

**MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE PLANNING AND ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE OF  
ABERTILLERY AND LLANHILLETH COMMUNITY COUNCIL (ALCC) HELD ON 9 November  
2021 at 7:00PM in the Council Chamber Mitre Street, Abertillery**

**PRESENT: Councillors:**

Mark Lewis (Chair), Rob Phillips, Nick Simmons, Glyn Smith,

**Officers:** Steve Edwards – Deputy Clerk

**Others:** Keran Williams (Town Centre Development), Amanda Phillips (Regeneration Officer)

**ABSENT:** Graham White

**22. Apologies for absence and welcomes**

The Chair stated that he had received an email from Graham White resigning from the Committee. The Deputy Clerk asked that a copy be sent to him to confirm the resignation

**23. Declarations of Interest**

None

**24. Minutes 21<sup>st</sup> September 2021**

The Committee **RESOLVED** that the minutes of the committee meeting held on 21 September 2021 be confirmed as a correct record.

**25. New Town Manager – Keran Williams**

Keren introduced herself and her colleague Amanda Phillips. She talked about a number of items.

- Concern about the number of vacant commercial properties and how we could get them filled. Looking to develop a register of empty properties.
- The LEQ officer interested in supporting a Town Clean Up, thinking of incentives to keep town clean. Discussion of household waste being left beside bins, signage to be put up explain what bins were for and not household waste.
- Looking at larger combined recycling bins for town.
- Looking at putting Vinyl Wraps on insides of empty shop windows
- In answer to a question from Nick Simmons Keran said she couldn't see a problem giving Council a key for the arcade so that plant watering could take place out of normal working hours.
- Netting was being put in arcade to stop pigeons nesting.
- The lights in the arcade are being replaced by new LED ones
- There is some digital marketing training available for businesses but the take up had been small
- She is looking at street cleaning of Church Street, power washing was too evasive and businesses didn't want that, looking in using a mini-scrubber.

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*

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