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**NOTICE OF MEETING**

13 Sept 2023

Dear Councillor

You are summoned to attend a meeting of Abertillery and Llanhilleth Community Council, to be held in the Council Chamber, Council Offices Mitre Street and via video conferencing (Zoom) on **Wednesday 20 September 2023 at 7.00pm**. The agenda for the meeting is set out below.

Meetings of community councils in Wales are normally open to the public (except those parts of any meeting that discuss confidential matters). Public access to the Abertillery and Llanhilleth Community Council chamber is very limited but any member of the public who wishes to attend this meeting via Zoom should contact the council via the email address above.

Yours faithfully

Steve Edwards  
Clerk

**AGENDA**

1. **Apologies for absence**
2. **Declarations of interest or dispensations**
3. **Minutes – 28 June 2023 (Mark Lewis amendments): (ANNEX 1)**

**Item 19: “Mark Lewis questioned why more than one payment had been made during the year in respect of insurance”. Add “Mark Lewis also questioned why Abertillery BG RFC funding request for Aber Rocks of £1000 had increased by another £500 this year, which there seemed to be an unsure response but assumed it was an increase in the security costs for the Aber Rocks Event held by Abertillery BG RFC . 15/07/2022 Abertillery RFC 7995 500.00 4830 130 500.00 Security Please see attachment for the 2023 funding request from Abertillery BG RFC of £1000 from ALCC”.**

**Add to item 19: “Mark Lewis also questioned 20/07/2022 Vimeo CHARGES 82.80 13.80 4170 110 69.00 Annual subscription - Card and why if this service had not been used on the ALCC website since the 28th July 2021 was council still paying for it.”**

**Add to item 19: “Mark Lewis also questioned why 17/05/2022 Bakehouse Print Limited 7967 552.00 92.00 4830 130 460.00 Banners, Party in Park had been cancelled? It was in fact 17/05/2022 Ebbw Fach Community Group 7968 0.00 Cheque Cancelled. This was the**

cheque that was cancelled and not for the Party in the Park Banners as stated at the meeting by Mark Lewis”

**Add to item 27 Six Bells Toilets:** “Mark Lewis made full council aware of a previous scheme that the ALCC Shop Local Group looked into reinstating which B.G.C.B.C previously run in local businesses around the borough town centres where businesses in these towns were paid £500 annually to provide public toilets but unfortunately these toilets were apparently not being looked after and the public were complaining about the money being spent on them and a proper services not being provided. So, B.G.C.B.C withdrew the scheme, but Mark Lewis stated that he thought Chris Hill / Group would look after the ones in Six Bells Park but just wanted to make council aware of previous issues when these types of toilet provision schemes have been run in the past.”

#### **Correction to item 28 PARTY IN THE PARK**

End of first paragraph with sentence - Remove “Bernard Wall noted that, after the event had closed, many attendees remained in Abertillery long into the evening.”

Replace with the following text below -

The Chair stated "that PIP attendees wanted to stay behind after the Event finished but she and others had to clear them off the rugby field."

Bernard Wall stated " to tell the Rugby Club that they needed more beer at next year's PIP Event " as they had run out at the bar before the Event had ended.

#### **Confirm Minutes – 19 July 2023 (ANNEX 2)**

##### **4. Internal audit (ANNEX 3)**

To approve the amended internal auditor’s report on the Council’s Annual Return and accounts 2022-23.

##### **5. Annual return (ANNEX 4)**

To approve the emended annual return

##### **6. Committees – Nick Simmons**

To appoint Nick Simmons as a Member of the Finance Committee.

##### **7. Council grant**

Councillor Steve Bard met with officers from Abertillery/Blaenau Gwent RFC. Following a League & Cup winning season in 2022 Abertillery/Blaenau Gwent RFC are now in Division 2 East in the Welsh Pyramid System.

However, although several improvements to the ground and facilities have been made including the Outdoor, covered patio area (funded by Solar Grant 2022) they are in need of a discrete Medical/First Aid facility as this currently has to take place in a changing room. This is clearly unsuitable as a sterile area should be provided for such matters.

This facility would also be a massive community asset as it would be available for use for ANY Community event that is held at the Park (subject to trained staff being available eg St John Ambulance). Currently the number of events held at the Park is growing year on year and is a real positive for the Abertillery & Llanhilleth area. Events held recently include Party

in the Park, SlugFest, AberRocks and Wales International Rugby League. Add to this the current Rugby needs for the Abertillery / Blaenau Gwent team plus all their opponents and spectators, plus the 8 Mini and Youth Teams (ages 5 -16) plus their opponents and spectators throughout the Rugby season. I think the impact upon the Community will be both positive and massive.

To enable this project, the Club management have identified a suitable site behind the changing rooms where they can site a 32 x 10-foot adapted Container. They have found examples of this locally priced at £5200. They would need to add footings, knock through for changing facilities to Medical centre for access etc, provide electricity and water (both already on site so able to be sourced easily) plus transport for the container. This will involve a Container lorry (special fittings needed for containers) and a HiAb to winch the container from the lorry over the river and into position. They have assessed the costs of this and believe it can be achieved for a total cost (including purchase of the Container for £7500.

I would therefore like to propose that as a Council we make a Grant of £7500 to Abertillery/Blaenau Gwent RFC to provide Medical / First Aid facilities at Abertillery Park/Parc Abertyleri.

**8. Co-Option (ANNEX 5)**

To consider the co-option of Mr Ralph Henderson MBE to be co-opted as a member for the Cwmtillery Ward (Currently there are 4 ward vacancies: 1 Abertillery, 2 Cwmtillery and 1 in Six Bells)

**9. Blaenau Gwent County Borough Council Standards Committee (ANNEX 6)**

To nominate a replacement on this Committee to replace our previous nomination.

**10. Next meeting**

25 October 2023