

**Report of Youth Activities Forum meeting held on 30<sup>th</sup> September, 2014,  
at 6.00pm in the Heritage Centre ,Town Hall, Llantwit Major.**

**Present :** Councillor Mr E Williams – Chairman  
Councillor Mrs P Lancaster  
Councillor Mr M Mason

**Also Present:** Mrs J Smith – Girl Guides  
Ms Ve Van de Voorde – Vale of Glamorgan Council  
Mrs Debbie Chapman – Boys Brigade  
Mr John Durrant – Bethel Baptist

There were no Councillors Declaration of Interest Forms.

Apologies were received from;  
Mr Geraint Evans, Vale of Glamorgan Council Youth Service  
Councillor Mr R Jenkins  
Councillor Mr G Ingram  
Mrs A Kincaid – Girl Guides

**Report of the last meeting of the Youth Activities Forum held on 27th March 2014**

Members had previously been circulated with a copy of the report of the last meeting of the Youth Activities Forum meeting held on 27<sup>th</sup> March 2014. Noted.

**To discuss membership of the Youth Activities Forum**

Members were previously circulated with a Form detailing all existing members of the Youth Activities Forum Committee. The Deputy Town Clerk asked members to look at the Form to determine who and are no longer members / or new members who need to be added onto the list. Members discussed the details on the Form and the Deputy Town Clerk will update the Form accordingly.

**To receive an update from Vale of Glamorgan representatives on the Youth Council**

Ve Van de Voorde updated members on the activities undertaken by the Youth Council over the summer months.

Ve stated that all the Youth Council members have joined the Millennium Volunteers which can be used in conjunction with the Welsh BAC qualification. All the youth have to study this subject as part of the A' Level curriculum.

She informed the Forum that at present there are 8 members but a further recruitment drive is being coordinated. Up to October half term the Youth Council are developing a Power Point presentation to try to go into local youth organisations that have not yet been targeted, to encourage new members to join the Group. Ve Van de Voorde stated that if new members could be enrolled they will look at induction/training programs and developing recruitment packs. Local Organisations the Youth Council will try to target will include the Youth Club, Major Music, Rugby Club, Football Club, Lifeguards and Young Firefighters.

Councillor E. Williams agreed to follow up with Llantwit Major Comprehensive School and the Air Cadets about encouraging volunteers to join the Youth Council.

Jan Smith to look into encouraging a second member of the Guides to join the Youth Council.

Debbie Chapman to encourage a second member of Boys Brigade to join the Youth Council.

John Durrant to encourage a second member of Bethel Baptist to join the Youth Council.

Ve Van de Voorde confirmed to members that any new volunteer's details should be passed to Geraint Evans of the Youth Services.

### **To further discuss Social Event for Youth Council/Llantwit Major Councillors**

Ve Van de Voorde updated members that a Games evening was being planned between the Youth Council and Town Councillors on Friday 7<sup>th</sup> November between 6.30pm and 9.00pm in the Town Hall. Members discussed various Team Building Games that could take place to act as an icebreaker for the evening. Members agreed this would be an excellent event to encourage new members.

**Recommended:** That the Youth Leaders from local organisations be invited to the Game's evening.

### **Further**

**Recommended:** That the next Youth Activities Forum Agenda includes an item Update from local Youth Organisations. This will keep the Youth Forum aware of what all the local organisation groups are working towards and in the future look at encouraging an annual event when all local organisations can come together to support each other.

### **Update on Vale of Glamorgan Youth Mayor**

Ve Van de Voorde updated members that the Vale Youth Forum elected its first Youth Cabinet at the end of March 2014. She stated at present the Youth Cabinet were shadowing Vale Cabinet Members to learn about the roles and responsibilities they undertake.

Ve confirmed that in local democracy week (week commencing 13<sup>th</sup> October 2014) the first Vale Youth Mayor will be elected. At present the two candidates are filming their manifestos. She hopes in democracy week to target all Secondary Schools and Youth Clubs in the Vale to vote in this election. The voting age is from 11 to 25 and she hopes for the first elections to get 200 people to vote. Ve told the Youth Forum that if any local organisations would like her to come into their meetings to see the candidates manifesto and vote, to please contact her direct.

### **Date of next meeting**

The date of the next Youth Forum Committee Meeting will be held on a Tuesday in January 2015. The exact date and venue still to be confirmed.

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