



**THE COMMUNITY COUNCIL OF ABERTILLERY & LLANHILLETH
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NOTICE OF MEETING

24 April 2025

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 30 April 2025 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 26 March 2025 (papers attached)**
- 4. Bank Reconciliation (papers attached)**

To review and accept the bank reconciliations and payments for March 2025.

- 5. Council Grant Application (papers attached)**

There is currently £17,000 remaining in the Council Grants budget.

Motion to agree the following Council Grant requests:

1. Ebenezer Baptist Church - £1,000 towards replacing seating in the coffee bar and warm hub project) (Local Government (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act 1976 s.19).
2. Six Bells Tenants and Residents Association - £1,766 towards the costs of the 65th Commemoration of the Six Bells Miners' Disaster Event. (Local Government (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act 1976 s.19).

3. K Style & AYDMS - £1400 towards the cost of replacing the electrics in the new building they are moving in to (Local Government (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act 1976 s.19).

6. Plaque at War Memorial

Motion from Bruno Goes.

Bearing in mind the 80th anniversary of the cessation of hostilities in WWII in August (the Japanese have imprisoned many in the community who were fighting in the pacific theatre) Considering the war memorials are listed, I would like to propose that the council officers enquire to the relevant bodies regarding the installation of a memorial plaque in a suitable location in our memorials to celebrate the occasion, bearing in mind the role of war memorials as places of reflection, education, and remembrance for future generations.

Furthermore, I have never seen any acknowledgement or mention of the Bevin Boys, young men conscripted to work in the mines as part of the war effort.

I propose the memorial plaque with the following text - I have also included a machine translation in welsh which may not be accurate but will give us an idea regarding the plaque size.

Quote

This plaque commemorates 80 years since the cessation of hostilities in Europe and the Pacific, marking the end of World War II. We honour the courage, sacrifice, and resilience of the men and women of this community who served and endured, both in the armed forces and on the home front, including the Bevin Boys who laboured in the former coal mines of this community to support the war effort. May their legacy of peace and unity never be forgotten.

NEVER AGAIN WAR

NEVER AGAIN FASCISM

LEST WE FORGET

Mae'r plac hwn yn coffáu 80 mlynedd ers i'r ymladd yn Ewrop a'r Môr Tawel ddod i ben, gan nodi diwedd yr Ail Ryfel Byd. Anrhydeddwn ddewrder, aberth, a gwytnwch dynion a merched y gymuned hon a wasanaethodd ac a ddioddefodd, yn y lluoedd arfog ac ar y ffrynt cartref, gan gynnwys y Bevin Boys a lafuriodd yn hen byllau glo y gymuned hon i gefnogi ymdrech y rhyfel. Na fydded byth mo'u hetifeddiaeth o heddwch ac undod.

BYTH ETO RHYFEL

BYTH ETO FFASICIAETH

RHAG I NI ANGHOFIO LEST WE FORGET

7. Councillor Behaviour

Clerk to emphasise the standard required by Councillors in meetings where they have declared an interest and the actions of the Chair and Clerk going forward.

8. Hospice of the Valleys Sponsorship (papers attached)

Motion for Council to look at sponsoring the Hospice of the Valleys 3rd Festive Concert to be held Thursday 18th December, for £500. (Local Government (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act 1976 s.19).

9. Recommendations from Finance Committee.

The Finance Committee have reviewed the report from Audit Wales on the 2020/2021 accounts and have made the following recommendations.

- Code of Conduct training be done every 5 years for Councillors.
- The staffing matter be referred to the HR Committee

10. Solar Farm Grant 2025

The Council to agree the process for the awarding of the Solar Farm Grant 2025.

11. Pride Event – 24 May

Blaenau Gwent County Borough Council are holding a Pride event at Bedwelty House Tredegar on 24 May, does Council want to support this?

12. Charter (papers attached)

Council to agree the Sign Off of the new charter of Common Agreement with BGCBC.

13. Subway Mural Maintenance

Council to agree to take on the on-going maintenance and cleaning of the refurbished Subway Mural using the £10,000 earmarked reserves that were set aside for Mural work.

14. Wreath Laying VE Day

To agree which Councillors will lay wreaths at Abertillery and Llanhilleth War Memorials on VE day, 8 the May.

15. Committee Minutes (papers attached)

To note the latest confirmed minutes for the following Committees. These can be downloaded from the website.

- HR Committee - 24 April 2024
- Leisure and Tourism – 11 February 2025
- PlaCE – 03 March 2025
- Community Empowerment – 21 January 2025, 28 January 2025, 4 February 2025

- Finance – 14 March 2025

16. Date of Next Meeting

Annual Meeting, Wednesday 21 May 2025 at 7pm.