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COWBRIDGE (ANCIENT BOROUGH) with
LLANBLETHIAN TOWN COUNCIL
CYNGOR TREF
Y BONTFAEN (Bwrdeistref Hynafol) gyda
LLANFLEIDDAN

**Minutes of the Christmas Working Group held on Wednesday the 31st of May 2023
at 6:30pm in the Council Chamber and remotely by Microsoft
Teams.**

PRESENT:

COUNCIL CHAMBER:

Cllr Heather Weddell, The Mayor Cllr Malcolm Wilson, Cllr Alec Trousdell, Cllr Lianne Evans, Tim Bird, Alan Thomas, David Howell, PC Stephen Davies, Pete May, Cathy Kennedy (Town Clerk), Sarah-Jane Marshall (Deputy Town Clerk)

MICROSOFT TEAMS: Nia Hollins

CHAIR

Cllr Heather Weddell

OBJECTIVES

- To discuss a Terms of Reference document for all community working groups
- How to keep track of who is doing what.
- To set a date for the festivities
- To have an idea on things we can do.
- To talk about Grants
- To talk about public involvement

1. TERMS OF REFERENCE

The mayor provided a draft term of reference which will be carried over to the next meeting, all agreed that the document needed to be as socially friendly as possible, to attract the community to interact with the meetings as much as possible.

2. AGENDA AND MINUTES

It was agreed by all that there needs to be a structure of Agenda although this is a working group all feel that an agenda needs to go out at least a week before the meeting, to anyone who would like to be involved and notes from previous meeting.
This would be done by the Deputy Town Clerk or Town Clerk.



DATE

The Reindeer Parade has traditionally been on the last Sunday of November, it was agreed that the festivities would continue this date. 26th November 2023.

The Town Clerk will talk to the customer who has booked the room for that date about moving to a following weekend, so that the Town Hall can be used.

Cllr Dave Breen agreed that if the hall was available the museum would be involved with a theme of toys through the ages on the 26th of November instead of the 1st weekend in December.

IDEAS

The main thing that all agree is that it needs to be special for the children.

Parade,

Approaching the Tractor Boys of Aberthin and ask if they would like to be involved in a Christmas parade and ask local schools to be involved. There were concerns raised about public safety, as children get excited and may run out. The mayor has researched barrier prices and suggests that we purchase them to use for this event and other events they are approximately £1500. There is a concern about storage, which will be investigated, and re discussed at the next meeting.

Reindeer Parade

Although the reindeer parade was fantastic and very busy the group were torn

1. Kids Loved it.
2. Very busy
3. High Cost
4. What Cowbridge is known for
5. Shops have stated it didn't bring any more business to the area.
6. The grant will not be paid if there are live Reindeer although they may allow dog parade and police horses.
7. Sourcing the reindeer and health and safety.

Father Christmas

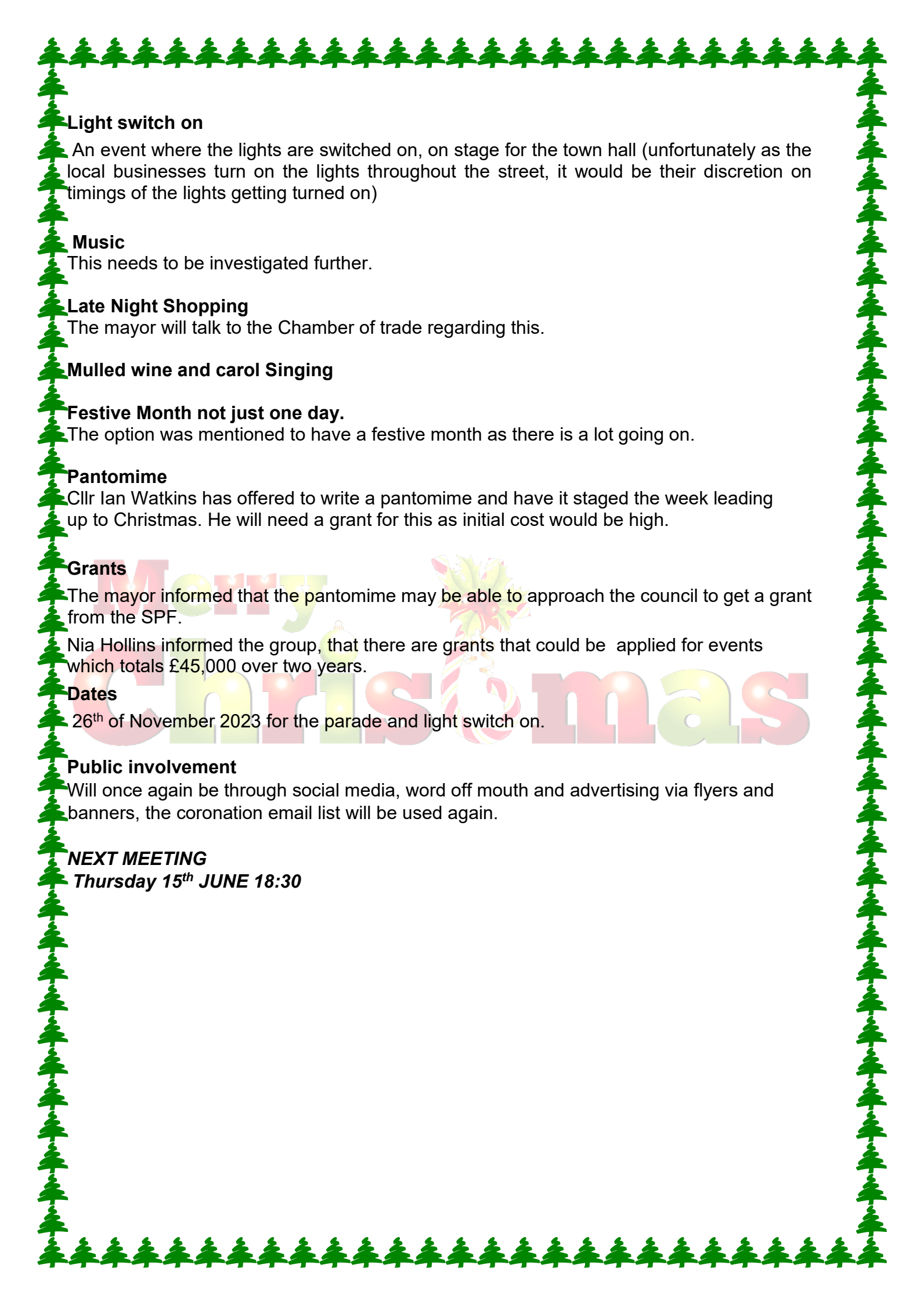
The mayor has agreed that the mayor's parlour would be a fantastic place to host a father Christmas. Baz Jenkins has been approached and is willing to do it.

Craft stalls

There are various craft stalls being held throughout Cowbridge in December, one of the options was given was a festive month rather than one day.

Festive films

Taking advantage of the equipment and running films to get children in the festive mood.



Light switch on

An event where the lights are switched on, on stage for the town hall (unfortunately as the local businesses turn on the lights throughout the street, it would be their discretion on timings of the lights getting turned on)

Music

This needs to be investigated further.

Late Night Shopping

The mayor will talk to the Chamber of trade regarding this.

Mulled wine and carol Singing

Festive Month not just one day.

The option was mentioned to have a festive month as there is a lot going on.

Pantomime

Cllr Ian Watkins has offered to write a pantomime and have it staged the week leading up to Christmas. He will need a grant for this as initial cost would be high.

Grants

The mayor informed that the pantomime may be able to approach the council to get a grant from the SPF.

Nia Hollins informed the group, that there are grants that could be applied for events which totals £45,000 over two years.

Dates

26th of November 2023 for the parade and light switch on.

Public involvement

Will once again be through social media, word off mouth and advertising via flyers and banners, the coronation email list will be used again.

NEXT MEETING

Thursday 15th JUNE 18:30



Merry
Christmas

