

**COUNCIL: 29 SEPTEMBER 2016**

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**COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT, CO-OPERATIVES & SOCIAL  
ENTERPRISE**

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**1. STAR Hub Opening**

Star Hub opened on 26<sup>th</sup> September to very positive comments from service users on the facilities available.

Trained staff will be on hand to help customers access a wide range of facilities and services including:

- State-of-the-art 25 metre, 5 lane swimming pool, with wheel-chair access.
- Modern and fully equipped gym, and dedicated spin area.
- A new junior leisure programme
- A range of fitness and martial arts classes
- Full library service, including children's area and public access PC's
- Housing, benefit and advice services
- Free phones to contact Council and other services
- Into Work advice and training courses
- IT Training Suite / Private interview rooms
- Partner organisations providing specialist help and advice
- Rooms for community meetings and events
- Modern Community Café Hub Opening Hours Active

Visitors to the Hub on the first day included children from Tremorfa Nursery and Twinkle Star Nursery who attended Story and Rhyme times in the Library; and attendees of the Ortega –Strength and Balance class, who were amongst the first to use the functional fitness equipment in the gym. Several customers took advantage of having a dip in the pool and enjoyed a drink from the community café.

The Hub has been busy all day with people coming in to use all the facilities. Leisure and Community staff were on hand to welcome them and show them around.

**2. Roald Dahl Event**

I am sure Members would wish to join me in congratulating the Wales Millennium Centre and the National Theatre Wales for the successful delivery of Road Dahl's City of the unexpected weekend - the biggest arts event ever staged in Cardiff to date.

In the language of Dahl himself, it was an unprecedented gloriumptious undertaking involving 5,000 volunteers and participants including 118 hula hoopers, 35 Members of the Ministry of the Predictable, 15 Roller Derby Rollerskaters, 8 Banquet Table Cyclists, 12 bands, 51 circus performers, 17 Fantastic Foxes an 800 strong choir, over 200 dancers and more than 400 performers, officers from South Wales Police & South Wales Fire and Rescue, an address from the First Minister and Leader of the City of Cardiff Council – one giant peach and an audience that could fill the Principality Stadium 3 times over.

And of course my personal appreciation to our very own Lord Mayor who wholeheartedly entered into the fun of the weekend by personally welcoming James his giant peach and its inhabitants on behalf of the people of Cardiff to Wales' Capital City.

The City of Cardiff Council was immensely proud of its role in facilitating this fitting tribute to Roald Dahl on the centenary of his birth and I would like to take this opportunity to express my thanks to all officers involved in the planning and delivery of the event which saw over 300,000 people in the City Centre, 10,000 people join the wedding celebrations at City Hall and 25,000 people enjoy a giant pyjama picnic in Bute Park on Sunday - we are still picking up the feathers from the great pillow fight!

The Rondo BBC/Wales documentary 'Roald Dahl City of the Unexpected' was also very well received with BBC Wales reporting unprecedented viewing figures for an arts programme in Wales. Indeed, **over 200,000** have tuned in to watch the highlights programme to date alone and I would strongly recommend Members to take the opportunity to view the two half hour programmes on iplayer so you can enjoy the full scale of the undertaking and appreciate the efforts of all involved.

### **3. Summer Reading Challenge**

This year's summer reading challenge has seen the most children **EVER** take part!

We are still counting but we have so far had over **6,350** children take part. **1,419** children have eaten over **£5,000** worth of ice-cream – Huge thanks to **Joe's Ice cream (Wellfield Road)** for supporting this event

We have identified pupils from 105 schools across Cardiff taking part. These include nurseries, SEN's, secondary and home and faith schooled children

Children have registered to take part in the challenge at every library and hub across the City and this includes registrations taking place at / from the Mobile Library.

The leading two libraries are Rhydypennau and Llanedynr. These two are neck and neck far ahead of third placed Penylan.

Pupils from one school in Splott have redeemed more ice-cream vouchers (as prizes for completion of the challenge) than children participating in the challenge from 9 different libraries

The top 5 schools feature from 5 different library catchment areas suggesting a strong, wide appeal. Supported by there being 9 libraries in the top 20 schools.

Final numbers will be available the 2<sup>nd</sup> week of October.

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