

**Report of Youth Activities Forum Meeting held on 9<sup>th</sup> November 2016,  
at 7.00pm in the Heritage Centre ,Town Hall, Llantwit Major.**

**Present :** Councillor M Mason – chair  
Councillor J Evans  
Councillor G Morgan  
Councillor Mrs Lancaster  
Councillor Mrs Norman

**Also Present:** Ms Van de Voorde, Vale of Glamorgan Council Youth Participation Offer  
Mr Ben Lawson – Boys Brigade  
Cai Ellerton – Llantwit Youth Council

No Councillors Declaration of Interest Forms.

Apologies were received from;  
Councillor E Williams  
Mrs Lizzy Barker – Bethel Baptist  
Mr Ian Jones – Llantwit Major Scouts  
Mrs Janet Smith – Guides  
Mrs Angela Kincaid - Guides  
Apple Tang – Youth Centre

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 15<sup>th</sup> June 2016**

Members had previously been circulated with a copy of the report of the last meeting of the Youth Activities Forum meeting held on 15<sup>th</sup> June 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 they are happy with the Llantwit Major Boys Brigade's numbers at present. The Boys Brigade had a busy summer programme with weekly events. This included helping with the 10k Run and attending the Mayors Civic Service. They also had a successful summer camp to Devon. The weekly events also included boating, swimming and golf.

The Boys Brigade are starting a busy time of year with chess, table tennis, badminton and a ten pin bowling competition – a great opportunity to meet other young people. They will also take part in the Remembrance Service on Sunday 13<sup>th</sup> November. The Christmas service will be held on 20<sup>th</sup> November which includes a youth nativity. The busy period will end with a Christmas party.

**To receive an update from Vale of Glamorgan representative on Youth Council**

Cai Ellerton a member of Llantwit Youth Council updated the committee on the activities undertaken by the Youth Council since the last meeting. It was a busy time with a visit to Parliament, National Assembly, working on Make Your Mark Ballot, participating at the Mayors charity events and Civic Service, volunteering opportunities with GVS, monthly Town Council Meetings and the 'Clean for the Queen' litter pick.

He reported that Miss Shannon Wade had been re-elected Chair of Llantwit Youth Council and Miss Cerys Baker had been appointed her Deputy.

Cai informed the Youth Councils action plan is as follows -

To continue to be an effective Youth Council in the Vale.

To contribute to local and national campaigns.

To support Llantwit Major Town Council with events.

To raise awareness of substance abuse.

To raise awareness of volunteering opportunities in local area.

Cai raised concern about the Youth Centre and asked the Councillors if young people are being considered and if the council are raising concern regarding the closing of the centre. The Councillors confirmed that they have been asking questions but not had feedback as it's being dealt with by the Vale of Glamorgan Council. The Youth Council were advised to access the Vale Cabinet online for further information as it has been discussed recently.

### **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 has been re-elected as Mayor.

On Friday 11<sup>th</sup> November the Youth Mayor will be attending a national meeting in Westminster where he will be voting on which projects are a national and regional priority.

The Vale Youth Forum are currently concentrating on Curriculum for Life.

It was noted that public transport is currently an issue in the area with busses being irregular and not up to standard. This is something the Youth Council plan on talking to the Vale of Glamorgan Council about.

School transport has improved with each school now having a representative to be a main point of contact for any transport issues. There is now a behaviour code in place for school transport.

It was raised that Llantwit Major Comprehensive do not have a representative on the Vale Youth Cabinet. Ms Van de Voorde believes this is due to a high turnover of staff in recent years therefore nobody taking ownership of this project.

Ms Van de Voorde report that Geraint Evans will be stepping down in his role as Youth Action Worker.

The Town Council reported upcoming events that the Youth Council may be interested in Participating in –

Mayors Youth Concert – Saturday 4<sup>th</sup> February in St Illtud's Church

Citizens Awards – Saturday 8<sup>th</sup> April in Llantonian Hall

**RECOMMENDED:** The Administrative Assistant to email Ms Van de Voorde nomination forms for the Citizens Awards.

### **Date of next meeting**

Wednesday, 18<sup>th</sup> January 2017

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