
Cyngor Dref Pontyclun Town Council

PONTYCLUN 175 ORGANISING COMMITTEE

Notes from Meeting held Monday 28th October, 10am, Boar's Head Coffee-shop

1. Attendees

Paul Binning, Wayne Owen, Jamie Daniel, Rhys Williams, Sian Assiratti

2. Activities agreed

Arts Festival – February 2025

Agreed to the principle. Suggested that Councillors are involved to get groups and businesses on board, and to help promote, but not actively manage.

We will produce a logo (based on an updated general logo to modernise and commemorate the 175th anniversary – more below) for organisers to use for any event that falls within the remit of 'Arts' to help promote events.

Activities previously suggested are a good starting point for potential activities

ACTIONS:

- **ALL Councillors to consider the venues, organisations and groups they know that could play a part and encourage something to be planned.**
- **Quiz night – Cllrs to run and be question masters**

VE80 Commemorations – May 2025

Cllrs generally happy with proposed plans and current actions which are

- 5th May event at Park and War Memorial gardens
- Military re-enactors and food stalls for afternoon
- Commemoration at War Memorial for additional names being added

Clerk/staff to ensure that at least some elements are bilingual

VE80 Day – 8th May

Cllrs again generally happy with proposed plans and actions, which are

- 11am Flag arising and proclamation
- Encourage local food caterers to serve Fish and Chips on the 8th
- Work with local churches to see what other parts of the Commemorations they can do eg Bell ringing; Special service and signing I Vow to thee my Country

ACTIONS:

- **Yes to flags, for the week leading up and after at Shops.**
- **New poles for shops need installing for flags**
- **Mix 50/50 mix of Welsh and Union Flags proposed. No single use VE flags required**
- **Bunting to be draped from Xmas Tree holder to holder**

Picnic in the Park Weekend – June 14th

- The main event of the celebrations
- Bigger – pack the park!
- Need more food/drink options, more retail stalls – more akin to Food/Drink and Xmas Fayre
- Need a central stage for bands/choirs & announcements
- Suggested a school-based talent show Pontyclun's Got Talent – individuals, groups, dancers, bands, comedy – open category
- This should be planned and scheduled – in a 4pp paper programme of the day
- Suggest 'bring a chair' on all adverts/posters
- Recruit a Compere/Host for the day
- Community Tug of War – Cllr Amanda Sparks organising
- Historic Dress Competition – not to proceed
- Friday night silent disco – not to proceed, with potential twinning visit and full day, focus on making the one day great
- **Voluntary** entry fee with buckets at both entrances, suggested fee £5 per family
- Fundraising raffle required for the day – needs prizes, card reader/wifi, tickets etc – try and cover costs of stage and paid-for bands
- Community Parade to be further considered as per existing action – PARK only – they could march from one corner of the field, all around, and onto the stage if sufficient interest.

- Freedom of Town event to be on the stage on the same day, relevant actions below
- Official Twinning ceremony to also be on stage – a day of celebrations and commemorations
- Shops and town to be encouraged to ‘dress’ the town and put on events again around that week/weekend
- Investigate cost and possibility of Town memorabilia piece – i.e. medal from Royal Mint. One per household...?

Action

- **Contact schools**
- **Liase with businesses**
- **Royal Mint**
- **175 Committee**

Ravensburg Twinning

- Invite them over for Picnic in the Park weekend.
- Consider trip to the Royal Mint Friday afternoon
- Social drinks/meal in Pontyclun Friday night
- Saturday event
- Saturday evening meal (restaurant?)
- Sunday Cardiff/lunch at Boars Head timing dependent
- Need details of numbers and confirmed dates to plan further at next session

Action - Pontyclun 175 Committee to arrange

Freedom of the Town

- Design of the Award – **ACTION Cllr J Thorne. Budget required**
- Criteria for Nomination/Selection – **ACTION Cllr P Binning**
- Details out by early December for nominations in by end January.
- Eligible nominations to be reviewed Feb ‘25
- Final selection by Cllrs Mar ‘25
- Board arranged / NAMED Award sent to production
- Letter sent out April ‘25 inviting the 5 to Picnic in the Park
- Plaque/Board to be put up on wall of Town Council building with detail of the award, commemorating 175, the five names and year date, then agreed one additional person to be added annually and presented at future Picnic in the Parks.