

**MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE PEOPLE AND COMMUNITIES COMMITTEE
OF ABERTILLERY AND LLANHILLETH COMMUNITY COUNCIL HELD ON 20
June 2022 at 10.00 am in the Council Chamber Mitre Street, Abertillery**

PRESENT:

Councillors: Tracey Dyson (Chair), Peter Adamson, Barrie Page

Officers: David Cartwright, Clerk; Steve Edwards, Deputy Clerk

6. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies were received from Beverley Lucas and Michaela Assiratti.

7. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

None

8. MINUTES – PEOPLE AND COMMUNITIES COMMITTEE 25 MAY 2022

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

9. BUDGET AND EXPENDITURE 2022-23

The Committee noted expenditure against its delegated budget lines in the year-to-date.

10. PARTY IN THE PARK

The Clerk recommended that the Committee should undertake a formal appraisal of the event. The Chair reported that she and the Deputy Clerk had already made arrangements to meet representatives from Abertillery BG RFC to begin the review process. The Chair stated that she had received favourable informal feedback from members of the public. The Deputy Clerk praised the help the event had received from Ffrindiau Tyleri who had supplied, delivered and collected, free of charge, all the tables used by commercial and community groups in the main marquee.

11. CHRISTMAS LIGHTS CENTRAL CONTRACT

Barrie Page tabled a motion that the current central contract be extended for a further year. Cllr Page reported that a tender document for a new central contract had not yet been drawn up. The specification remained uncertain as some community groups had yet to confirm that they wished their local lights to continue to be included within the contract. The Deputy Clerk noted that the lack of a single commerce association for Abertillery town centre continued to make it very difficult for the Council to consult important stakeholders. He added that, by the time these issues were overcome and a new tender process finally completed, it would almost certainly be too late for Christmas 2022.

The Committee **RESOLVED** to extend the current central contract with Centregreat Ltd for a further year.

Peter Adamson noted that the Council seemed to express its dissatisfaction with the value for money of its expenditure on Christmas lights every year but, every year, seemed to run out of time to make improvements.

The Committee appointed Peter Adamson and Barrie Page to begin work now on identifying what local communities and the Council wanted to achieve from annual

light displays for 2023 onwards and to report back to the Committee with recommendations for future years.

12. OUTDOOR CINEMA EVENTS

The Chair reported that the Council had received a quote from Green Room Power Ltd to stage separate events in Abertillery and Llanhilleth over a single weekend in August. Both events would be able to accommodate audiences of up to 500 local people. Some work would be required to refine the contract, but she was confident that the events could be staged within the allocated budget.

The Committee **RESOLVED** to authorise expenditure of the delegated budget line of £10,021.

The meeting ended at 11.28 am.

Signed as a correct record by the Chair

Minutes produced by David Cartwright, Clerk

