

**Report of Youth Activities Forum Meeting held on 22nd September, 2015,
at 6.00pm in the Heritage Centre ,Town Hall, Llantwit Major.**

Present : Councillor E Williams – Chairman
Councillor J Evans
Councillor Mrs P Lancaster
Councillor Mrs J Norman
Councillor M Mason

Also Present: Mr Geraint Evans, Vale of Glamorgan Council Youth Service
Mrs Debbie Chapman – Boys Brigade
Mrs Lizzy Barker – Bethel Baptist
Ms Kim Wagstaff – Vale Youth Services
Mr Ollie Leonard – Llantwit Major Scouts
Mr Morgan Davies – Llantwit Major Scouts

There were no Councillors Declaration of Interest Forms.

Apologies were received from;
Ms Ve Van de Voorde – Vale of Glamorgan Council
Mrs J Smith – Girl Guides
Councillor R Jenkins

Councillor E Williams welcomed new members Ms Kim Wagstaff, Mr Ollie Leonard and Mr Morgan Davies to the Meeting. All Members formally introduced themselves.

Report of the last meeting of the Youth Activities Forum held on 5th May 2015

Members had previously been circulated with a copy of the report of the last meeting of the Youth Activities Forum meeting held on 5th May 2015. Noted.

To receive feedback from local youth organisations

Deborah Chapman, Boys Brigade Adult Leader, reported that at present she has in her groups 3 Anchors, 10 Junior's and 20 boys and girls in Company Section, ranging in age from 11 to 18. They are based in Tabernacle Church and undergo a variety of activities such as chess, cooking etc.

Mr Ollie Leonard introduced himself to members and stated he and Mr Morgan Davies had recently taken over the running of Llantwit Major Scouts Group and their aim is to raise the profile of the scouts in Llantwit Major. At present they have 8 Beavers, 10 Cubs and 8 Scouts, age ranges 10 to 14.

Mrs Lizzy Barker told members that she had been the youth leader for Bethel Baptist Church for 10 years and had a dedicated band of youngsters ranging in age from 11 to 20 that undertake various events including raising money for their chosen charities.

Ms Kim Bagstaff informed members that she was responsible for Llantwit Major Youth Centre and Youth Clubs in the Vale of Glamorgan. At present Llantwit Major Youth Centre averaged 30 children at each event. Events range from Music, Discos, Sport activities, Arts

Groups to Citizenship Development Programmes. The Youth Centre aim is to develop more formal and informal opportunities for the youth of Llantwit Major.

Members then discussed what organisations had representatives on Llantwit Major Youth Council.

Recommended: That Geraint Evans provide a list with numbers of members for each organisation's represented on the Youth Council.

Further

Recommended: That Deborah Chapman, Boys Brigade, try to recruit a Company Section member to join Llantwit Major Youth Council. At present they have no representative on the Youth Council.

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

Geraint Evans updated members on the activities undertaken by the Youth Council since May 2015.

Geraint stated the Youth Council had taken part in the Victorian Fair and their stall had raised £80.00 for the Mayors chosen charities.

They had completed a very successful recruitment and induction campaign and at present have 14 members. On the 6th and 7th September 2015 the Youth Council undertook a residential weekend which involved intensive training and developing team building skills.

The Youth Council have decided the following 3 areas they will concentrate on for the forthcoming year:

1. Make your Mark – A concept run by the British Youth Council and the UK Youth Parliament looking into the 10 priorities every young person should have a vote/say on. A ballot will be undertaken and the UK Youth Parliament will debate and finalise the top 3 priorities that will be actioned by all Youth Councils.
2. Fundraising for Llantwit Major Mayors Charities
3. Raise awareness of volunteering opportunities in the Community

Geraint stated the Youth Council plan to organise the presentation to complete the Name the U10'S Park competition. The Deputy Town Clerk confirmed the named plaque was now installed in the U10'S Play area.

They also wish to take part in the Christmas Illuminations Event being held on 28th November 2015.

Members discussed the suggestion of allowing some Youth Council representatives to attend the Youth Activities Forum Meeting to gain a better understanding as to what took place with local organisations in the community.

Councillor Mrs Lancaster asked Geraint Evans if another Games Night could be organised. With new members on both the Youth Council and Youth Forum she felt it would be an excellent idea for all parties to get to know each other.

Councillor Mrs Lancaster also informed members that she was planning a Concert in St Illtud's Church in February 2016 to showcase local talent in Llantwit Major and the Vale of

Glamorgan. All monies raised would go towards the Mayors chosen charities. She stated she would value the support of the Youth Council in planning this event.

Recommended: That Geraint Evans liaise with the Youth Council on setting a date for the Games Night. Councillor M. Mason stated that the Town Council would provide refreshments for the event.

Further

Recommended: That members of the Youth Council attend the next Youth Forum Meeting to see if they would benefit from attending these meeting in the future.

Update on Vale of Glamorgan Youth Mayor

Committee members were updated by Geraint Evans that the Youth Mayor and Vale Youth Council have been investigating and collating data regarding school transport in the Vale of Glamorgan. Results of this investigation will be announced shortly.

The Youth Mayor is a member of the Wales National Youth Group which is looking into relationships between Youth Services and Schools. He stated the Youth Mayor had organised a fundraiser which raised £90.00 for the Mind in the Vale charity.

Geraint informed members that Youth Mayors term of office has now come to an end and elections will be underway short to elect a new Vale Youth Mayor.

Geraint Evans distributed copies of the Vale Youth Forum News Letter to all members.

Recommended: That the Vale Youth Forum Newsletter is put up on Llantwit Major Town Council Notice Boards.

Date of next meeting

The date of the next Youth Forum Committee Meeting will be held on a Tuesday 3rd November 2015 in the Heritage Centre at 6pm.

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