



FULL COUNCIL REPORT

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To: Mayor, Ladies and Gentlemen

The Queen's Platinum Jubilee Beacons - 2nd June 2022

1.0 SUMMARY OF THE REPORT

- 1.1 On 2nd June 2022, we will celebrate another unique milestone in our history, Her Majesty the Queen's 70th year as our Monarch and Head of the Commonwealth - her Platinum Jubilee. It is a feat no previous monarch has achieved. More than 1,500 beacons will be lit throughout the United Kingdom, Channel Islands, Isle of Man and UK overseas Territories, and one in each of the capital cities of Commonwealth countries in recognition of the Queen's long and selfless service.
- 1.2 The beacons will enable local communities, individuals and organisations, to pay tribute to her as part of the official Platinum Jubilee Weekend of celebrations from 2nd to 5th June 2022.
- 1.3 This report seeks the approval of members to agree for Merthyr Tydfil County Borough Council to participate in this historic event in connection with the Queen's Platinum Jubilee celebrations.

2.0 RECOMMENDATION that

- 2.1 The lighting of the Beacon and associated activities in Merthyr Tydfil as part of the Queen's Platinum Jubilee weekend be approved.

3.0 INTRODUCTION AND BACKGROUND

- 3.1 There is a long and unbroken tradition in our country of celebrating Royal Jubilees, Weddings and Coronations with the lighting of beacons - on top of mountains, church and cathedral towers, castle battlements, on town and village greens, country estates, parks and farms, along beaches and on cliff tops. In 1897, beacons were lit to celebrate Queen Victoria's Diamond Jubilee. In 1977, 2002 and 2012, beacons commemorated the Silver, Golden and Diamond Jubilees of The Queen, and in 2016 Her Majesty's 90th birthday. A guide to how the Council can take part is attached as Appendix 1.
- 3.2 There are three types of beacons being lit for this historic occasion:
- A free - standing beacon fuelled by bottle gas.
 - A beacon brazier with a metal shield. This could be built by local craftsmen/women or adopted as a project by a school or college.
 - A bonfire beacon and Communities with existing beacon braziers are encouraged to light these on the night.
- 3.3 At 1.00 pm local time on 2nd June 2022, Town Criers are being invited to undertake the Proclamation announcing the lighting of the beacons later that evening. As the sun sets at 9.09 pm across the UK and the Commonwealth, individual pipers and pipe bands are being asked to play "Diu Regnare" from central locations of their choice from within their local communities as their personal tribute to Her Majesty the Queen. (This time will vary in each time zone across the world). This unique tune has been especially written for this historic Jubilee by Piper Stuart Liddell, 2020 Glenfiddich.
- 3.4 Her Majesty's extraordinary service to this country is unparalleled. Everyone is encouraged to express their appreciation and gratitude by supporting this amazing Jubilee event.
- 3.5 As this will be the last chain of Beacons lit during The Queen's 70-year reign, individuals, local authorities, voluntary and youth groups, farming communities and others are encouraged to join the many organisations who have already agreed to take part in this special tribute to Her Majesty on 2nd June 2022.
- 3.6 Each organisation or community group will need to register their involvement in this unique tribute to Her Majesty the Queen by no later than 30th May 2022, Beacon lighting events will be featured on the interactive map on the Government's Platinum Jubilee website.
- 3.7 This is a community event where everyone will be encouraged to join us to mark this special occasion. Penderyn Square, Llys Janice Rowlands Square and Cyfarthfa Park have all been identified as potential locations for the lighting of the Beacon. Should Council agree to participate in this event, all possible locations will be considered as part of a multi-agency approach at the Events Safety Advisory Group (ESAG group).

4.0 FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

4.1 There will be a small cost required to host this event. Any costs incurred will be met by an existing budget line from the Communications, Consultation and Cabinet Office.

5.0 INTEGRATED IMPACT ASSESSMENT

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	Positive Impacts	Negative Impacts	Neutral / Not Applicable
1. Merthyr Tydfil Well-being Objectives	4 of 4	0 of 4	0 of 4
2. Sustainable Development Principles - How have you considered the five ways of working: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Long term • Prevention • Integration • Collaboration • Involvement 	5 of 5	0 of 5	0 of 5
3. Protected Characteristics <i>(including Welsh Language)</i>	10 of 10	0 of 10	0 of 10
4. Socio-economic Disadvantage	0 of 6	0 of 6	6 of 6
5. Consultation and Engagement	Undertaken	Due to be Undertaken	Not Required
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6. Data and Evidence to inform the proposal	Yes		No
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7. Biodiversity and the resilience of Ecosystems	Maintained	Enhanced	Reduced
	0 of 1	0 of 1	0 of 1
Summary			
The main positive impacts are:	For the Council to participate in the lighting of the Beacon as part of Her Majesty's the Queen Platinum Jubilee Celebrations.		
The main negative impacts are:	None identified.		

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BACKGROUND PAPERS		
Title of Document(s)	Document(s) Date	Document Location
The Queen's Platinum Jubilee - Your Guide to Taking Part	November 2021	Corporate Communications Office
Does the report contain any issue that may impact the Council's Constitution?		No

Consultation has been undertaken with the Corporate Management Team in respect of each proposal(s) and recommendation(s) set out in this report.