

**Report of Youth Activities Forum Meeting held on 16th June 2016,
at 6.00pm in the Heritage Centre ,Town Hall, Llantwit Major.**

Present : Councillor M Mason
Councillor J Evans
Councillor G Morgan

Also Present: Ms V Van de Voorde, Vale of Glamorgan Council Youth Participation Offer
Mr Ben Lawson – Boys Brigade
Apple Tang – Llantwit Major Youth Centre
Shannon Wade – Llantwit Youth Council

There were no Councillors Declaration of Interest Forms.

Apologies were received from;

Councillor E Williams

Councillor Mrs P Lancaster

Councillor Mrs J Norman

Mrs Lizzy Barker – Bethel Baptist

Mr Ian Jones – Llantwit Major Scouts

Mrs Janet Smith – Guides

Mrs Angela Kincaid - Guides

As the Chair of the committee was not present, Councillor Mason was elected to chair.
Councillor M Mason welcomed all members to the meeting.

Report of the last meeting of the Youth Activities Forum held on 9th March 2016

Members had previously been circulated with a copy of the report of the last meeting of the Youth Activities Forum meeting held on 9th March 2016. Noted.

To receive feedback from local youth organisations

Mr Ben Lawson updated members on the activities undertaken by the Boys Brigade. Mr Lawson confirmed that Llantwit Major Boys Brigade's numbers are steady at 25 over the three groups. The organisation has been busy with various things like - Archery, a trip to Pedal Power Cardiff, trip to London and an archaeology workshop. The summer months will include a BBQ, beach games, quasar night, farm visit, Llantwit Major Summer Fayre and a summer camp to Devon for a week. It's a very busy period for the Boys Brigade.

Mr Ian Jones was unable to attend this meeting but sent this report which was read out in the meeting –

Also, I gave my apologies today as I will not be able to attend the meeting next Wednesday with the Youth Forum. However a short report on the current situation with 1st Llantwit Major Scouts is that we are growing in numbers and currently have 20 attending Beavers (6-8 years), 19 in Cubs (8-10) and 19 in Scouts (11-14). We also have a waiting list of about 15

for Beavers and early double figures for Cubs and Scouts. I am actively looking for another Beaver Leader to start up a 2nd Beaver Colony and have identified someone who is willing to take over the running of a 2nd Cub Pack. This will give us issues in about 2 years as we will need to look at starting up a 2nd Scout Unit. We will also hopefully be welcoming the Vale Explorer Scouts (14-18 years) back to Llantwit Major in September. They currently meet in Cowbridge and St Brides.

We have an Explorer Scout helping at each of our evenings as a Young Leader and they are proving to be very successful and will hopefully be the next generation of Leaders.

We now have a full committee that meets roughly every 2 months and a small Fund Raising Committee who are taking some of the strain off the Leaders. (Hopefully these will look after the support in August at the 10km Run).

Cardiff and the Vale Scouts have undertaken a slight re-org over the last few months and the Vale District has now joined with Barry. So we are now drawing on their wealth of skills / equipment to give the Young People a better experience. We are currently trying to decide the name of the new District.

Also during the last few months we have started a partnership with Atlantic College. All our Sections have had at least one night a month at the College working towards their "Time on Water Badge". The Students at the College run the evenings which goes towards their Welsh Baccalaureate so there is a Win Win situation.

All in all, it has been a very good few months for the Scouts in Llantwit and we plan to continue to build in the future.

Mrs Apple Tang updated members on Llantwit Major Youth Centre. The centre is having issues with the amount of rubbish and broken glass left in the area after the weekend and during holidays. They have been advised to report every incident to the police to build a record. Councillor Evans updated members of the vandalism to Lorna Hughes park fence over the weekend, police are also aware of this incident. Mrs Tang suggested it would be a good idea to have CCTV fitted on the centre. The ideal place would be overlooking the boiler as vandals are using this point to climb on to the roof.

Recommended: Councillor Mason will raise this issue with the Community Constable at the next Full Town Council Meeting.

Mrs Tang confirmed that Youth Club numbers are around 50 on a Friday night but are quieter on a Wednesday and Thursday night. We believe this is due to it being exam time. The centre will close in July for the summer and Mrs Tang hopes the numbers will be back up in September.

Ms Van de Voorde updated members that Saturday 2nd July was proving difficult for the 'Clean for the Queen' event. This is due to staffing issues and asking the young people to commit to two weekends in a row (as the Summer Fayre is on Saturday 25th of June). Ms Van de Voorde suggested making the 'Clean for the Queen' event on the same day as the Fayre as this would solve the issue and more young people will be available to volunteer. Committee agreed this was a good idea and suggested the Administrative Assistant checks this with the Town Clerk and arrange.

Recommended: Administrative Assistant to check with Town Clerk if Saturday 25th June is suitable to do 'Clean for the Queen'.

Further

Recommended: Administrative Assistant to confirm with councillors the change of date.

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Recommended: Administrative Assistant to arrange equipment and risk assessment for event.

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

Shannon Wade a member of Llantwit Youth Council updated members on the activities undertaken by the Youth Council since March 2016. She stated that the numbers have dropped slightly due to exam period. A lot of the original members of the committee are now sitting GCSE's and A-Levels.

Miss Wade informed that the LYC met with GVS to discuss volunteering opportunities for young people. Unfortunately the meeting wasn't as successful as LYC hoped as GVS could only give a list of charity shops for young people to volunteer in.

Ms Van de Voorde explained that as part of the Welsh BACS curriculum, young people have to volunteer a certain amount of hours to complete the programme. They are struggling to find placements and are keen to use this as an opportunity to give something back to the community. Councillor Mason suggested raising the issue in the Chamber of Trades meeting on Thursday 16th June. Ms Van de Voorde explained that work experience is different and it was more about getting in to the communities. Ms Van de Voorde asked can we get young people to help with community events like Fayres and events? If so, it needs to be planned ahead so the young people have enough time to fit it into their programme. Councillor Evans asked if the Town Council could be a point of contact and accept volunteers? Ms Van de Voorde explained there would be risk assessments needed to be done and insurance to look into.

Shannon Wade went on to report that the Task Group have published their first biannual newsletter. Llantwit Youth Council have had a busy few months with various meetings and events –

- Attended Jane Hutt AM's Spring Breakfast
- LYC had a meeting in the library after its refurb. They had a tour and spoke with representatives from previous Mayors charities. It was a good turnout for this event.
- Attended training weekend with Agored Cymru and all passed.
- Attended Full Town Council meetings in March and April – raised awareness that lighting is needed outside Llantonian Hall. Councillors advised that this has been taken on board and is being actioned.
- Attended Annual Meeting.
- LYM also attended the Royal Opening at the Senedd and even shook hands with royalty!

The next Youth Council Meeting (Tuesday 21st June) will be focused on the Summer Fayre.

Update on Vale of Glamorgan Youth Mayor

Committee members were updated by Ms Van de Voorde about the Vale of Glamorgan Youth Mayor (Daniel Marshall). Ms Van de Voorde informed the committee that the Youth Cabinet Election was held in May. 11 young people stood for Election and there were six places available. The committee now has two new members.

Ms Van de Voorde informed the committee that the Youth Cabinet have been short listed for Outstanding Young Person Led Youth Work Project which is a national award. This is for their work on the School Transport Projected.

The committee were informed that the Youth Mayor now has his own twitter account and blog, which includes a link to Minutes. Details are –

Vale of Glamorgan Youth Cabinet

Twitter - @VOGYouthMayor

Blog – valeyouthcabinet.blogspot.co.uk

Committee members were informed that Youth Mayor will change in October.

The Youth Cabinet have been involved in a cooperate plan of the Council. They helped create an animated video clip to explain what the cooperate plan is.

Date of next meeting

Next meetings will be held on –

Wednesday, 19th of October 2016

Wednesday, 18th January 2017

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