

**MINUTES OF AN EXTRAORDINARY MEETING OF THE FULL COUNCIL OF ABERTILLERY  
AND LLANHILLETH COMMUNITY COUNCIL (ALCC) HELD ON 8 September at 7:00pm  
in the Council Chamber at  
Council Offices, Mitre Street, Abertillery.**

**PRESENT: Councillors:** Gary Oakley (Chair), Nick Simmons (Vice Chair), Peter Adamson, Michaela Assiratti, Tracey Dyson, Mark Lewis, Bev Lucas, Perry Morgan, Rob Phillips, Allen Rees, Glyn Smith, Bernard Wall, Graham White

**Officers:** Steve Edwards-Clerk

**101. Apologies for absence and welcomes**

There were no apologies for absences.

Councillor White attempted to raise an item that the meeting was unlawful as the Chair had not previously signed his Declaration of Office. The Chair requested that Councillor White stay on the agenda. He refused to do so and began to act in a challenging and disruptive manner talking over the Chair.

The Chair stated that if he continued disturbing the meeting, he would move a Motion to have him removed.

At this point Councillor White left the meeting.

The Clerk stated that the Declaration of Office had been signed by the Chair.

**102. Declarations of interest or dispensations**

None

**103. Resolution 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 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.

**104. Wales Audit – Report for 2014-2105**

It was noted that three current Councillors, Rob Phillips, Glyn Smith and Bernard Wall were Councillors at the time of the events detailed in the Audit Report.

The Council **RESOLVED** that a reply be sent to Wales Audit with the three points detailed below. The Chair requested that the votes be recorded (**FOR:** Gary Oakley (Chair), Nick Simmons (Vice Chair), Michaela Assiratti, Tracey Dyson, Mark Lewis, Bev Lucas, Perry Morgan, Rob Phillips, Allen Rees, Glyn Smith. **ABSTAINING:** Peter Adamson, Bernard Wall.)

1: The Council was extremely concerned that none of the three current members, who were also members during the 2014/2015 year have been directly spoken to by Wales Audit concerning the very serious matters detailed in the report. It is the strong council view that Wales Audit should speak to Glyn Smith, Rob Phillips and Bernard Wall to consider their evidence before issuing a final report.

2: The recollections from Glyn Smith and Rob Phillips are that they would not have acted as they did in approving the payments if they had not had the legal advice that Mr. Bartlett had presented to them, and from the conversation that had been had with Blaenau Gwent County Borough Councils Legal Officer at the time.

3: There are two typographic errors in the report.

Para 38: "31 October 2019" should read "31 October 2014".

Para 70: "On 13 October 2019" should read "On 13 October 2014".

Meeting ended 8:10 pm

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

*Minutes produced by Steve Edwards Clerk*