

Abertillery & Llanhilleth

Community Council

Newsletter - Spring 2024



Pupil Parliament:

We recently hosted two meetings of the Abertillery Learning Community's Pupil Parliament in the Council Chambers. Our staff supported the pupil secretaries in creating agendas and minutes, while our Chair coached the pupil chair through leading the meetings. The students enjoyed the experience, and we look forward to hosting more in the future.

Recent Events:

- Our St. David's Day Community Carol Concert at St. Michael's Church raised £186 towards the building of toilets inside the Church.
- We provided financial support to Ffrindiau Tyleri for Springfest in March, and our staff also joined their SpringFest litter pick with the Abertillery Learning Community.

Car Scheme:

Residents may have received a Car Scheme leaflet in the post recently as part of our support for the Blaenau Gwent Car Scheme, run by the Bridges charity. We are helping them recruit more volunteer drivers to continue their important work. For more information, please email us.

Gwent Police:



We've recently begun communicating closely with Gwent Police to understand their efforts in improving our area. PS Dan Wise and CSO Luke Davies joined our March meeting to provide updates. In April, some members met informally with CSO Luke Davies for further discussions. We'll keep improving our collaboration with Gwent Police, including hosting more meetings to address concerns and stay updated on their work.

Recent Actions:

- Council has published its 2023-2024 Annual Report on our website, highlighting projects and achievements from the past financial year.
- We recently adopted a defibrillator at Six Bell's park, adding to the 10 others we maintain in the area for life-saving purposes.
- On May 1st, a new 5 year contract for the maintenance of our Town in Bloom planters began with Tillery Action For You Ltd, a local not for profit social enterprise.
- At April's Full Council meeting, the following grants were awarded:
 - £2000 to Friends of Blaenau Gwent Village & Roseheyworth Park towards murals, benches and picnic tables in the park.
 - £3000 to Chillax Charity towards their work at the Abertillery Learning Community.
 - £1937 to Llanhilleth Miner's Institute for the restoration of the integral clock.

Upcoming Events:

- Party in the Park: Saturday 8th June, 12pm-7pm at Abertillery Park Rugby Pitch - free event
- Swffryd Viaduct Run - Sunday 7th July, starting at Hafodyrynys RFC
- Summer Cinema Events: 23rd July - 30th August, every Tuesday & Thursday (10am & 2pm) in the MET - free events

