1. ***BRYNMAWR TOWN COUNCIL***

***Minutes of the Events Committee Meeting (St. Davids Day) held on Tuesday, 28 January 2025 in the Council Chamber, Brynmawr Institute at 1.00pm.***

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

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

***G. D. Jones, J.M. Gardner.***

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

***Ms. Vikki Alexander, Welsh Language support Officer, Ms. Katherine Watkins Hughes, Equalities and Welsh Policy Officer.***

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

The Chair welcomed the guests to the meeting and asked everyone to introduce themselves. The Chair explained the reason for the meeting was to discuss how the St. Davids Event will run and what support the Local Authorities Team can offer towards the 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:**

It was agreed that Councillor Morgan would take the lead with engaging with the schools.

* (Blaen-y-cwm Primary School, year 6).
* (St. Mary’s CW Primary School, year 6).
* (Ysgol Gymraeg Bro Helyg Primary School, year 6).
* (St. Mary’s RC Primary School, year 6).

Ms. Williams asked for approximate figures of how many 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). A videographer can also be provided 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).

Ms. Alexander informed the meeting that all local schools in Brynmawr (mainly year 6 – Children from the Grand Council) have been involved in creating an anthem with the Welsh musician Mei Gwynedd that will be recorded on Friday. The video is being created to celebrate Dydd Miwsig Cymru – Welsh music day and will be launched on the 7th February

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to celebrate Blaenau Gwent schools having their own anthem. Ms. Alexander said it would be a good start to the St. Davids day celebration on the 21st of February. The children could sing the anthem enabling them to warm up their voices in readiness to sing their individual songs.

A member said that it would be great if a Harpist was available for the day to play traditional Welsh music. Ms. Alexander said that she would contact a Harpist to see if she would be available on Friday, 21st February.

Ms. Alexander asked how would the schools travel to the venue? A member said that all the schools will walk to the venue except Ysgol Gymraeg Bro Helyg who will need transportation.

Ms. Watkins Hughes said that there could be possible funding for transport but was unable to give a definite answer until they have spoken with Ms. Kate James, Manager.

It was agreed that a timetable be created as to when the schools can attend and leave the venue.

It was agreed to arrange a follow-up meeting on Tuesday, 11 February 2025 at 11.00am.

Meeting closed at 2.00pm.