

**Pembrey and Burry Port Town Council**

**Special Regeneration and Community Engagement Committee Meeting**

**Monday 28<sup>th</sup> July 2020**

**Present: Councillors Michael Theodoulou (Chair), Lisa Mitchell, Moira Thomas, Karen Trimble, Bob Walpole, David Owens, Robert John, Peter Freeman, Les George and Mary Wenman**

**In attendance: Huw Thomas (Acting Clerk and RFO), Louise Robinson (Community Development Officer)**

**Absent: Cllr Rachel Evans**

**Via Microsoft Teams 14.30pm to 15.38pm**

**1. To receive apologies for absence**

Apologies had been received from Cllrs Richard Adler and Karen Morris.

**2. To receive members' declarations of interest in respect of the business to be transacted**

None were declared.

**3. To consider recommendations from the Community Support Task and Finish Group**

Members were informed that CETMA wished to carry on and establish a permanent food bank to cover Pembrey and Burry Port. They have sufficient funding to carry on until March next year and will be pursuing long term future funding. They would like to be based in our community and have taken steps to find other accommodation. They also realise that they will have to vacate once the Town Council reopens their halls for bookings. Cllr Theodoulou commented that it was a good and positive meeting. It was confirmed that the foodbank has approached Bethal chapel for a temporary lease in the vestry but are still actively looking for a permanent facility. They are happy to work with the Town Council to ensure that the whole community is covered for emergency and ongoing food bank support.

The CDO confirmed that all the proposals that the task and finish group propose are covered in the grant received for community support.

Bike Workshop – a one day event held at the memorial hall for members of the community to have their biked checked over and advise given. There is no planned expenditure however, £100 has been budgeted as a contingency for unexpected expenses. All members **AGREED** that this project can take place. It was noted that the government has announced £50 bike repair vouchers which may help residents if it rolls out in Wales.

Teddy Bears Picnic in the Park – will provide families with young children to attend an event but remain in their household groups with their own picnic. All children will receive a teddy goody bag and a giant teddy will walk around talking to the children. There will be stories read in English and in welsh and if guidelines allow then singing with teddy. All members **AGREED** that this project can take place.

Children's Sports Day – with schools unable to hold their sports days this year, a Town Council sports day, split over the day into age groups on the Rugby field. The children will receive ribbons if they win their individual races and every child that registered will receive a town council medal and a goody bag. Members expressed some concerns that too many children may want to register. It was agreed that if numbers exceeded the allowed amount, then it could be split over two days. A report will be given to the regen committee to ensure all safety requirements are in place for the event before the date. All members **AGREED** that this event will take place however dates are revised so that this event is the last one of the summer to allow more time. It was noted that safety measures, first aid and necessary DBS checks be put in place.

Children's Sandcastle competition – this will be held on the beach and goody bags and prizes will be given. We will need to have permission from County Council and liaise with the RNLI on the right location on the beach and times in relation to the tide. All members **AGREED** that this event go ahead.

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Meals on Wheels – this project was discussed and members felt that it would be better to start this from October to allow some extra time to ensure that this planned well and communications are established between external organisations including Cetma. All members **AGREED** with this proposal. It was noted that this will begin once a week, growing to twice a week and then to include a lunch club. A lunch club can also be considered for Pembrey when the kitchen facilities are upgraded.

Fruity Friday – An update on numbers was given that is now in excess of 90 registered children. It was noted that this project has been well received by the community.

Emergency Food Hampers – this was originally planned when we were unaware if Cetma will be able to provide an emergency food bank service, this has now been confirmed so our project has been withdrawn.

Cllrs Michael Theodoulou and Peter Freeman declared an interest in the next item. CBSA have entered a bid for funding for a food project that moves forward from the foodbanks. A food hub will enable members of the community to purchase food at a reduced cost. Members agreed that it is important to work with third sector organisations. Cllr David Owen **PROPOSED** that the CDO contact Janice Morgan from CBSA, **SECONDED** by Cllr Bob Walpole. Members **AGREED** with two abstentions.

A wellbeing initiative was discussed 'Pembrey and Burry Port is Kind'. The plans for the initiative were discussed and it was decided to hold back on this project until a government fund is discussed for volunteer initiatives.

Marketing – The importance of marketing was discussed and will include flyers, sail flags and Llanelli star advertising. All marketing will also be bilingual.

The Budget within the grant was discussed and it was **AGREED** by all members that as long as the spend remains within the grant amount, that the spends needed are authorised.

**4. Any other urgent business at the discretion of the Chair**

Cllr Michael Theodoulou PROPOSED that another video be filmed by members of the regen committee to inform the community what has been planned. This will be carried out as soon as possible.

**Meeting ended 15.38pm**

