



**RHONDDA CYNON TAF COUNTY BOROUGH COUNCIL**

**WEDNESDAY 1<sup>ST</sup> MAY 2019**

**YNYSANGHARAD WAR MEMORIAL PARK CABINET COMMITTEE**

**MAJOR MUSIC CONCERT IN YNYSANGHARAD PARK**

**REPORT OF THE DIRECTOR OF PROSPERITY & DEVELOPMENT IN  
DISCUSSIONS WITH THE CABINET MEMBER FOR COUNCIL BUSINESS,  
COUNCILLOR WEBBER**

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**1.0 PURPOSE OF THE REPORT**

1.1 The purpose of the report is to:

Update members on the plans to hold a major music event in the park in August 2019.

**2.0 RECOMMENDATIONS**

It is recommended that Members:

2.1 Note the content of the report.

**3.0 REASONS FOR RECOMMENDATIONS**

3.1 A major music concert is planned to take place in the Park in August this year and it is considered important that Members are apprised of the implications this event will have on the operation of the Park.

**4.0 BACKGROUND**

4.1 Between 2008 and 2014 Rhondda Cynon Taf County Borough Council (RCTCBC) worked in partnership with Orchard Entertainment, an event delivery company, to showcase a weekend of outdoor live music called Ponty's Big Weekend. The event was subsidised by the Council.

- 4.2 The event at its peak was attracting over 15,000 people and hosted artists including JLS, Olly Murs, Little Mix, Alfie Boe and The Overtones amongst many others.
- 4.3 For a number of reasons, the event has not taken place since 2014. However, given the investment in the town and park in the last few years, it is considered an opportune time to reintroduce a major music event in the Park, to build on the increasingly successful regeneration of Pontypridd.

## **5.0 PONTY'S BIG WEEKEND**

- 5.1 On 17 August 2019, it is proposed that the park will be the venue for a music concert under the banner of 'Ponty's Big Weekend'. The headline act is Ocean Colour Scene, who will be supported by a number of national and local acts.
- 5.2 Whilst proceeding under the moniker of 'Ponty's Big Weekend', the show will be a wholly commercial undertaking by the promoters *Orchard Entertainment* without subsidy from the Council.
- 5.3 Orchard are expecting around 5,000 paying attendees for the event, which will be accommodated on the Rose Garden area of the park.
- 5.4 The implications for park are as follows:
- Tuesday evening 13 August – build starts for the event with very limited disruption to park users.
  - Wednesday/Thursday 14/15 August – limited deliveries, using evening times where possible and with proper site management and vehicle scheduling to allow the park to operate almost as normal.
  - Friday 16 August – the promoters will need to take over the cricket and bowls pavilions and in the evening take on the Lido meeting room which will operate as the headliner's dressing room.
  - Saturday 17 August – ideally the promoters would like the whole park closed all day but by noon at the very latest to ensure site sterilisation and security. Gates will open at 3pm with the concert scheduled to finish at 10:30pm. The promoters will apply for a licence until 11pm to cover any minor slippage. De-rig of infrastructure will commence immediately after the concert finish with the aim of removing as much infrastructure and equipment as possible.

- Sunday 18 August – de-rig for the event will continue during the morning, moving out the last of the infrastructure/equipment, but with very limited disruption to park users.

## **6.0 EQUALITY AND DIVERSITY IMPLICATIONS**

- 6.1 An equality Impact Assessment form (EqIA) screening form has been prepared for the purpose of this report. It has been found that a full report is not required at this time.

## **7.0. CONSULTATION**

- 7.1 Consultation is taking place with the Council's Events Safety Advisory Group with planned meetings involving Police, Fire and other Emergency Services, as well as other key stakeholders such as transport representatives. Discussions will also be necessary with other users of the Park, such as the various sports clubs, Lido Ponty visitors and personnel that use the grounds for leisurely purposes (i.e. Park Run attendees). These discussions will aim to inform all users well in advance of the restrictions that will be in place due to the concert and provide other options if available.

## **8.0 FINANCIAL IMPLICATION(S)**

- 8.1 There are no direct financial implications.

## **9.0 LEGAL IMPLICATIONS OR LEGISLATION CONSIDERED**

- 9.1 There are no current legal implications, but the event operators will need to seek the appropriate licences and consents in order for the event to proceed.

## **10.0 LINKS TO THE CORPORATE AND NATIONAL PRIORITIES AND THE WELL-BEING OF FUTURE GENERATIONS ACT.**

- 10.1 The delivery of this strategy will contribute to the Council's corporate priorities:
- Economy – building a strong economy
  - Place – creating neighbourhoods where people are proud to live and work

- 10.2 Enabling vibrant and enticing town centres, with a strong offer, which recognises that they are at the heart of our communities is a clear commitment within Rhondda Cynon Taf County Borough Council's 2016-20 Corporate Plan "The Way Ahead".
- 10.3 Bringing major events to our towns raises their profile and increases spend in the shops and services around the area which in turn boosts the local economy. Seeing well-run, successful events in our towns will also help increase civic pride, promoting our towns as places where people are proud to live and work.
- 10.4 Similarly, events like this will make a contribution to the seven national well-being goals, in particular a prosperous Wales, a Wales of cohesive communities and a more equal Wales.

## **11.0 CONCLUSION**

- 11.1 The report sets out the details around how the Ponty's Big Weekend event will be managed during the days before and after the concert and how the event will proceed on the day itself. It sets out the implications for the Park and its users none of which are considered so detrimental as to prevent the event from proceeding.

### **Other Information: -**

#### ***Relevant Scrutiny Committee***

Public Service Delivery, Communities & Prosperity Committee

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**LOCAL GOVERNMENT ACT 1972**

**AS AMENDED BY**

**THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT (ACCESS TO INFORMATION) ACT 1985**

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