

MEETING OF THE PLANNING, COMMERCE AND ENVIRONMENT (PlaCE) COMMITTEE OF ABERTILLERY AND LLANHILLETH COMMUNITY COUNCIL HELD ON 10 June 2024 at 18:00 at Council Offices, Mitre Street, Abertillery.

PRESENT

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

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

Absent: None

13. Chair

Barrie Page was elected as the new Chair

14. Apologies for absence

None

15. Declarations of interest or dispensations

Rob Phillips – Secretary of Ffrindiau Tyleri (item 20)

Nick Simmons – Chair of Ffrindiau Tyleri (item 20)

Peter Adamson – Member of Ffrindiau Tyleri (item 20)

16. Minutes – 24 April 2024

The Committee **RESOLVED** that the minutes, with the correction of some spelling mistakes, are a true and correct record.

17. Planning

There was some discussion surrounding a potentially missed planning application P/2024/0105 detailing the conversion of a house into 3 separate apartments. (Note: This application had been forwarded to all Council Members prior to this meeting)

18. Defibrillators

Erika Davies gave a verbal update on the purchase of two new defibrillators which are to be placed at Caffi Tyleri and Aberbeeg Tyres. These have been ordered and will be fitted by Western Electrical in the coming weeks. Council had 2 quotes and Western Electrical were the cheapest by a large margin and have previously installed defibrillators for us.

The Committee also asked us to investigate Bleed Kits – the cost and whether they can be placed in with the defibrillators.

19. Town in Bloom

Erika Davies gave feedback on the community spending of £75 per tub and stated that the majority of custodians wish to keep their allowance as it stands.

Nick Simmons confirmed that the previous Town in Bloom contractor had returned 80 hanging baskets (with chains), 3 brackets and 4 tubs. These were currently at the storage unit. Nick and Peter will liaise with TAFY on the location of these 4 tubs and Nick will deliver the hanging baskets to the Council offices in the coming days.

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Officers will speak to Karen Williams about arranging permission for 4 hanging baskets to put in the arcade. 2 outside of each entrance.

The Committee **RESOLVED** that Peter Adamson would oversee the community tubs, checking their condition and whether or not they are being planted and cared for.

Ralph Henderson requested that the planters by the bus stops in Abertillery be moved to St Michael's Church as he believes they aren't in a good location. The Committee would like to wait until the tubs have been planted by TAFY before making any decisions on moving tubs.

Ralph Henderson left the meeting at 18.50pm and returned at 18.56pm.

20. Ffrindiau Tyleri Grant Funding

The Committee **RESOLVED** to release £2000 to Ffrindiau Tyleri from the budget towards town centre events (Local Government Act 1972 Provision of Entertainments. (1) A local authority may do, or arrange for the doing of, or contribute towards the expenses of the doing of, anything (whether inside or outside their area) necessary or expedient for any of the following purposes, that is to say—(a) the provision of an entertainment of any nature or of facilities for dancing).

21. Community Transport

The Committee **RESOLVED** to release £1000 from the community transport budget to subsidise journeys in the ALCC area. BG Car Scheme will need to provide a regular report on how the money is being spent. (Local Government and Rating Act 1997 Part III section 26 (1)).

22. Allotments

The Clerk gave a verbal update on the proposed new tenancy agreement for Pantypwodyn allotment. In addition to paying outstanding rent of £20.25, the Clerk will speak to the allotment association to see if they wish to take on the lease direct with the landowners

23. Subway Mural

Rob Phillips gave a verbal update on the works required for the subway mural. Ebbw Fach Trail are going to put in for a Heritage Lottery grant in order to complete the works. No survey is required. Caroline Matthews, Environmental Development Officer for Blaenau Gwent, will set up a steering group.

24. Date of Next meeting

To be decided.

The meeting ended at 19:20pm

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

Date.....

Minutes produced by Erika Davies, Deputy Clerk.