

**Report of Youth Activities Forum meeting held on 10th February, 2015,
at 6.00pm in the Heritage Centre ,Town Hall, Llantwit Major.**

Present : Councillor Mr E Williams – Chairman
Councillor Mr R Jenkins
Councillor Mr D Foster

Also Present: 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 Mrs P Lancaster
Councillor Mr G Ingram
Councillor Mr M Mason
Mrs J Smith – Girl Guides

Report of the last meeting of the Youth Activities Forum held on 30th September 2014

Members had previously been circulated with a copy of the report of the last meeting of the Youth Activities Forum meeting held on 30th September 2014. Noted.

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

Ve Van de Voorde updated members on the activities undertaken by the Youth Council since September 2014.

Ve stated that in October 2014 the Youth Council debated the Vale of Glamorgan Council Budget Consultation. They discussed the impact on young people of the £32 million cuts planned by the Vale of Glamorgan Council over the next 3 years.

In November Ve stated the Youth Council organised a Games Night with Town Councillors. It was very well received by all members. Ve said the Youth Council examined the Children's Commission review for Wales and laid a wreath at Llantwit Major Cenotaph on Remembrance Day.

In December the Youth Council took part in the Llantwit Major Christmas Illuminations Event and met with the Chief Librarian of Llantwit Major to discuss the refurbishments and their ideas as to what the library should provide for 11 to 18 year olds.

Ve said the Youth Council in January looked at travel behaviour of children on school buses and local transport. Their views have been forwarded to the Vale Youth Council.

This month they are finalising the Youth Council logo and will be concentrating on Communication/Action Plans and looking into recruitment. At present they have 7 committed members but would like to double this number. They will also be looking into the elections/voting process in the Town and Vale with an election for a Town Councillor, for the Llantwit Major North Ward, due to take place on the 26th March 2015. Ve also confirmed they were setting up a separate task group to run a competition to name the U10's Playground.

Ve Van de Voorde advised Committee members that two Youth Council members, Amy Hooper and Nia Reese, had successfully trained as Ambassadors for Children's Rights. Both would like to present their findings to Town Council by the end of March 2015. Ve also invited a Town Councillor to attend Youth Council meetings.

Recommended: That the Youth Council place an Agenda item on February's Full Town Council Meeting asking permission to set a date for the two Ambassadors' to update Town Councillors on Children's Rights.

Further

Recommended: That Councillor E Williams attend the Youth Council meeting to be held on 26th February 2015 as the Link Councillor.

To discuss a fundraiser for the Mayors Charity

Ve updated Committee Members on the Youth Council wish to organise an Easter Fete to raise money for the Mayors Local Charities, Vale Plus and Teenage Cancer Trust.

The Youth Council were thinking of using the Llantonian Hall and organising activities such as cake decorating, face painting etc. Ve envisaged getting all Volunteer Group Leaders and the youth together for an evening to plan the event. Committee members discussed a suitable date to hold this meeting. Mr John Durrant suggested liaising with Mari-Wyn Elias Jones, the Town Centres Development Officer for the Vale, to combine this event with the proposed Easter Market being held in Llantwit Major Town Centre.

Recommended: Ms Ve Van de Voorde to email the Deputy Town Clerk with possible dates to hold a meeting to discuss the Easter event. The Deputy Town Clerk will then email all organisations (i.e. Boys Brigade, Scouts, Guides, Church, Youth Centre, Rugby Club, Football Club) to pass on these proposed dates and organise a meeting for the groups to meet.

Further

Recommended: Deputy Town Clerk to liaise with Mari-Wyn Elias Jones and find out the details of whether there will be a Llantwit Major Town Centre Easter Market. If this is still planned pass on all relevant information to Ve Van de Voorde.

Update on Vale of Glamorgan Youth Mayor

Committee members were updated that a Youth Mayor and Deputy Mayor had been elected. The Vale Youth Mayor is Tom Chandler from Penarth. The Vale Deputy Mayor is Emily Peters from Barry. Over 2,800 youths in the Vale voted to elect Tom and Emily for these positions. They both have attended many events in their new capacity, both sit on various youth boards and Emily Peters is a representative of the UK Youth Parliament. The Youth Cabinet will hold re-elections in September 2015. These posts will then run annually.

Date of next meeting

The date of the next Youth Forum Committee Meeting will be held on a Tuesday 5th May 2015. The exact date and venue still to be confirmed.

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