

MEETING OF THE COMMITTEE WITH RESPONSIBILITY FOR YOUTH ENGAGEMENT AND COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT OF ABERTILLERY AND LLANHILLETH COMMUNITY COUNCIL HELD ON 28 November 2022 at 2.00 pm by Zoom videolink.

PRESENT VIA VIDEOLINK

Councillors: Ben Owen-Jones, Barrie Page, Josh Rawcliffe

Officers: David Cartwright (Clerk)

The Clerk took the chair until a Chair of the Committee was appointed.

1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

None

2. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST OR DISPENSATIONS

None.

3. CHAIR

The Committee **RESOLVED** that Barrie Page would be Chair of the Committee. Cllr Page took the Chair at 2.11 pm.

4. TITLE

The Committee **RESOLVED** that the title of the Committee shall be the Community Empowerment Committee.

5. TERMS OF REFERENCE

The Committee noted the resolution of the Full Council meeting of 26 October 2022 that the Committee should submit proposed terms of reference for its community engagement responsibilities and, if the Committee so chooses, responsibility for the Council's duties under the Well-Being of Future Generations (Wales) Act to a future meeting of the Full Council.

The Committee also noted that the PlaCE Committee had resolved that a motion would be brought to a future meeting of the Full Council that the Council's duties and responsibilities under the Well-being of Future Generations (Wales) Act 2015 be added to the terms of reference of every committee and sub-committee of the Council.

The Committee **RESOLVED** to await the outcome of that meeting of the Full Council and to submit proposed additions and amendments to its terms of reference to the Full Council by the Full Council meeting on 29 March 2023.

The Committee **RESOLVED** to re-establish the Youth Engagement Working Group as a working group of the Committee with the Working Group's prior terms of reference, appropriately amended.

The Committee **RESOLVED** that Ben Owen-Jones, Barrie Page and Josh Rawcliffe would be members of the Working Group under the leadership of Cllr Rawcliffe.

6. BUDGET PROPOSALS 2023-24

The Committee **RESOLVED** that Option 2 of the alternatives submitted by the Youth Engagement Working Group to the Finance and Grants Committee on 27 October 2022 be included in the Council's proposed budget for 2023-24.

The Committee agreed that there is no accepted financial measure of the current and long-term benefits of Council-funded youth work. Ben Owen-Jones suggested that the Clerk should approach the office of the Gwent Police and Crime Commissioner to enquire as to the degree to which they valued initiatives such as the Council-funded youth work.

The meeting ended at 2.52 pm.

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