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Our Ref: **NOTICE OF MEETING**

17 February 2021

Dear Councillor

You are summoned to attend a meeting of Abertillery and Llanhilleth Community Council, to be held using video conferencing (Zoom) on **Wednesday 24 February 2021 at 7.00pm**. The agenda for the meeting is set out below.

Members of the Council have been provided with a link to join the meeting. If any member of the public wishes to join the meeting, please contact the Clerk at the above email address by 10am on 24 February, to discuss how the meeting can be accessed.

Yours sincerely

Steve Edwards
Clerk

AGENDA

1. **Apologies for absence and welcomes**
2. **Declarations of interest or dispensations**
3. **Minutes: (Attached) Council (a) 22 January 2021 and, (b) 27 January 2021.**
To be confirmed as a correct record of the meeting. Any amendments should be to correct incorrect facts not to amend or add content.
4. **Finance Order (Attached)**
Council considers spending decisions and note the current financial position
5. **IT Motion**
Council has a need for the provision of common standard IT equipment to be issued to all Councillors which will consist of a laptop which will have the full Microsoft Office suite, the ability to log into virtual meetings and be fully supported by an IT service company.

Council to resolve to give delegated authority to the Clerk to:

- (a) Spend up to £11,000 to purchase 19 laptops that will be able to access Virtual meetings, Councils emails and able to read PDF documents.
- (b) Spend up to £2,700 in 2021/2022 to establish an ongoing yearly support contract for the 19 laptops and to issue the laptops to Councillors.
- (c) Spend up to £4,100 to give each Councillor access to the Microsoft 365 suite of programs and shared document areas.

(d) Write up a formal IT Laptop use policy to bring back to Council for agreement

6. Motion to amend Finance Regulations

Currently we can not access online internet banking as it requires both a Clerk and Deputy Clerk to administer the system so our Financial Regulations need changing to allow the Clerk to be able to administer the system.

Amend regulation 6.15 "Where internet banking arrangements are made with any bank, the Clerk /RFO and Deputy Clerk be appointed as the dual Service Administrators" to "Where internet banking arrangements are made with any bank, the Clerk /RFO be appointed as the Service Administrator"

7. Motion to amend Bank Mandate

The bank will not accept a revised bank mandate to remove the previous Clerks name and signature from our bank accounts unless a formal motion has been passed. *"Council resolve to remove the previous Clerk Mr Richard Gwinnell from its bank mandates and any other Council banking arrangements"*

8. Grants

Ward Grant, Rob Phillips £200 to Ebenezer Church Food Cupboard

9. Planning Consultation C/2021/003 – Land rear of Newall Street

Councillor Rob Phillips proposes a formal response to this planning application.

The site is situated at the rear of Newall Street and Gelli Crug Road, the only possible access to this site is via the narrow lane that runs the length of the rear of Newall Street.

The nearest access point is from the opening to Gelli Crug Road which is substantially less than 4 metres Wide, and is without a footpath.

The alternative access is along the length of the rear of Newall Street, which is also substantially less than 4 metres in width and also lacks a footpath.

This lane is in constant use by residents of Newall Street to access their garages, and also acts as a pedestrian access to Abertillery 3 to 16 School.

The lane is frequently obstructed, and past consultation with Blaenau Gwent County Borough Council has resulted in a No Entry Except for Access Traffic Restriction being brought into force.

Reading the application, no comments have been made on the environmental impact regarding protected species such as Slow Worms or Bats, which are present at this location, nor have local residents been consulted.

It would appear from the plans that this may be the first of several applications for this site, would it be possible for a site meeting to be requested, and a full consultation with local residents carried out before any planning is approved.

10. Chairs Announcements

11. Date of Next Meeting to be confirmed

Wednesday 31 March 2021 at 7pm