

**MINUTES OF A EXTRAORDINARY MEETING OF ABERTILLERY AND LLANHILLETH  
COMMUNITY COUNCIL (ALCC) HELD ON 22 FEBRUARY 2021 at 7.00pm  
Held remotely via Zoom**

**PRESENT: Councillors:**

Gary Oakley (Chair), Peter Adamson, Michaela Assiratti, Tracey Dyson, Julie Holt, Mark Lewis, Beverley Lucas, Rob Phillips, Allen Rees, Nick Simmons, and Bernard Wall

**Officers:** Steve Edwards, Clerk

**Others:** None

**ABSENT:** Vanessa Bartlett, Gill Clark, Roger Clark, Perry Morgan, Glyn Smith and Graham White

**13. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE AND WELCOMES**

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors Vanessa Bartlett, Gill Clark, Roger Clark, Perry Morgan, Glyn Smith and Graham White

Welcomes were extended to everyone present

**14. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

None

**15. MOTION FROM COUNCILLOR PETER ADAMSON – TOWN IN BLOOM**

There was a debate about using a single central supplier and that should not exclude Community Groups throughout the Councils area. The Town in Bloom project confirmed that Community groups would not be excluded.

The Council **RESOLVED** *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 team, Cllr Nick Simmons, Peter Adamson, Mark Lewis and Clerk Steve Edwards have full delegated authority to manage this project.*

**16. MOTION FROM COUNCILLOR GARY OAKLEY – VANDALISM GUARDIAN MEMORIAL SITE SIX BELLS**

This motion was withdrawn by Councillor Oakley after a brief discussion where it became apparent that Blaenau Gwent County Borough Council were dealing with the issue.

## 17. MOTION FROM COUNCILLOR ROB PHILLIPS – COMMITTEES

*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.*

The Council **RESOLVED** to amend the motion so that:

- (1) Planning and Environment: to include all Planning and Environment Matters, and so will now include Shop Local, Fun Run and Town in Bloom.
- (2) Leisure and Tourism responsible for all events staged by Council, including Christmas Lights, all issues with Cenotaph, liaison and partnership with Ffrindiau Tyleri concerning Aberfest and Winterfest and the usual events that are run throughout the year.
- (3) Standing Orders 4 (d) (v) will be amended to show that the new Committees will appoint their own chairs and not Council. It was agreed that the makeup of the new committees will be done at a later Council Meeting.

The Clerk will work out what the budgets for each of the Committees will be so they will all be aware of how much spending power each has. The Clerk will also draft up revised Terms of References for all Committees and Working groups.

## 18. RESOLUTON TO EXCLUDE THE PRESS AND PUBLIC

The Council **RESOLVED to** exclude the Press and Public 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.

## 19. MOTION FROM HR COMMITTEE – DESELECTION OF A MEMBER OF THE COMMITTEE

The Council **RESOLVED** to deselect Councillor Graham White from the HR Committee

The meeting ended at 8.05 pm.

Signed as a correct record by the Chair .....

*NB these minutes are a summary of the proceedings and record of the decisions taken. They are not intended to be a verbatim record.*

*Minutes produced by Steve Edwards Clerk*