

**MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE PLANNING AND ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE OF  
ABERTILLERY AND LLANHILLETH COMMUNITY COUNCIL (ALCC) HELD ON 21  
September 2021 at 7:00PM in the Council Chamber Mitre Street, Abertillery**

**PRESENT: Councillors:**

Mark Lewis, Rob Phillips, Glyn Smith, Graham White.

**Officers:** Steve Edwards - Clerk

**Others:** None

**ABSENT:** Nick Simmons

**9. Apologies for absence and welcomes**

No Apologies

**10. Declarations of Interest**

None

**11. Minutes – 27<sup>th</sup> July 2021**

The Committee **RESOLVED** that the minutes of the Committee meeting held on 27 July be confirmed as a correct record

**12. Public Toilets**

There was a discussion about the lack of public toilet provision in Abertillery Town Centre. The Committee **RESOLVED** for the Clerk to find out if there would be any public toilet provision in Trinity Chapel when it opened.

**13. Updating the THIS ABERTILLERY promotional video**

The Committee would look at this again at its next meeting when it could have a viewing of the current video during a future meeting

**14. Location of 2 additional Public Access Defibrillators**

The Committee **RESOLVED** that the two additional defibrillators would be placed at the Convenience store in Roseheyworth and at the New Bridgend Inn. The Clerk and the Chair to facilitate this.

There was also discussion about signage and the need for signs to point to where any defibrillator was. To be looked at when new units were installed.

**15. The Painting of Abertillery Landmarker sign on Somerset Street and bench in Division Street.**

It was noted that both were the responsibility of Blaeanu Gwent County Borough Council and that the Community Council would have to seek permission first from them before any work could be considered.

**16. Outdoor Notice Board Provision**

A list of current notice boards will be brought back to a future meeting of the Committee who

can then decide what further actions it wished to take.

**17. Maintenance of green areas**

The Committee had concerns about the overall standard of maintenance of green areas that were the responsibility of Blaenau Gwent, and specifically the Cemetery at Blaeanu Gwent Baptist Church.

**18. Use the lower level multi story car park on High Street for Sunday Boot Sale.**

The Committee discussed the possibility of holding a Sunday Boot Sale, once a month in the lower level of the car park. The Committee made no decision if to take this forward as there were concerns raised about how it would actually work.

**19. Halloween Event 2022**

The Committee will plan to put together a trial event for 2022 similar to the Scare on the Square event that is held in Brynmawr

**20. Subway Mural Refurbishment in Abertillery**

There is a post on Facebook and it seems that a Friends of Abertillery Mural group may be forming. It is noted that any work on the mural will have to be authorised by Blaenau Gwent County Borough Council who have responsibility for it and that the underpass goes under the main A road so engineering safety was of the most utmost importance. No decision made by Committee

**21. Clerks Report**

- (a) The police have been invited to attend future Council meetings on a quarterly basis.
- (b) Joanne Wilkins at Blaenau Gwent County Borough Council is actively looking into the issue of sheep roaming throughout our area.
- (c) Phill Edwards manages the Thursday Street Market, the pitches are £10 per pitch. The Committee wants to gather further information about what happens to the money, how much the Borough Council are involved and what it includes.

The meeting ended at 8:40 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*