

MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE CABINET HELD IN COMMITTEE ROOMS 1/2/3, CIVIC OFFICES ANGEL STREET BRIDGEND CF31 4WB ON TUESDAY, 12 MAY 2015 AT 2.30 PM

Present

Councillor MEJ Nott OBE – Leader and Chairperson

HJ David
PJ White
CE Smith

M Gregory
LC Morgan

Officers:

Darren Mepham	Chief Executive
Deborah McMillan	Corporate Director - Education & Transformation
Mark Shephard	Corporate Director - Communities
Susan Cooper	Corporate Director - Social Services & Wellbeing
Andrew Jolley	Assistant Chief Executive Legal & Regulatory Services and Monitoring Officer
Sarah Daniel	Democratic Services Officer – Committees
Mark Galvin	Senior Democratic Services Officer – Committees

688. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence were received from the following Member/ Officer, for the reasons so stated:

Cllr D Sage – Unwell
Ness Young Corporate Director Resources & Section 151 Officer – Unwell

689. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

None.

690. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

RESOLVED: That the Minutes of the meeting of Cabinet of 28 April 2015 be approved as a true and accurate record

691. ACTIVE TRAVEL (WALES) ACT 2013

The Corporate Director Communities submitted a report to update Cabinet Members on the Active Travel (Wales) Act 2013 and the implications it would have for Bridgend County Borough Council and sought approval to undertake a public consultation in line with Welsh Government guidance.

He explained that the Act makes it a legal requirement for local authorities in Wales to map and plan for suitable routes for active travel. He explained the Authority are required to produce an integrated network map which identifies the new active travel routes and facilities, as well as improvements to existing routes and facilities that are needed to develop or enhance an integrated active travel network over the next 15 years.

Once the draft existing route maps and statement has been prepared, they will then form the basis of a minimum 12-week consultation commencing in June 2015. The Consultation will be carried out in line with the guidance issued by Welsh Ministers and

will specifically seek to engage with groups with under the Equalities Act 2010 and Children and Young People. The Welsh Government has allocated £16,000 to the Authority under its Local Transport Fund programme to contribute towards the cost of preparing and consulting on the maps which includes a mix of internal staff time, external agent support, audit routes and draft maps

RESOLVED: That Cabinet

1. Noted the report
2. Approved a 12-week public consultation in line with Welsh Government guidance as set out in section 4 of the report
3. Noted that a further report will be presented to Cabinet after the consultation exercise

692. URDD GOBAITH CYMRU NATIONAL EISTEDDFOD 2017

The Corporate Director Communities submitted a report that informed Cabinet of the progress made by the organisers of the Urdd National Eisteddfod, scheduled to take place in Bridgend County in May 2017, and of the associated cost implications for the Authority.

The Urdd National Eisteddfod is an annual festival which celebrates the Welsh language, culture and talents of the young people of Wales. It is one of Europe's largest youth cultural festivals attracting over 15,000 competitors and approximately 100,000 visitors over the six days of the event. The Urdd Eisteddfod is a touring festival and is held in a different location in Wales each year. In 2015 the home of the Urdd Eisteddfod will be Caerphilly in South East Wales and in 2016 it will be held in Flintshire in North East Wales.

The Corporate Director Communities informed Cabinet that in the spring of 2014 the Director of the Urdd National Eisteddfod approached Bridgend County Borough Council as to its view on hosting the 2017 Eisteddfod within its county borough boundaries. The Urdd subsequently held an open public meeting in June 2014 at which the Urdd was invited to the County Borough in 2017 and from which a local committee has been formed to prepare for the event. Currently the preferred site for the event is Bridgend College's Pencoed Campus.

He informed the Cabinet that hosting the Eisteddfod fulfils a number of the Council's aims with regards young people, developing the tourist economy and the promotional aspects of its Welsh Language Scheme. He explained that there will not be an expectation for the Authority to provide a direct financial contribution, however the Council will need to consider expenditure and in kind support in the lead up to and during the event including input into the development of a Traffic Management Plan for the event.

He added that the benefits of hosting the Urdd National Eisteddfod include an estimated £6m contribution into the local economy and over 100,000 visitors that will be staying locally and visiting other attractions in the county borough, using local transport and shopping locally. Hosting the Urdd Eisteddfod will also boost the promotion of Welsh Language in the County Borough.

He outlined the potential aspects that may require financial contribution to anticipated value of £25,000 are:

- Sponsorship of Official Urdd Reception
- Structure (marquee) to house the Council's presence on site during the event

- Promotional / merchandise to promote Council activity / objectives
- Welsh speaking staff presence on site during weekend and bank holiday period of event

He further added that in addition to hosting the Urdd National Eisteddfod the County Borough is also hosting for a second time the prestigious British Seniors Open Golf Championship at Royal Porthcawl in the summer of 2017. This will mean that in-kind financial support will also be required for this event, though it is not yet clear whether there would be sufficient funding at that time to adequately support both events.

The Cabinet Member for Communities advised that the Authority should look to encourage support from local organisations and also notify the Town and Community Councils to see if they could also provide support, the event will give an excellent return into the local economy with the public staying at local restaurants and shops. He said that schools will also be at the heart of the event with the promotion of Welsh Language and Welsh Medium Education. Members were delighted that Bridgend will be at the heart of such a prestigious event.

RESOLVED: That Cabinet:

1. Supported and approved the hosting of the Urdd National Eisteddfod in the County Borough of Bridgend from 29th May to 3rd June 2017
2. Delegated authority to the Corporate Director – Communities as nominated lead Director to enter into further discussions with the Urdd National Eisteddfod organisers
3. Noted the positive economic impact of the Urdd National Eisteddfod on the local economy and approve the allocation of in-kind and financial resources as outlined in Section 7 of the report

693. BRIDGEND CULTURAL TRUST TRUSTEE NOMINATIONS

The Corporate Director Communities submitted a report to Cabinet on the Bridgend Cultural Trust Trustee Nominations. He informed the Committee the name of the Cultural Trust would be “Awen”, which translates as inspirational. The Cultural Services plays a vital role in the wellbeing of Communities across the County Borough of Bridgend. The proposal linked to the report also directly links to the Council’s Medium Term Financial Strategy

He informed the Cabinet that it was agreed that the new NPDO be established as a Charity Limited by Guarantee (CLG) governed by a voluntary board of trustees. It was approved that a board of trustees be a maximum of eleven, comprising of eight community trustees, two local authority member trustees and one staff trustee. Any trustee nominated to the board will be required to act according to best practice and in the interests of the trust. It was proposed that Cllr John McCarthy is nominated on behalf of the current administration and that a second member be confirmed following a call for nominations from the Opposition leaders.

The Cabinet Member Communities was pleased with the enthusiasm shown by staff at the cultural trust and were also happy with the calibre of candidates that expressed an interest or applied to be a trustee.

RESOLVED: That Cabinet

1. Approved the appointment of Cllr John McCarthy to the Board of trustees of the new NPDO for Cultural Services
2. Noted that there is a further report going to Cabinet of the 16th June 2015 for the appointment of members to outside bodies and a second member will be nominated on that date for appointment to the board of trustees of the new NPDO.

694. REPRESENTATION ON OUTSIDE BODIES - WELSH LOCAL GOVERNMENT ASSOCIATION (WLGA) COUNCIL, CO-ORDINATING COMMITTEE & VOTING

The Assistant Chief Executive - Legal and Regulatory Services submitted a report to Cabinet to appoint three representatives to sit on the WLGA Council and to determine how the Authority wishes to use its votes.

It was proposed that Members are appointed for a term of one year except where earlier revocation of appointment is appropriate. It was also proposed that where Cabinet nominates on the basis of a Member's role within the Authority the appointment be attached to the role and not to the individual Member e.g. Scrutiny Chair, Cabinet Member. Members were informed that all appointments are made with the assumption that appointees represent Bridgend County Borough Council and should any appointee cease to be a Bridgend County Borough Councillor, they will cease to represent this Authority and are expected to relinquish their appointments as necessary.

RESOLVED:

That Cabinet:

1. Appointed three representatives (by Member role) to sit on the WLGA Council, namely the Leader, Deputy Leader and Cabinet Member for Resources, and that in the absence of one of the appointed members a substitute Cabinet Member can be called upon if required
2. Approved that the current "en bloc" vote be continued for the next 12 months
3. Appointed the Leader as the representative on the WLGA Council to represent Bridgend on the WLGA Co-Ordinating Committee.

695. INFORMATION REPORTS

The Assistant Chief Executive – Legal and Regulatory Services submitted a report to Cabinet on the Information Reports that had been published since its last scheduled meeting

The Cabinet Member for Strategic Change referred to the report on the Kenfig National Nature Reserve Management (KNNR) Plan and reminded cabinet that they had requested regular update reports (Spring and Autumn) on the management of the KNNR. He stated that this report took the place of the Spring report, as it contained the new 5 year plan for the reserve. He thanked offices involved in preparing this plan and hoped the Corporation Trustees would respond positively.

RESOLVED:

That Cabinet acknowledged the publication of the documents listed in the report.

The Leader announced that this Cabinet meeting was Councillor Lyn Morgan's last as a Cabinet Member. He praised his contributions as a Cabinet Member since 2008 and gave thanks and gratitude for all his support over the years. The Cabinet Members added their thanks and commended Councillor Morgan on his ability to lead difficult decisions and the valuable support he gave to new Cabinet Members, they added that he is a very good friend who will be sorely missed by all.

The Corporate Director Social Services and Wellbeing also paid tribute to Councillor Morgan who had become a good friend and who possessed a wealth of experience in Adult Social Care and thanked him for all of his support and contributions over the last 7 years.

Councillor Lyn Morgan thanked his colleagues for their kind comments and wished past and present members well.

696. EXCLUSION OF THE PUBLIC

RESOLVED: That under Section 100A (4) of the Local Government Act 1972 as amended by the Local Government (Access to Information) (Variation) (Wales) Order 2007, the public be excluded from the meeting during consideration of the following items of business as they contained exempt information as defined in Paragraphs 14 and 16 of Part 4 and Paragraph 21 of Part 5 of Schedule 12A of the Local Government Act 1972, as amended by the Local Government (Access to Information) (Variation) (Wales) Order 2007.

Following the application of the public interest test it was resolved that pursuant to the Act referred to above, to consider the under-mentioned items in private with the public being excluded from the meeting as it would involve the disclosure of exempt information as stated above.

697. EXEMPT REPORT OF THE CORPORATE DIRECTOR RESOURCES

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