

**MEETING OF THE PLANNING, COMMERCE AND ENVIRONMENT (PlaCE) COMMITTEE
OF ABERTILLERY AND LLANHILLETH COMMUNITY COUNCIL HELD ON 19 APRIL
2023 at 6.00 pm at Council Offices, Mitre Street, Abertillery.**

PRESENT

Councillors: Rob Phillips (Chair), Peter Adamson, Barrie Page, Josh Rawcliffe, Nick Simmons and Chris Hill.

Officers: David Cartwright (Clerk)

1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

None

2. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST OR DISPENSATIONS

Rob Phillips declared a prejudicial interest in Item 5 as he is Secretary of Ffrindiau Tyleri.

Nick Simmons declared a prejudicial interest in Item 5 as he is Treasurer of Ffrindiau Tyleri.

3. MINUTES – 16 MARCH 2023

The Committee **RESOLVED** that the minutes were a true and correct record

4. TOWN IN BLOOM

Peter Adamson reminded the Committee that it had previously agreed that the Cwmtillery Litter Pickers should be given custodianship of eight local Town in Bloom floral planters. A further representation had been received from the Abertillery Knit and Natter Group. Joss Rawcliffe added that a representation had been received from the Ebbw Fach Community Group.

The Committee **RESOLVED** that the Abertillery Knit and Natter Group be given custodianship of two Town in Bloom floral planters outside the Community Council offices in Abertillery.

The Committee **RESOLVED** that the Ebbw Fach Community Group be given custodianship of two Town in Bloom floral planters in Aberbeeg.

The Committee **RESOLVED** to authorise (under Section 40 of The Well-being of Future Generations (Wales) Act 2015) the following expenditure by officers in respect of bulbs, plants and materials:

Cwmtillery Litter Pickers – up to £600
Abertillery Knit and Natter Group – up to £150
Ebbw Fach Community Group – up to £150.

The Committee **RESOLVED** to authorise the Town in Bloom working group to ask the contractor to supply new floral planters, to be maintained under the central contract, to replace those whose custodianship had passed to the above groups and to authorise (under Section 40 of The Well-being of Future Generations (Wales) Act 2015) the payment of consequential costs by officers.

Chris Smith suggested that floral planters be sited in Six Bells Park. Nick Simmons asked the Clerk to check whether this proposal had been discussed previously by the Committee.

5. TOWN CENTRE EVENTS

The Chair reminded the Committee that it had included £2,000 in its budget for 2023-24 for the purpose of contributing towards the costs of public liability insurance incurred by Ffrindiau Tyleri in respect of town centre events in 2023-24.

Rob Phillips and Nick Simmons left the room at 6.31 pm.

The Committee **RESOLVED** to appoint Josh Rawcliffe to Chair the meeting for this item in the absence of the Chair.

The Committee **RESOLVED** to authorise (under Section 144 of The Local Government Act 1972) officers to pay Ffrindiau Tyleri a grant of £2,000 in respect of town centre events in 2023-24.

Rob Phillips and Nick Simmons returned to the room at 6.33 pm and Rob Phillips resumed the Chair.

6. COMMUNITY TRANSPORT

The Clerk reported that he had not yet completed a summary of the parameters set by other organisations that have commissioned feasibility studies of community transport options. He gave a verbal outline of some of the general points that he had found so far. He suggested that he should circulate a written summary to Members of the Committee as soon as it was completed rather than waiting for the Committee's next meeting.

7. A467 SUBWAY MURAL

The Chair reminded the Committee that it had carried out a site visit with officers and councillors of Blaenau Gwent County Borough Council to the mural, riverside walk and neighbouring green spaces in November 2022 and that Blaenau Gwent officers had promised to report back on the options discussed. The Chair had since been informed by members of the Ebbw Fach Trail that Blaenau Gwent officers were preparing to report back to that group instead. He asked the Clerk to make enquiries.

The meeting ended at 7.22 pm.