

**MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE PLANNING AND ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE OF
ABERTILLERY AND LLANHILLETH COMMUNITY COUNCIL (ALCC) HELD ON 27 July 2021
at 7:00PM in the Council Chamber Mitre Street, Abertillery**

PRESENT: Councillors:

Mark Lewis, Rob Phillips, Graham White.

Officers: Steve Edwards - Clerk

Others: None

ABSENT: Nick Simmons and Glyn Smith.

1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE AND WELCOMES

In the absence of an elected Chair the Clerk opened the meeting
Apologies from Nick Simmons and Glyn Smith

2. ELECTION OF CHAIR

The Committee **RESOLVED** to elect Mark Lewis as the Chair of the Planning and Environment Committee.

Mark Lewis took over the chairing of the meeting

3. MYNYDD LLANHILLETH WIND FARM

There was a discussion concerning the pros and cons of the new Wind Farm and how much the Council could influence any decisions. This item should be kept on the agenda with a watching brief and also if there becomes any access to any Community Benefit Funds.

4. POLICING

The Committee **RESOLVED** to ask the Police to resume regular attendance at Council Meetings to give a Police update.

5. RECENT GRAFFITI DAMAGE

Mark Lewis had reported some recent incidents of recent Graffiti Damage in our area to the police, specifically around the main bus stop area in Abertillery. Unfortunately, he reported that BGCBC CCTV system had not been working. He would check with the shops opposite to see if they had any CCTV footage that covered that area. The only response from the police was via email from a PCSO, no further action had been taken.

6. PARKING

There was concern expressed about a number of streets in Abertillery where cars were parked on pavements which then severely restricted pedestrian access. The Clerk pointed out that it

was a BGCBC issue to police parking enforcement and the police would only get involved if there was a dangerous obstruction. Individual incidents can be reported to the authorities.

7. ROAMING SHEEP

The Committee talked about this issue of sheep roaming free within the Councils areas, which had been going on for over 4 years. The Council can not do anything directly about it but the Committee **RESOLVED** to start work on getting meetings with BGCBC and various parties to discuss and work out a way forward and how the issue can be tackled.

8. SHOP LOCAL BUDGET

A number of items of potential projects were raised.

- Funding stalls in the Thursday Street Market
- More Shop Local banners
- A Sunday or Monthly Car Boot Sale
- Public Toilets (To go next agenda)
- Grass Cutting at Blaenau Gwent Cemetery, no one was sure who had the responsibility for it.

The Clerk will investigate having more stalls in the Thursday Street Market

The meeting ended at 8:25 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