1. ***BRYNMAWR TOWN COUNCIL***

***Minutes of the Events Committee Meeting (80th Anniversary VE Day) held on Wednesday, 05 March 2025 in the Council Chamber, Brynmawr Institute at 6.00pm.***

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

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

***G. D. Jones, J.M. Sutton, R.J. Hill,***

***G. Nutt.***

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

***Guests:- Mr. Simon Paige, Brynmawr Veterans Society.***

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

***B.M. Sutton, Mrs. D. Brown.***

The Chair welcomed the guests to the Events Committee Meeting to arrange an event to celebrate the 80th Anniversary VE Day.

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

Venue – Market Square, Brynmawr.

Dates – Thursday, 08 May 2025, Possibly Saturday, 03 May 2025/Saturday, 10 May 2025.

Time – 12noon – Possibly 6.00pm.

The following was agreed:

* Invite the Reverend to do/prepare a small service for Thursday, 08 May 2025 at 11am followed by Wreath laying at the Brynmawr War Memorial. Councillor Hill agreed to ask if a few Pupils/Teachers from Brynmawr Foundation School would like to attend the Service and lay a Wreath.
* To ask Mr. Richard Purkiss would he be available to provide Military Vehicles on the chosen celebration date (03 May/10 May 2025).
* Order VE Day cupcakes from Smart’s Deli.
* Order union jack bunting (5x10m packs) and a large 80TH Anniversary VE Day flag via the Town Council’s Visa Debit Card. The Chair suggested giving the Clerk Plenary Powers to order anything needed for the event such as bunting, flags, cakes and entertainment etc. and to pay invoices as they are received.
* It was agreed that the Clerk order, book entertainment, cakes, flags/bunting etc. for the VE Day Event and to pay via Council’s Visa Debit Card (including drawing cash out of ATM if needed) and BAC’S Transfers.

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* Councillor Sharon Morgan agreed to ask Mr. Paul Morris, Music Teacher if he would be able to provide entertainment for the agreed date.
* Ask the ladies choir if they are available on either date to perform wartime songs. Councillor Hill provided the Clerk with contact number to Ms. Sally Anne Evans.
* Provide Face Painting, Balloons etc. for the children.
* Fancy dress.

The Chair suggested borrowing a small stage for any entertainment that is booked for the event or possibly the lorry that is used for the Christmas Ligh Switch On.

It was suggested that members of the public could bring chairs, picnic etc.

A member suggested asking the Fish Shop to provide corns of chips which could be brought around on a tray for people to purchase.

It was suggested writing to the Market Hall Cinema to ask for their involvement on the agreed date by possibly showing a wartime movie etc.

Councillor Sutton ask the Clerk to let Ms. Alison Tippings know when the event has been agreed so that she can advertise it.

It was agreed to invite Ms. Karen Williams, Town Centre Manager to a meeting with the Town Council to enquire if she could fund some of the entertainment etc.

Meeting closed at 19.00 hours.