1. ***BRYNMAWR TOWN COUNCIL***

***Minutes of the Events Committee Meeting (St. Davids Day) held on Tuesday, 11 February 2025 in the Council Chamber, Brynmawr Institute at 11.00am.***

***Present: - Councillors W.K. Hodgins (Chair)***

 ***Mrs. O.M. Swales, Mrs. S. Morgan,***

***G. D. Jones.***

***Guests:- Ms. Karen Williams, Town Centre Manager.***

***Ms. Vikki Alexander, Welsh Language support Officer.***

***Apologies:- Mrs. A. C. Davies (Town Clerk/RFO).***

 ***Miss. N.J. Williams (Assistant Town Clerk).***

The Chair welcomed the guests to the St. Davids Update Meeting. The Chair said that the meeting was to give an update on what have been arranged/booked etc. for the St. Davids Event.

**A discussion took place where the following was discussed and agreed:**

Venue – Market Hall Cinema.

Date – Friday, 21 February 2025.

Time – 10.00am – 12.00. (Ask schools to be at the Market Hall Cinema for **9.30am**).

**All Schools to be invited:**

Councillor Morgan informed Members and Guests that all four schools are onboard and happy to be involved.

* (Blaen-y-cwm Primary School, year 6).
* (St. Mary’s CW Primary School, year 6).
* (Ysgol Gymraeg Bro Helyg Primary School, year 6) – will be arriving by minibus with a total of around 15-20 children.
* (St. Mary’s RC Primary School, year 6).

 Approximately 113 school children will be attending the event.

Ms. Karen Williams informed the meeting that the BGCBC will pick up the cost for two dragons, balloons, and a face painter (with permission from parents). The videographer has been booked to video the event so that the Schools/Town Council and Local Authorities can use it to upload on social media etc. (Applying the individual school’s policies regarding parental consent to record or use images or videos of students for non-educational purposes, such as marketing or social media). A member said that the Teachers/Carers etc. will know if any children need to be safeguarded from photos/videos and social media.

Ms. Alexander informed the meeting that the video of all the local schools in Brynmawr (mainly year 6 – Children from the Grand Council) singing the anthem they created to

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celebrate Dydd Miwsig Cymru – Welsh music day has been recorded and was launched on the 7th February.

Ms. Alexander also informed the meeting that she has booked and covered the cost for a local Harpist Ms. Eleri Darkins to attend the event. Ms. Darkins said that she would allow the children to try the Harp if there is enough time.

 It was agreed that a timetable be created so that the schools would have an idea of when they will perform their chosen song.

Due to the seating capacity there will be no parents or outsiders allowed to enter the building and once everyone is in the doors will be closed and the staff of the Market Hall Cinema will monitor the entrance. A member said, if possible, all schools would arrive and leave at the same time.

The Brynmawr Town Council have ordered 500 small Welsh cakes to hand out to the children when they are leaving the venue. It was agreed to order small bags so that the children can take the Welsh cakes home in.

It was agreed that the Clerks make payments via BAC’s, Council Debit Card or Petty Cash for Welsh cakes, bags for Welsh cakes, flag and payment to the Market Hall Cinema for use of the venue on the day.

It was agreed that the children would have their face painted when entering the venue.

It was agreed to finish with everyone singing the Welsh Anthem.

The Chair said that he would ask if the Market Hall Cinema could be open from 8.30am to set up everything in readiness for the event.

Meeting closed at 11.45am.