

Minutes



Liaison Meeting with Community Councils

Date: 21 March 2019

Time: 6.00 pm

Present: Councillors Llanvaches, Llanwern, Marshfield, Michaelstone-y-Fedw, Nash, Penhow, Redwick, Rogerstone and Wentlooge

Gareth Price (Head of Law & Regulation) and Pamela Tasker (Governance Officers)

In Attendance:

Apologies: Councillors Goldcliff and Graig

1 Apologies for Absence

S Davies (Graig) A Whitfield (Graig), T. Appleton (Graig) A. Harris (Goldcliff)

2 Minutes of the Previous Meeting: 6 December 2018

Agreed:

To confirm the minutes of the meeting held on the 6th December 2018

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A question was asked in relation to Nash Community Hall and information regarding charges on the hall. The Chair explained that this would need to be followed up with the Head of Finance. The Chair commented that if Nash Community Hall hired the hall for non-profit then they were entitled to the rates exemption. If the Hall was leased exclusively to a class, then the Hall would be charged. A representative stated that management of the working group was required for the halls to prosper so they are hired out and used all day. The representative stated that the money made was used on the hall and it was not hired out to Newport City Council to hold elections, it was to be used for local residents.

It was requested by the Chair for Nash Community Council to be consulted on the above information.

A representative asked whether political interest should be declared on the Declaration of Interest Form. The Chair confirmed that it was good practice to fill it in but this was not compulsory. Once a Declaration of Interest form was completed then it was published which was also good practice. This was only a requirement for City Councillors.

A representative stated that a certain Community Councillor did not want to have their Declaration of Interest form published and what the legal standing was on this? The Chair confirmed that there was legally no way of compelling the Community Councillor to have the form published. That particular individual would have to declare it at the meeting.

It was discussed how written declarations would need to be oral and then followed up with a written statement. If a Declaration of Interest arose at a meeting then this would need to be followed up in writing afterwards and then published on the public register afterwards.

It was requested that the Community Councils could receive details on any presentations before the meeting so appropriate questions or comments could be formulated. The Chair agreed that presentations could be sent to Community Councils in advance, if the presentation was available before the meeting.

Agreed:

It was agreed that the Shared Charter would be revised at the next meeting.

4 ABP Newport Wales Marathon/10k and Family Fun Run

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Two representatives from Run4Wales gave a presentation regarding the upcoming Newport Wales Marathon. The Committee was shown a short video.

Main points:

The Run4Wales representative explained to the committee that the Newport Marathon was a very popular event and runner feedback had been very positive with 79% of runners reporting they had run a personal best at last year's event.

- The Newport Marathon was planned for the 5th May 2019 at a start time of 9am with a planned broadcast on S4C and Channel 4. Last year's event provided £1.1 million to the local economy.
- Usk Way in Newport will be the start and finish line of the race and residents around the route have been sent a letter on the 25th February 2019 and again on the 15th April 2019 regarding road closures. A copy of the letter was circulated for members of the Committee to view.
- All essential emergency request access will be facilitated and Run4Wales will be liaising with all different agencies to make sure services are unaffected as possible. More ambulances will be available on the day to cope with demand.
- There have been access improvements made on the East Dock Road which has been made into a two-way egress way this year. Traston Road has also been changed to a two way in and out system.
- Residents on the Lysaghts estate have been provided with alternative parking from 2pm in the nearby Morrison's Supermarket car park.
- It was explained that the road opening times detailed on the map provided to residents would be the worst case scenario. Slow walkers will be removed from the route.
- Volunteers are also needed on the day. The London marathon would be taking place on the last weekend in April so that's why the Newport marathon was in May so avoiding the bank holiday.

Questions:

A representative from the Nash/Goldcliffe area enquired about a tenant in the area who was forced to close the local pub on Sunday last year for the Marathon. It was enquired as to whether any reimbursement would be given to the tenant this year as this tenant would lose takings for Sunday lunch as the Marathon was on the 5 May.

One of the Run4Wales representatives confirmed that the Redwick area wasn't as affected and in relation to The Farmers Arms an event was put on previously to help with takings and earnings.

It was confirmed by Run4Wales that it was not possible to run events on open roads anymore as roads must be closed and there are large areas affected.

The representative from Run4Wales said that they had worked with Welsh Government in relation to this as if one reimbursement was given then it set a precedence for other establishments to be reimbursed. It was explained that Run4Wales was a non-profit organisation. The representative requested the pub owner's details so they could be spoken to if necessary.

5 Wellbeing Plan and PSB

Wellbeing Plan and PSB (Public Services Board)

Background

The Senior Policy and Partnership Officer gave a presentation on the Wellbeing Plan and Public Services Board.

The Wellbeing of Future Generations Act was previously introduced in 2015. This established a Public Service Board in each local authority area. The Act required an assessment of Wellbeing and a Wellbeing Plan.

The Wellbeing Plan included 5 ways of working which were thinking long term and working with the community to identify needs, which involved local people to collaborate with.

At present the Ward profiles were being updated which was very helpful. Evidence from the profiles were then used to develop the Newport Wellbeing Plan 2018.

- The Committee were informed that the Wellbeing Plan 2018 was available to view on YouTube.
- There were 13 priorities that was agreed by the PSB which would be implemented by 5 cross cutting interventions.
- Information on the work of the PSB and the Plan could be found on the One Newport website. Each community profile is on the website as well as PSB agendas and minutes.

There are also twitter updates from One Newport by following @onenewport. A monthly bulletin also gets published. The Policy Officer explained that the Community Councils could let them know of any news stories as well as any community events that can be published on the monthly news.

It was explained that Third sector partnership advises the PSB and that the Community Councils could also get involved by nominating a representative to be on the Community Engagement Group. It was explained that a workshop was coming up- this was a Green and Safe Spaces intervention workshop on the 11th April and all Community Councils were invited to attend. A letter has been sent out to all councils.

The Committee was also informed that the Strong and Resilient Community Workshop would take place at 9:15am on the 4th April 2019.

Questions:

A member had a funding question and asked where the money came from to fund the PSB. It was confirmed by the Partnership Officer that there was no new money. There was a small amount that spreads regionally between 5 PSB's, money needs to be spent long term on resources that people bring to the table.

It was a case of the NHS, Gwent police etc collaborating and giving their time and their staff do not leave their day job to complete this work, it was a partnership.

There was a question from a member in relation to their Childrens sports day, there was a grassed area outside the village hall used for the sports day. This grassed area was owned by Newport City Council. The hall was charged £50 and this was still charged. As part of the wellbeing project surely this could be waived as its promoting healthy living? The member felt that Newport City Council have this bit of grass and charged for it when they shouldn't.

- The Chair stated that this was an issue for the Head of City Services and it would be passed to them to answer.

A question was asked about representatives? It was confirmed that councils were not statutory partners at the moment until legislation was changed. Groups can have representatives from councils on a non-statutory basis and it was up to the councils whether they wanted to put names forward. It was discussed that nominations would be sought from Community Councils.

It was noted that the Third Sector Partnership meet quarterly and it was discussed as to whether each Community Council could change their nominated representative and open it to everyone. It was noted by the Chair that it would be easier for continuity if the same person attended.

A member asked a question regarding the profile of the ward and how this information was attained.

It was confirmed that a consultation was sent out via this meeting last year and written communication had been sent to councils and information has been gathered from various sources eg free school meals. It was confirmed that each community council was approached in the consultation.

Actions:

For the Governance Support Officer to send an email to all Community Councils for nominations for the Community Engagement Group and Third Sector Partnership.

6 Date of Next Meeting

20th June 2019

The meeting terminated at Time Not Specified