

MEETING OF THE PEOPLE AND COMMUNITIES COMMITTEE OF ABERTILLERY AND LLANHILLETH COMMUNITY COUNCIL (ALCC) HELD ON 25 MAY 2022 AT 12.00 noon. in the Council Chamber at Council Offices, Mitre Street, Abertillery and via video conferencing (Zoom).

PRESENT

Councillors: Peter Adamson; Michaela Assiratti; Tracey Dyson; Beverley Lucas; Barrie Page.

PRESENT VIA VIDEOLINK

Councillors: Ben Owen-Jones

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 PEOPLE AND COMMUNITIES COMMITTEE

The Committee **RESOLVED** to appoint Tracey Dyson as Chair.

Cllr Dyson took the chair at 12.07 pm.

4. MINUTES – LEISURE AND TOURISM COMMITTEE 16 MARCH 2022

The Committee **RESOLVED** to accept the minutes as a true and correct record.

5. TERMS OF REFERENCE

The Committee considered its Terms of Reference and agreed that working groups should aim to take on board the views and knowledge of, not only other Members of the Committee, but other Members of the Council and members of the public. The Clerk reminded Members that working groups have no authority to transact business on behalf of the Council. Members of working groups would need to return to meetings of the Committee and to seek resolutions to act and to authorise expenditure.

The Committee **RESOLVED** to appoint the following:

Communications Working Group: Ben Owen-Jones (Project Lead), Beverley Lucas, Barrie Page, Peter Adamson.

The Committee **RESOLVED** that the working group would be responsible for considering all the matters delegated to the Communications Working Group by the Council on 26 January 2022.

Christmas Lights Central Contract Working Group: Barrie Page (Project Lead); Peter Adamson.

The Committee **RESOLVED** to invite Cllr Rob Phillips to join the working group and asked the working group to liaise with the Deputy Clerk.

Ben Owen-Jones stated that it had been drawn to his attention that Llanhilleth Tenants and Residents Association, which managed its local community's Christmas lights under a separate contract, may not be able to display the lights without funding for structural repairs. The Clerk stated that he would contact Llanhilleth TRA.

Blaenau Gwent Armed Forces Covenant Steering Group representative: Tracey Dyson

Remembrance Day Working Group: Tracey Dyson; Beverley Lucas

The new Chair stated that a Community Fun Run had been mooted for some years but questioned whether the Council had the expertise or resources to organise such an event. Ben Owen-Jones offered to contact the organisers of similar events for advice and to report back to the Committee. The Committee **RESOLVED** to defer to a future meeting any decision as to whether to pursue the event.

Outdoor Cinema Events Working Group: Tracey Dyson, Beverley Lucas

Ben Owen-Jones suggested that the event organisers be asked to consider including film shorts from local film-makers in the evenings' programmes and that disability access issues be fully taken into account when planning the events.

Party in the Park Working Group: Tracey Dyson, Beverley Lucas.

Peter Adamson and Ben Owen-Jones offered to help to staff any Council stand or display at the event.

Loneliness Project Working Group: Tracey Dyson, Barrie Page, Ben Owen-Jones.

Musical Concerts Working Group: Beverley Lucas; Michaela Assiratti

The Committee **RESOLVED** to work with external organisations to explore the idea of establishing a Youth Council for 11-17 year-olds.

Youth Council Working Group: Tracey Dyson, Barrie Page, Beverley Lucas.

Peter Adamson proposed that the Committee consider writing a letter of sympathy to a local school pupil who had lost a finger after allegedly being bullied. Other Members cautioned that it would be wise to wait until the circumstances surrounding the incident were known. Cllr Adamson withdrew his proposal.

The meeting ended at 1.13 pm.

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

Minutes produced by David Cartwright, Clerk.