

**MEETING OF THE PLANNING, COMMERCE AND ENVIRONMENT (PlaCE) COMMITTEE
OF ABERTILLERY AND LLANHILLETH COMMUNITY COUNCIL HELD ON 25 October
2023 at 6.00 pm at Council Offices, Mitre Street, Abertillery.**

PRESENT

Councillors: Nick Simmons (Chair), Peter Adamson, Chris Hill, Mark Lewis, Rob Phillips, Josh Rawcliffe.

Officers: Steve Edwards (Clerk), Erika Davies (Deputy Clerk), Molly Jones (Deputy Clerk).

Other: Steve Bard.

Apologies: None.

ABSENT: Barrie Page.

15. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

None.

16. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST OR DISPENSATIONS

None.

17. MINUTES – 20 September 2023

Peter Adamson questioned the wording in item 11, arguing that the committee had discussed rather than confirmed that Willows would take tubs off the streets in Winter.

The Committee **RESOLVED** that the minutes were a true and correct record with this amendment.

18. Budget Request for 2024/2025

The Committee **RESOLVED** to move the budget ahead, amended as follows:

- The Committee agreed to keep the Town In Bloom budgets at £14,000 and £3,000 as it has been a successful project.
- The Committee agreed that the budgets for the Shop Local, Halloween and town centre events be removed, as they will be run by Ffrindiau Tyleri. The Committee will fund these events with £4,500 in grants and an additional £3,000 pot just in case.
- The Committee agreed to add commentary detailing which seven events Ffrindiau Tyleri intend to organise in 2024/2025.
- The Clerk confirmed that the proposed £650 budget for the Allotments is the actual figure.
- The Committee increased the budget for the provision of two new community defibrillators from £3,200 to £3,500 to cover for installation costs.
- The Committee agreed that the defibrillator maintenance budget should remain at £3,500 to accommodate for potential replacement costs for units due to expire soon.
- The Committee discussed increasing the defibrillator budgets to include marketing to boost public awareness. The Committee decided to consider a leaflet drop once the two new units have been installed.
- The Clerk stated the Subway Mural mentioned in the Environmental Projects budget has been discussed with Caroline Matthews at BGCBC, with the intention that they

will repair it if ALCC commit in principal to maintaining it. This project is still in its infancy. The Committee agreed to keep £10,000 in the budget for environmental projects, with the understanding that if this amount is not used in 2024/2025 then it can be reserved for the following year.

- The Committee agreed to look further into how to support a community transport scheme before finalising the budget, as it is still unclear how this project will work logistically.

Steve Bard entered at 6:21 pm.

19. Mark Lewis to be appointed to Town In Bloom Working Group

No motion was proposed. Motion falls.

20. Discounted plants from Six Bells Nurseries

The Committee debated whether this offer would have any community benefit and how it would work logistically.

Chris Hill suggested purchasing plants from people using allotments instead, but this was not supported due to rules regarding allotments being primarily for food growth.

The Committee agreed to advertise this offer to community groups for them to purchase these plants if desired.

21. Mark Lewis' list of additional (TIB) items:

Nick Simmons (Chair) stated that this matter should be discussed within the Town In Bloom Working Group, not the PlaCE Committee.

22. DATE OF NEXT MEETING

Undecided.

The meeting ended at 6:40 pm.