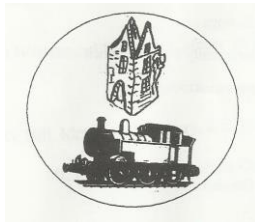


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9th February, 2018.

Dear Councillor,

I write to summons you to attend the next Meeting of Van Community Council, at the Van Community Centre, Friday, 16th February, 2018, at 6.00p.m.

The agenda of the meeting is as follows:

Agenda.

Public, any issues, and limited to ten minutes.

Clerk's advice, Arnold Baker, 9th Edition on Access to Council Meetings states:

"Many local councils set aside a period when the public can ask questions or even make statements. This is an excellent practice as long as the period is defined, and is clearly understood that the public must not take part at any other time."

It is not a public meeting but a council meeting and legally constituted to discuss published business.

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| 1. | To receive apologies and whether to approve the reason for absence. |
| 2. | Declarations of interests. To receive disclosures of personal interests from Members in accordance with the Code of Conduct (Note: Members are requested to give written notice of the item number and subject matters that their interest relates to and signify the nature of the personal interest). Chairman to read the following statement. Members are referred to, and shall observe, the provisions of the Van Council's Code of Conduct. If a Councillor has a Disclosable Prejudicial Interest he/she must, unless a dispensation has been granted, withdraw from the meeting room and take no part in the discussion or vote and it shall be incumbent upon members who know of that interest to disclose it to the meeting and if another member present believes that there may be a conflict of interest with another member(s) present they should notify the meeting of this fact. This in order that the potential interest is clarified before the meeting proceeds. |
| 3. | Police matters. |
| 4. | Presentation from the Chairman of the BHM Mrs Uzo Iwobi (OBE) and Mr. Gbubemi Amas Amanoritsewor on the Black History Month committee and the Race Council Wales who want to work with Van Community Council with the running of three workshops on the theme for each |

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| | year which is yet to be confirmed. | |
| 5. | To approve the minutes, Council Meeting, 19th January, 2018 (appendix 1). | |
| 6. | Matters arising. Minute Education Grant - £1,200.00 budget. | |
| 7. | Correspondence. | |
| 8. | Planning. 18/0078/COU - Former O'Brien Construction (South Wales) Ltd Suite 3B Block B - Brydon House Van Court Caerphilly Business Park Caerphilly CF83 3ED. Proposal: Change the use from office (B1) to chiropractor (D1). | |
| 9. | Reports and local matters. | |
| 10. | To receive a report on the sub-committee; Cllrs Professor Russell Deacon, Chairman, John Leek, Vice-Chairman, and Tony Graham. THE CLERK WILL LEAVE THE ROOM. | |
| 11. | Clerk's Report (appendix 2). | |
| | A | Budget and Precept, 2018/19. |
| | B | Grant applications. |
| | C | Walkabout, Monday, 19 th February, 2018, Dol yr Eos, Dol Fran, and Porset Brook. |
| | D | Notice-board at Brynau Rd. |
| | E | Former Van Terrace Play area land, awaiting further response from CCBC. |
| | F | One Voice Wales, member councils liable for its finances, if wound up (not limited by guarantee). |
| | G | Advice from One Voice Wales, agenda item, Any Other Business and items not on the publicized agenda. |
| | H | Council's agendas. |
| | I | Easter Event. |
| | J | Members bespoke training in the sector and offset the costs by opening it up to other councils. |
| 12 | Finance. | |
| | i. | To consider payment of creditors (appendix 3). |
| | ii. | Accounts, 2017/18 (bank rec. 1 st February, 2018) 2017/18, (appendix 4a, 4b, 4c, and 4d). |
| | iv. | Grant applications: Urdd Eisteddfod. |
| | v. | Trevelyan Court Residents Group, bench in the name of the late Mrs. Eileen Macey and other past Councillors. (Second quote to follow). |
| 13. | Good youth and citizens awards (remain as an agenda item). | |
| 14. | To consider "Talk Valleys," (hard copies previously made available, please bring your copy). | |
| 15 | To consider a criteria for student grants. | |
| 16. | Member's remuneration, Independent remuneration Panel for Wales which currently stands at £50.00 per member on request. Annual Report, Determination, £150.00 per member, per year, costs incurred, telephone usage, IT, consumables etc., and up to £500.00 each up to five members for special responsibilities. Determination 44, Independent Remuneration for Wales – all Community & town councils must make a payment to each of their members of £150.00 per year for costs incurred in respect of telephone usage, information technology, consumables etc. This cannot be backdated. | |
| 17. | Insignia of Office. | |
| 18. | To receive nomination (s) for the Minor Authority Governorship, St Helens R C Primary School Governing Body or to advertise the position in the Van Community Council area. | |
| 19. | Christmas 2018 event, members please bring ideas to the meeting and how to take it forward. | |
| 20. | To consider, the Caerphilly/Machen and Newport rail link. | |
| 21. | To consider attendance of Councillors at meetings they say they will attend and no designating replacement. | |
| 22. | Attendance at meeting organized by the Independent Review Panel on Community & Town Councils, Thursday, 15th March, 2018, 9.30am to 12.30pm, at the Old St Mellons Village Hall, Newport Road, Cardiff. | |

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| 23. | To be aware, schools categorisation, recently published: http://www.bbc.co.uk/news/uk-wales-42889266 that St Helens RC Primary School is in the top category (green) and St James Primary School is in the lowest category (red) and are close together. A letter of congratulations has been forwarded to the Head Teacher, St Helens RC Primary School. |
| 24. | Items for the next agenda. |

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Clerk to the Council.

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