

**Report of Youth Activities Forum Meeting held on 9th March 2016,
at 6.00pm in the Heritage Centre ,Town Hall, Llantwit Major.**

Present : Councillor J Evans
Councillor P Lancaster
Councillor R Jenkins
Councillor Mrs J Norman

Also Present: Mr Geraint Evans, Vale of Glamorgan Council Youth Service
Mrs Lizzy Barker – Bethel Baptist
Mr Ian Jones – Llantwit Major Scouts
Mr Ben Lawson – Boys Brigade
Erin Jennings – Llantwit Youth Council

There were no Councillors Declaration of Interest Forms.

Apologies were received from;
Councillor M Mason
Councillor E Williams
Ms Ve Van de Voorde – Vale of Glamorgan Council

Councillor Mrs P Lancaster welcomed all members to the meeting.

Report of the last meeting of the Youth Activities Forum held on 3rd November 2015

Members had previously been circulated with a copy of the report of the last meeting of the Youth Activities Forum meeting held on 3rd November 2015. Noted.

To receive feedback from local youth organisations

Mr Ian Jones updated members on the activities undertaken by the Scouts. Mr Jones confirmed that Llantwit Major Scout Group is now part of the Barry District Scouting Group. He stated that the numbers of members in Llantwit Major have increased steadily since the last Youth Activities Forum Meeting. Beavers (age 6 to 8 years old) are at their maximum capacity of 24 members. He is looking potentially, after Easter, at setting up a second Beavers Group. Cubs (age range 8 to 10) have 20 members at present, Scouts 15 members and Explorer Scouts (Age range 14 to 18) 27 members. The Explorer Scouts help out at Beavers and Cubs as part of their Duke of Edinburgh Award Scheme. Mr Jones stated that he has recently presented a talk to parents of trips undertaken by some Llantwit Major Scouts in 2015 to the World Jamboree in Japan and an Activity Trip in Norway. Finally he stated that a Fund Raising Committee had been set up.

Mrs Lizzie Barker updated members that the Bethel Baptist Youth Club had between 15 to 20 children attending per week. Various projects had been undertaken this year including a Drama Production on Valentine's Day, sporting activities, Quizzes, Crafts, Discussion and Social Groups. She stated that to mark LENT the Youth Club were to undertake a Charity Car Wash. All proceeds from the event will be donated to Sports Relief. Mrs Barker said she would like to welcome other Youth Organisations to join with them on this charity event.

Mr Ben Lawson of Llantwit Major Boys Brigade informed the Meeting that they had 25 members. Five leaders in Company Section and 2 Leaders in Junior Section. A full programme has been planned for the year including Bowling, Archery and a trip to the Golf Range. He confirmed the Boys had had great success in the Regional and National Competitions, especially at the Chess and Board Games events. Llantwit Major Boys Brigade teams up with a Cardiff Boy Brigade Section to complete their Duke of Edinburgh Award Schemes and to participate in an Annual Summer Camp. Mr Lawson confirmed Llantwit Major Town Mayor was visiting Boys Brigade on the 17th March.

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

Erin Jennings a member of Llantwit Youth Council updated members on the activities undertaken by the Youth Council since November 2015. He stated that at present there were 14 regular attendees. He said they had undertaken a very busy programme this year. They have met with Bro Radio to discuss a new Transmitter being established in the Llantwit Major area and the volunteering opportunities this could encourage for Young people. He confirmed they had met with Llantwit Major Library re setting up a new Book Club for Teenagers. Erin Jennings stated that they had organised a Games Night with the Town Councillors which had proved very successful. The Youth Council had volunteered and helped at the Mayors Charity Youth Concert assisting in raising money for Samaritans and Mind. Next week representatives from both Samaritans and Mind were attending a Youth Council Meeting to give a presentation on their organisations. He also informed members that the Youth Council had met with Glamorgan Voluntary Services and had visited the Senedd.

Erin Jennings said that on the 10th March they were having a Spring Breakfast with Jane Hutt AM (Assembly Member for Wales). He stated that they were going to organise a 'Clean for the Queen Event' and was wondering if any other local Youth Organisations would like to get involved. Members discussed dates for the event and areas in Llantwit Major to look at cleaning. Locations suggested included the Dovecot.

Recommended: That the Youth Council will organise a Clean for the Queen Event on Saturday 18th June 2016. The Scouts, Boys Brigade, Bethel Baptist Youth Club have all agreed to help on the day. Councillors be encouraged to attend and assist at the event.

Further

Recommended: That Councillor Evans ask the Town Council if they would agree to provide refreshments (ie. a Barbeque) on the day to thank all the Youth of Llantwit Major for helping in the Clean for the Queen Event.

Further

Recommended: That the Deputy Town Clerk write to Llantwit Major Life Guards and Major Music asking if any Young people would like Representatives from their organisations to sit on the Llantwit Youth Council.

Update on Vale of Glamorgan Youth Mayor

Committee members were updated by Geraint Evans about the Vale of Glamorgan Youth Mayor (Daniel Marshall). Mr Evans stated that the Youth Mayor had met with Jane Hutt and the Vale of Glamorgan Mayor. He had been on a presentation called 'Inspire in the Vale', informing young people on how they can start their own businesses. The report produced by Youth Councils on the School Transport system had been passed by the Youth Mayor to the Welsh Government. Geraint Evans also informed members that Daniel Marshall was developing a Youth Mayors Website and Blog.

Date of next meeting

The Deputy Town Clerk informed members that once the Annual Meeting had been held on 5th May 2016, and the dates of all Committee Meetings for 2016/2017 finalised, she would write to Youth Activities Forum Members and inform them of the date of the next Meeting.

Councillor Mrs P Lancaster thanked everyone for their attendance and the meeting was closed.