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Our Ref: **NOTICE OF MEETING**

15 February 2021

Dear Councillor

You are summoned to attend an extraordinary meeting of Abertillery and Llanhilleth Community Council, to be held using video conferencing (Zoom) on **Monday 22 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 22 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

Members who consider that they have an interest to declare are asked to state the item in which they have an interest and the nature of the interest.

3. Motion from Councillor Peter Adamson – Town In Bloom

The Town in Bloom (TiB) project recommends that Council resolve that the Town in Bloom project follows the model used for Christmas lights; in that a business supplier takes on the bulk of the supply and maintenance of floral displays in the ALCC area, subject to the input from community groups throughout the area, and to the normal ALCC competitive tendering process to decide the supplier or suppliers, and that the Clerk be delegated to authority to spend up to a maximum of £22,000 in 2020/21 and a maximum of £5,000 in 2021/22 (these are the amounts that have been agreed in the budgets for In Bloom)

The above with a view of making TiB an annual budgeted event for ALCC.

4. Motion from Gary Oakley, Vandalism Guardian Memorial Site Six Bells

To delegate powers to the Clerk:

1 For the repair and replacement works as necessary, to the maximum value as agreed by Council under this Motion and subject to all permissions required to carry out the works.

2 To liaise with any local organisations that are or maybe involved.

3 To report to Council the ongoing situation and if additional monies or support are required.

5. Motion from Councillor Rob Philips - Committees

For the past few years, we have relied upon working groups to carry out the planning and discussion process before the matters are put to full Council.

Although open and free discussion amongst Councillors and members of the public is to be welcomed, working groups have become haphazard, not being called on any regular basis, and have been called, or cancelled or ignored at whim. The Monthly Council Meeting Agendas are overly full and many items have to be left over to the following meeting.

I propose, regular Committee Meetings are held in the intervening weeks between full council meetings. This would have the benefit of set dates, formal summons, and times, and minutes taken by a member of staff which means there is a public record of the meetings.

*The present **Human Resources Committee, and Finance Committee** remits, including delegated powers, would remain unchanged. The Chair of HR will remain as the Chair of Council. I propose the following Committees are set up. Full council would decide on the membership and the remits for these Committees but each new Committee would select its own Chair. Delegated authority should also be given to each Committee to spend up to the amounts that have been budgeted for in that year's Council Budget.*

Standing Orders 4 (d) (v) to be amended to show that Committees other than HR and Finance appoint their own Chairs and not Council.

***Wellbeing**, would be an overarching committee with representation on all other committees. Its remit would also include **Community and Youth engagement**.*

***Planning and Environment** Would be responsible for all Planning and Environmental matters and would include Shop Local, the Town in Bloom, and the Cenotaph within their remit.*

***Leisure and Tourism**. Would be responsible for all events staged or supported by the Council in the promotion of Leisure and Tourism, such as Party in the Park, Aberfest, Winterfest, Christmas lights display and any other proposed events.*

***Working groups** which may include members of the public, and other bodies can continue to meet under those committee headings. A brief update report from each Committee will be presented at full council monthly meetings. Full Council may also direct any of the Committees to take on specific new projects that had not previously been budgeted for and allocate a project budget for that.*

6. Resolution to Exclude the Press and Public

Members are recommended to consider and resolve that, by virtue of The Public Bodies (Admission to Meetings) Act 1960, the press and public are excluded from discussions on the following items on the basis that disclosure thereof would be prejudicial to the public interest by reason of the confidential nature of the business to be transacted.

7. Motion from HR Committee – Deselection of a member of the Committee

The HR Committee propose to deselect Councillor Graham White from the HR Committee as they believe he has breached the confidentiality of the work of that Committee and the HR Committee no longer have trust in him to retain confidentiality in any future HR discussion and agreements.