

**Report of Youth Activities Forum Meeting held on 31<sup>st</sup> July 2017,  
at 1.00 pm in the Heritage Centre, Town Hall, Llantwit Major.**

**Present :** Councillor E Williams – Chair  
Councillor J Evans  
Councillor G Thomas

**Also Present:** Ms Ve Van de Voorde – Youth Participation Officer –  
Vale of Glamorgan Council

**Declaration of Interest Forms.** No Councillors Declaration of Interest Forms.

**Apologies for Absence.** Apologies were received from:

Councillor Dr. P. Dickson

**Report of the last Meeting of the Youth Activities Forum held on 11<sup>th</sup> January 2017**

Members had previously been circulated with a copy of the report of the last Meeting. There were no matters arising from the report.

**To meet with Ms. Ve Van de Voorde, Youth participation Officer, Strategy  
Community Learning and Resources, Vale of Glamorgan**

The purpose of the Meeting was to discuss the way forward for the Youth Activities Forum, recruitment of new members and suitable publicity campaigns.

- a. **The Way Forward with the Youth Activities Forum.** Members discussed their concerns that a number of meetings had been cancelled due to lack of attendance by outside representatives.

**RECOMMENDED:** That a representative from the Llantwit Youth Council and Llantwit Major Boys Brigade be invited to sit on the Llantwit Major Town Council Town Study Steering Meeting in order that they can bring forward any concerns and requests to that Meeting.

**FURTHER RECOMMENDED:** That the Youth Activities Forum meet when considered necessary to further support and develop the Llantwit Youth Council especially with regard to involve them in any Llantwit Major Town Council projects.

- b. **Recruitment of New Members.** Ms. Van de Voorde advised that six Llantwit Youth Council Members had left due to attendance at College/furthering their careers. An event had taken place at the local Comprehensive School, leaflets had been distributed at the Town's Victorian Fayre in June, and a recruitment drive will take place during the first school term in September.

**RECOMMENDED:** That the Town Council Grant Aid Policy be amended to state "that should a youth organisation apply for a Grant a member of the youth organisation be invited to sit on the Youth Council".

- c. **Publicity.** Posters were to be displayed in all Llantwit Major Town Council's notice boards. Contact by e-mail/verbal to all local youth organisations to encourage youngsters to join the Llantwit Youth Council. Councillors were requested to promote the Llantwit Youth Council wherever possible.

**RECOMMENDED:** That the circulation of Llantwit Youth Councils Annual Report should be broadened to include all local Youth Organisations (Sporting Groups, Young Fire Fighters/Lifeguards/Scouts/Girl Guides/Air Cadets) and placed on Llantwit Major Town Council's Facebook Page.

**Llantwit Major Youth Council's SWOT Analysis Form - Comments.** Members discussed the SWOT Analysis Forms provided by Councillor Williams following the recent UNCRC presentation. Concerns were raised regarding the distribution of paperwork as a weakness.

**RECOMMENDED:** Agendas will be scanned and forwarded to Ms. Van de Voorde, on the day produced. Ms. Van de Voorde and Link Councillors will note any Agenda items they feel additional paperwork could be considered. These will be forwarded to Ms. Van de Voorde for circulation.

**FURTHER RECOMMENDED:** That the Agenda Item "Youth Council" be moved forward on the Full Town Council Agenda - after the Community Constable Report. An Item be included under 'Youth Council' to discuss Agenda Items highlighted by the Youth Council.

**United Nations Convention Rights of a Child.** Councillors present agreed that Councillor E. Williams, provides a briefing to Full Council on the recent United Nations Convention Rights of a Child Presentation which was held on 13<sup>th</sup> July 2017. Ms. Van de Voorde agreed to forward the presentation documentation to the office.

**Date of next Meeting.** To be advised.