

MEETING OF THE PLANNING, COMMERCE AND ENVIRONMENT (PlaCE) COMMITTEE OF ABERTILLERY AND LLANHILLETH COMMUNITY COUNCIL HELD ON 24 April 2024 at 11:30 am at Council Offices, Mitre Street, Abertillery.

PRESENT

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

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

ABSENT: Chris Hill.

1. Apologies for absence

Apologies were received from Chris Hill.

2. Declarations of interest or dispensations

None

3. Minutes – 27 March 2024

The Committee **RESOLVED** that the minutes, are a true and correct record.

4. Planning

There are no planning items.

5. Local Authority Update

Nick Simmons gave an update of a meeting that had been held between the Joint Committee of Local Councils and the Chief Executive of Gwent Health Authority concerning Neville Hall Hospital.

- The hospital still has a future
- RAC Concrete had been found in two buildings. Welsh Government will provide funds to knock building down and rebuild
- There will be a new Cancer department there plus a specialist Optometry unit
- Gwent Health Authority had paid over £22 million to Prince Charles Hospital because of Gwent Authority patients going there.
- There will be a bigger waiting area built at The Grange to cope with increasing demand.

6. Tiny Forest

The Committee **RESOLVED** to take this on as a project and set up a Working Group of Josh Rawcliffe, Rob Phillips and Chris Hill to report back to the Committee. Possible 14/15 sites been identified.

7. Defibs

Erika Davies reported back that we had taken over custodianship of the unit at Six Bells Park. This will mean that we are looking after 11 units. Some units that the Council had purchased have been taken over by other organisations. The Committee **RESOLVED**

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that the officers will investigate and then install new defibs at Aberbeeg Tyres and Café Tyleri. Peter Adamson suggested that we next look at Six Bells Hotel for any future sites.

8. Community Transport

Molly Jones gave an update. Some areas had not received leaflets so Molly will investigate. Paul Harington at the Blaenau Gwent scheme was stepping down in the near future. To date two enquires had been made by potential drivers.

9. Well-Being for the future within ALCC

There is now a Gwent well being plan and a Gwent PSB (Public Service Board). The chair of Nantyglo and Blaina Town council sits on the board. The officers to get copies of the plan.

10. Town in Bloom

Erika Davies gave a report. If all the Community Tubs took up all of their allocation then there would only be £375 left in the that budget. A decision on providing 6 tubs at St. Michaels Church was postponed until we were clearer on what the actual budget position will be. The Committee asked the officers to write to all the Community groups who already have tubs to find out their spending plans for this year.

11. 20mph roads.

The Chair introduced an emergency item concerning the new Welsh Government plan to move some 20mph roads back to 30mph roads. The Committee **RESOLVED** that the officers will contact Highways to see what their plans are, and if any changes will be done with consultation of the Community Council. It also set a Working Group of Nick Simmons, Rob Phillips, and Mark Lewis.

12. Date of Next meeting

To be decided.

The meeting ended at 12:35

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

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Minutes produced by Steve Edwards, Clerk.

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