

**MEETING OF THE PLANNING, COMMERCE AND ENVIRONMENT (PlaCE) COMMITTEE
OF ABERTILLERY AND LLANHILLETH COMMUNITY COUNCIL HELD ON 25 MAY 2022
at 6.00 pm in the Council Chamber at Council Offices, Mitre Street, Abertillery.**

PRESENT

Councillors: Peter Adamson, Barrie Page, Rob Phillips, Josh Rawcliffe, Nick Simmons

Officers: David Cartwright (Clerk)

The meeting was opened by the Clerk who took the chair for the first three items on the agenda.

1. Apologies for absence

None.

2. Declarations of interest or dispensations

None.

3. Appointment of Chair of PlaCE Committee

The Committee **RESOLVED** to appoint Rob Phillips as Chair.

Cllr Phillips took the chair at 6.04 pm.

4. Minutes – Planning & Environment Committee 22 February 2022

The Committee **RESOLVED** that the draft minutes were a true and correct record of the meeting.

The Clerk reported that Karen Williams, Town Centre Development Officer, Blaenau Gwent County Borough Council, had confirmed that she had passed on the issues raised with her at the meeting.

The Clerk reported that the Council defibrillator at Swffryd had been used over the previous weekend and that five sets of replacement pads had been ordered at a cost of £239.70.

5. Terms of Reference

The Committee **RESOLVED** to nominate Rob Phillips and Nick Simmons as members of Abertillery Regeneration.

The Committee **RESOLVED** to nominate Barrie Page and Peter Adamson as members of the Blaenau Gwent Heritage Forum.

The Committee **RESOLVED** to nominate Josh Rawcliffe as a member of the Local List of Buildings of Interest – Abertillery and District Working Group.

The new Chair suggested that the Committee would benefit from a separate meeting to consider the setting of its priorities and the distribution of its resources between the delivery of short-term goals and longer-term strategic planning.

The Clerk offered to prepare a short paper outlining some of the issues that fall within the Committee's remit. Nick Simmons and Peter Adamson suggested that such a paper should include proposals for embedding into the Council's decision-making its responsibilities under the Well-being of Future Generations (Wales) Act.

6. Town In Bloom

Peter Adamson reported that the first year of the contract for Town in Bloom had been completed satisfactorily by The Willows Garden Centre, who had been very amenable to discussion and suggestions. The only slight areas of underperformance were largely due to delays in the Council obtaining the necessary permissions for the location of some hanging baskets and the sowing of wildflowers. He believed that the Committee could be confident that The Willows would deliver if the Council continued its association with them.

The Committee **RESOLVED** that the Council would enter into an agreement with The Willows to deliver the second year programme of Town in Bloom, as proposed at a cost of £12,000 in the tender document submitted by The Willows in May 2021.

Nick Simmons reported that he had been contacted by groups in Six Bells and Abertillery that had expressed an interest in the Town in Bloom community involvement proposals.

7. Next meeting

8 June 2022

The meeting ended at 6.47 pm.

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

Minutes produced by David Cartwright, Clerk.