

**MEETING OF THE FULL COUNCIL OF ABERTILLERY AND LLANHILLETH
COMMUNITY COUNCIL (ALCC) HELD ON 31 July 2024 AT 7.00pm
in the Council Chamber at Council Offices, Mitre Street, Abertillery.**

PRESENT

Councillors: Josh Rawcliffe (Acting Chair); Peter Adamson; Bruno Goes Maciel; Lucy Harmer; Ralph Henderson; Chris Hill; Barrie Page; Nick Simmons; Mike Whatley; Bernard Wall.

Apologies: Michaela Assiratti; Steve Bard; Tracey Dyson (Chair); Mark Lewis; Wayne Lewis; Ben Owen-Jones, Rob Phillips; Glyn Smith;

Absent: Graham White.

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

Others: Kathryn Cross and Rosalin Williams from Blaenau Gwent Integrated Well-being Networks (IWN)

42. Apologies for absence

Apologies were received from Michaela Assiratti; Steve Bard; Tracey Dyson (Chair); Mark Lewis; Wayne Lewis; Ben Owen-Jones, Rob Phillips; Glyn Smith.

43. Declarations of Interest and Dispensations

None

44. Minutes – 26 June 2024

The Council **RESOLVED** the minutes as a correct record of the meeting.

45. Presentation from Kathryn Cross and Rosalin Williams from Blaenau Gwent Integrated Networks (IWN)

A copy of the presentation was given out to all Members.

Kathryn opened up by giving a brief overview of the programme. It started in May 2019 to assist in the development of resources and services that will help the well-being of the area. The programme is overseen by Anuran Bevin Health Board who have a collaborative approach with a group of professionals and Community Groups.

The programme initially started in Tredegar and Brynmawr as they had the building resources that are needed, then Covid caused a temporary halt which is why the project is only now reaching out down the Ebbw Fach valley to Abertillery.

An overview of the programme objectives and principles was given, a focus on it being place based, and that the programme is “the glue” that binds things together rather than a delivery mechanism itself.

Questions were asked and observations made.

- why it had taken 5 years to get to us and that is was appalling that it had taken so long to get to us, and could that observation be fed back up the line. – It was agreed to feed this back up to the Health Board.

Initials

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- We must not forget that our area covers all the way down to Swffryd so things should include them. – This will be kept in mind.
- Were there any age limits/levels – This is a cradle to grave programme.
- What services did the programme provide – It works with Community Groups to signpost services and has some access to training via GAVO (Gwent Area Voluntary Organisation).
- What would be the next stages and how could we help – The Clerk offered that Kathryn worked through the Officers first in setting up a forward plan
- The school should be involved if possible
- That the Councils Loneliness projects are part of this, an internal question for the Council was how many loneliness projects have we funded. The officers could not give a specific answer – Clerk to find out and inform Kathryn.
- Is there a quicker way to sign up for the newsletter – No its only digital
- Kathryn offered to link with the ABUHB 10-year Strategy Team to discuss if they were able to attend a council meeting to discuss the strategy re consultation
- Kathryn offered to link with the Health Board to potentially look at the communications and engagement team attending a Council meeting in the future to hear the concerns
- Kathryn will pass on an invitation for the Health Board Communication and Engagement team to attend a future Council meeting.

The Chair thanked Kathryn and Rosalin and invited them to stay for the rest of the meeting.

Katheryn Cross and Rosalin Williams left the meeting.

46. Council Grant Application

The Council **RESOLVED** to agree give a £300 grant to Six Bells Community Centre to revamp the garden area and install electric lighting (Local Government (misc. Provisions) Act 1979 s19)

47. Earmarked Reserves

The Council **RESOLVED** to earmark £10,000 of reserves for future Office IT and audio expenditure and £20,000 of reserves for future election costs.

48. War Memorial Railings.

The Clerk gave a brief update. So far, we have had only one quote from a Company but they cannot do the work until March 2025. The Clerk explained that we need specialised a company to do the work because of the Grade II listed status of the site and there were very few such companies in the UK. We are talking to another company in Breacon and are waiting for their quote.

49. Pantpwydyn Allotments

The Council **RESOLVED** to pay the ground rent of £150 per year and for the Officers to sign the new lease with the land owners.

50. Website

The Council **RESOLVED** to give the Community Empowerment Committee authorisation to proceed with investigating a new website provider.

51. Subway Mural

The Clerk gave an update on recent meeting with BGCBC and various groups. BGCBC are looking to get some funds to repair the mural. The favourite plan is use all existing tiles to repair the mural under the bridge and paint the mural scenes into the wings of the current mural. The project had requested Council representation on a Steering group to take this forward. The project would be looking for the Council to look at taking on on-going maintenance once the mural was repaired.

The Council **RESOLVED** that Barrie Page would be the Councils representative for the Steering Group as he was Chair of the PlaCE Committee. It should be noted that Councillors Ralph Henderson (Abertillery Aspirations) and Mark Lewis (Ebbw Fach Trail) have nominated themselves to be part of the Steering Committee representing those organisations.

52. Date of next meeting

25 September 2024 at 7pm

The meeting ended at 7:58 pm

Minutes produced by Steve Edwards, Clerk

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