

**MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE PEOPLE AND COMMUNITIES COMMITTEE OF
ABERTILLERY AND LLANHILLETH COMMUNITY COUNCIL HELD ON 2 May 2024 AT
6.00pm in the Council Offices, Mitre Street, Abertillery**

PRESENT:

Councillors: Tracey Dyson (Chair), Michaela Assiratti, Ben Owen-Jones (Via Video Link) Barrie Page (Via Video Link) and Josh Rawcliffe.

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

Absent: Steve Bard, Mark Lewis.

1. Apologies for absence and welcomes

None.

2. Declarations of interest or dispensations

None.

3. Minutes – 11 March 2024

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

4. Christmas Lights

The officers explained that one of pole-mounted Christmas motifs in Somerset Street was blocking a footfall counter and needed to be relocated for this year. The Committee **RESOLVED** for Barrie Page, head of the Christmas Lights working group, to meet with the officers to identify a new location.

The officers also provided a verbal update about a faulty power socket in Somerset Street, stating that several local electricians had been in touch and one would be providing a quote for further investigation into the problem.

5. Fun Run 2024

The Chair of the Fun Run Sub-Committee, Steve Edwards (Clerk), provided a verbal update on the organisation of the Fun Run. The Sub-Committee have been meeting fortnightly and planning is going well, with the projected spend currently at £1798.

6. War Memorial

Deputy Clerk Erika Davies reported that no applications were received following a tender process to repair and repaint the railings around the War Memorial.

The Committee **RESOLVED** for the officers to request quotes for the work, and to recommend to Full Council to agree to continue with one of these quotes.

7. Party in The Park

The Chair of the Party in the Park Sub-Committee, Tracey Dyson, gave a verbal update on the organisation of the project. Most arrangements have now been made, the stage slots have all been filled and the projected spend is currently £14,200.

8. Rock & Blues

The Committee **RESOLVED** to agree the payment of the Rock & Blues budget line of £2000.

9. Zion Miners

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The Committee **RESOLVED** to agree the payment of the Zion Miners budget line of £2000.

10. Abertillery RFC

The Committee **RESOLVED** to agree the payment of £2000 to Abertillery RFC from the Musical Concerts budget line.

11. Cinema Programme Update

Tracey Dyson provided a verbal update on the Summer Cinema Programme. The dates have been booked with The Met, with four sessions per week, and students of the Abertillery Learning Community will be providing film suggestions at their Pupil Parliament meeting in June.

It has been confirmed that Off The Streets will be supervising one afternoon each week, with a bus to bring children from Swffryd, Brynithel and Llanhilleth. Blaenau Gwent Youth Service will supervise the other afternoon each week. The morning sessions will be split between under-12s sessions and neurodiverse sessions, supervised by parents or carers.

12. HistoryPoints

Deputy Clerk Molly Jones informed the Committee about a request from HistoryPoints to install a QR code plaque near the War Memorial, which would link to a webpage providing details about the War Memorial and the names on it. A £400 donation was requested for research costs and the installation of the plaque.

The Committee were enthusiastic about the idea but questioned whether it would be plausible for the Council to set up a QR code trail highlighting the War Memorial and other points of interest in the area.

The Committee **RESOLVED** for officers to investigate setting up a QR trail in the area for the Council website, in collaboration with local experts and historians.

13. Date of next meeting

As needed.

The meeting ended at 6:53pm.

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

Dated

Minutes produced by Molly Jones, Deputy Clerk.