

THE COMMUNITY COUNCIL OF ABERTILLERY & LLANHILLETH CYNGOR CYMUNED ABERTYLERI A LLANHILEDD

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Our Ref: NOTICE OF MEETING

21 July 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 28 July 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 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. Chairman's Statement

Statement respecting the rights of anyone to attend and participate in Council meetings no matter what disability they may have

4. Minutes: (Attached) Council 23 June 2021

To be confirmed as a correct record of the meetings. Any amendments should be to correct incorrect facts not to amend or add content.

5. Recommendations from Finance and Grants Committee

Council to agree the following 2021/2022 budgetary recommendations

- a) The training budget to remain at £900 but will be reviewed next quarter when new staff and new Councillors are known
- b) The budget for BGCBC Youth Workers be reduced from £54,000 to £32,644
- c) The budget for Space Café Youth Workers be reduced from £40,000 to £21,000
- d) The budget for Defibrillators be increased from £1,000 to £6,000, this would enable Council to purchase two additional units
- e) The budgets for Winterfest (£2,000), Ffrindiau Tyleri (£2,000) and Rock and Blues Festival (£1,000) to remain in place until clarification on if these events would take place
- f) The War Memorial budget to be increased from £1,500 to £5,000 to cover the cost of upgrade work of the lighting, cleaning of stonework, installation of

benches and re-alignment of flower beds

g) The net effect of this is to decrease the current year budget by £31,856 so a new budget line of "Contingency" is created for this amount.

6. Ward Grants - Email attached

Motion proposed by Councillor Allen Rees.

"Council consider that Ward Grants be only used within that Councillors Ward and that Council revert back to its original paper based (pre Covid) procedures to be used for this purpose"

7. Defibrillators

If the resolution at Agenda item 5d above is carried than Council to decide where to place the additional two Public Access Defibrillators.

8. Councillor Vacancies – Papers Attached

Update from Clerk.

Council to agree the proposed policy and procedures and authorise the Councils Officers to immediately facilitate the process.

9. One Voice Wales Membership Renewal

Council to agree renewing Membership of One Voice Wales. Annual subscription is £2705.

10. Solar Farm Grant Working Group Recommendations

The Solar Farm Working Group recommend the following:

- a) The Solar Farm Working Group remains in place as per the resolution at the Annual Meeting.
- b) The current criteria and processes that Council agreed in 2019 are to be used to process this years Solar Farm Grant applications
- c) The Councils officers provide a report of the progress of the 2019 and 2020 grant awards
- d) The process for applications for a 2021 grant is started immediately.

11. Painting of Town name sign and street bench – Councillor Mark Lewis

ALCC can purchase some paint to paint the top bench above Abertillery Town on Division Street plus also the Abertillery Landmarker Sign

12. Promotional Video - Councillor Mark Lewis

The "THIS IS ABERTILLERY" promotional video to be updated and any footage of shops and businesses that no longer exist within the town be removed and replaced with unused previous footage or newly obtained footage from around Abertillery Town

13. Grants – Penybont Crafters (Papers attached)

To consider a grant application from PenyBont Crafters

14. Re-Rendering of Wall backing onto War Memorial

Clerk to give verbal report

15. Date of Next Meeting

29th September 2021.