

**Report of Youth Activities Forum Meeting held on 3rd November, 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 R Jenkins
Councillor M Mason

Also Present: Mr Geraint Evans, Vale of Glamorgan Council Youth Service
Mrs Lizzy Barker – Bethel Baptist
Mr Ian Jones – 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 E Williams welcomed new member Mr Ian Jones to the Meeting. All Members formally introduced themselves.

Report of the last meeting of the Youth Activities Forum held on 22nd September 2015

Members had previously been circulated with a copy of the report of the last meeting of the Youth Activities Forum meeting held on 22nd September 2015. The Deputy Town Clerk to liaise with Ms Debbie Chapman regarding a representative from Boys Brigade becoming a member of Llantwit Major Youth Council. Geraint Evans updated members that the Youth Council Games Night will be arranged at the next Youth Council meeting to be held on 18th November 2015. Noted.

To receive feedback from local youth organisations

Mr Ian Jones introduced himself to members and confirmed that due to reorganisation and loss of experienced leaders he had agreed to take over as Leader of Llantwit Major Scout Group. He stated he had been Leader of Explorer Scouts in the Vale of Glamorgan for many years. This is for boys and girls from 14 years and upwards and involves activities such as Duke of Edinburgh Award Scheme, Archery, Mountain Climbing and Camping. Mr Jones said the Scouts were starting their Christmas Scout Post Service. He confirmed the closing date for post is the 8th December 2015. Mr Jones confirmed he will try and arrange for another Scout Member to act as a 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 September 2015.

Geraint Evans stated that the Certificates and Letters for the winners/runners up of the Llantonian Park (U10's Play Ground) Competition are ready to be sent to the Primary Schools in Llantwit Major. The Town Mayor has agreed to attend an Assembly at the winning School to present the overall winner's prize.

Geraint Evans informed members that the Youth Council had booked a Stall at the Llantwit Major Illumination Event to be held on the 28th November 2015. They will be raising funds for the Mayors chosen charities.

The Youth Council have discussed and responded to Llantwit Major Town Council proposal to erect a barn structure over the Tennis Courts. Councillor Jenkins informed Members the Youth Council had produced an excellent and well balanced feedback to this proposal.

Geraint Evans confirmed the Youth Council had also been involved in the Welsh Government Activity Consultation. Geraint Evans said that their analysis of the subject was excellent and they raised concerns regarding the problems farmers face today, as well as the lack of information on what activities are available for young people.

Geraint Evans also stated the Youth Council would be attending a presentation from Bro Radio on the 10th November 2015 and had received an invitation from Mrs Jane Hutt AM to attend the Senedd, Cardiff in January 2016.

Councillor Mrs Lancaster asked Mr Evans if the Youth Council would be at the Llantwit Major Remembrance Service on the 8th November 2015. Geraint Evans stated that obstacles have been put in their way last year and it had been difficult to organise attending the Royal Legion Panel Meeting so they would unfortunately not be represented at this year's Remembrance Parade.

Geraint Evans also advised that the Youth Café in Llantwit Major Youth Centre had re-opened. It provides a service for pupils of years 7 and 8, giving additional support during the transition period from Primary to Comprehensive School.

Recommended: That Councillor Mason represent the interests of the Youth Council at the Royal Legion Panel Meetings.

Update on Vale of Glamorgan Youth Mayor

Committee members were updated by Geraint Evans that elections have been undertaken for determining the new Youth Mayor and Deputy Youth Mayor for the Vale of Glamorgan Youth Council. 3800 votes were cast and Daniel Marshall from Cowbridge School was elected Youth Mayor and Bronwyn Lloyds from Bro Morgannwg was elected Deputy Youth Mayor.

The Youth Mayor will represent the Vale Youth Council at the Vales Remembrance Service in Barry on the 11th November 2015.

Geraint Evans informed members that the Vale Youth Council had taken part in the 'Make Your Mark Ballot' which prioritised the top three topics of interest for Young People. These were:

- 1) The Living Wage
- 2) A Curriculum to prepare young people for life
- 3) Public Transport

Date of next meeting

Councillor Williams and Geraint Evans felt that there was no requirement for the Youth Activities Forum to meet four times a year. Geraint Evans felt that one meeting a term would be sufficient.

Recommended: The date of the next Youth Activities Forum Committee Meeting will be held on a Tuesday 9th February 2016 in the Heritage Centre at 6pm.

Further

Recommended: That when next year's meetings are set (May 2016 onwards) that it be recommended that the Youth Activities Forum Meetings are held three times a year (i.e. January, May and October)

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