaration of Interest Forms.

Apologies were received from;
PCSO Mark Thomas – Due to other duties.

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 20th. November, 2012, as ratified at the Full Town Council meeting of 29th. November, 2012.

Members had previously been circulated with a copy of the report of the last meeting of the Youth Activities Forum meeting held on 20th. November, 2012, as ratified at the Full Town Council meeting of 29th. November, 2012. Noted.

To receive members of the Penarth Youth Council and representative from the Youth Services Department of the Vale of Glamorgan Council. To give a presentation on Penarth Youth Council.

Ms. Van de Voorde introduced herself, Ms. Amy Palin and Mr. Henry Stephanakis to meeting. Ms. Van de Voorde then gave a brief description of her role within the Vale of Glamorgan Council Youth Services Department and a general description of the role the Youth Service were looking to play throughout the area of the Vale of Glamorgan. She then introduced Amy Palin and Henry Stephanakis from the Penarth Youth Action Group.

Ms. Palin and Mr. Stephanakis then gave a Powerpoint presentation to the meeting covering the period from the setting up of the Penarth Youth Action Group in 2009 to the present date. The presentation covered the formation of the group and the process of bringing local representatives from other youth organisations into the group. Once the group had been formed the process of bringing everyone together using team building experiences. The group had then expanded into assisting with local events and at the same time also tried encouraging new members to join the group and seek the opinions of the local youth of Penarth. It was important to keep a regular turnover of members and bring younger members to replace those who left when they were too old. The group had elected a Chairman and other officers to run the group on a formal basis and were assisted by the Youth Service who supplied the administrative support.

The group and then been integrated into the Full Penarth Town Council, this enabled the group to provide a voice for young people at the Full town Council meetings. The Town Council for its part had provided funding for the activities of the group and this was administered by the Youth Service. The group were now looking forwards to perhaps providing a Youth café, continuing to pursue the Youth in Action Democracy Project and continue with residential training. At the conclusion of the presentation members were circulated with hard copies of the Powerpoint presentation. Councillor E. Williams thanked Ms. Palin and Mr. Stephanakis for their presentation which had been very informative.

Councillor E. Williams then asked if there were any questions the group wished to ask. There then followed a lengthy period of questions and answers relating to the presentation and the Penarth Groups activities and funding. At the conclusion of the questions and answers Councillor E. Williams thanked Ms. Van de Voorde, Ms. Palin and Mr. Stephanakis for their attendance at the meeting and for providing an excellent presentation which had been very informative. Councillor E. Williams then asked for permission to take a break at this point in the meeting to allow the Penarth Group to leave the room. This was agreed and a ten minute break was taken.

FORMATION OF LLANTWIT MAJOR YOUTH COUNCIL.

Councillor E. Williams re-started the meeting and invited everyone to give their comments on the formation of a Llantwit Major Youth Council. A lengthy period of discussion followed. Members were in agreement that a Youth Council should be formed. The model for the setting up of a Youth Council, as used by the Penarth Group, was clearly successful and could be used as a template for Llantwit Major. Ms. Nadia Stanton informed the group that internal interviews were taking place within the Vale of Glamorgan Youth Service to appoint a youth worker to look after the Penarth Group. The Youth Workers duties would be extended to cover a Llantwit Major Youth Group. The person would then cover the setting up of the group, contacting the various other youth groups to appoint representatives, provide administrative support and provide liaison with the Town Council. Once in place it could be expected that a first meeting of the Llantwit Major Group could take place by the middle of March, 2013.

Councillor E. Williams informed the group that the funding of the Penarth Group had come directly from the Penarth Town Council. If the Llantwit Major Group were to be successful then clearly the Llantwit Major Town Council should be asked to provide a similar amount of funding. Members agreed that a recommendation should come from the Youth Forum that funding be provided.

RECOMMENDED: That the Llantwit Major Town Council work in partnership with the Vale of Glamorgan Youth Services Department to provide a Youth Council for the Town of Llantwit Major and link the Youth Council to the Full Llantwit Major Town Council.

FURTHER RECOMMENDED: That the Llantwit Major Town Council provide funding of up to £2,000.00 per year for the formation and running of a Llantwit Major Youth Council.

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.