

MAYORS REPORT JUNE/JULY 2023



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1. Introduction

1.1 This report updates members of the activities undertaken by the Mayor since the June Council meeting.

2. Activities since the June's Council

2.1 During the month I have attended the following events:

- The Pride Film festival held in the Town hall when three short LGBTQ+ films were shown by the Cardiff based IRIS Prize film company. The evening was well attended and number of actors who had performed were interviewed.
- Pride parade which as we all know was a great success. It was estimated that over 1,000 participated in the parade and the children's disco held in the Duke of Wellington was also well attended.

- We held the July Mayor's coffee morning, which was themed around community engagement starting the formal information gathering for the Placemaking Plan. The meeting was reasonably well attended with around 40 people undertaking an exercise identifying under the headings of Activity, Physical Form and Meaning what was already in situ and where there were perceived gaps. A more comprehensive summary of this event is provided in the Placemaking Plan report elsewhere on the agenda. A picture of this month's coffee morning showpiece cake is shown below.



- I attended the Barry Civic Service on the 2nd July which was held in the new Welsh School Sant Baruc, named after the patron saint of Barry. A well-attended event with several of the local mayors in attendance.
- I attended the Comprehensive School Council and did a short talk on the Placemaking Plan project. I expect the school to become actively involved in the process from September.

- Before the July Council meeting Ruth and I will have attended the Cowbridge Male Voice Choir's concert being held in the Leisure Centre.
- Next up the Sunday before the Council will be the Cowbridge Civic Sunday

3. Next Month

3.1 Due to the August recess only the Town Twinning trip to Clisson 25 to 29th August is in the diary. Before the Septembers Coffee Morning on Saturday 2nd September themed volunteering opportunities.

