

**MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE LEISURE AND TOURISM COMMITTEE OF
ABERTILLERY AND LLANHILLETH COMMUNITY COUNCIL HELD ON 20 JANUARY 2025
AT 6.00pm in the Council Offices, Mitre Street, Abertillery**

PRESENT:

Councillors: Tracey Dyson (Chair), Ben Owen-Jones (Via Video Link), Lucy Harmer, Ralph Henderson MBE from 6:09 am, Barrie Page, Josh Rawcliffe.

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

Absent: Mark Lewis, Steve Bard.

47. Apologies for absence

Mark Lewis and Steve Bard

48. Declarations of interest or dispensations

None.

49. Minutes – 11 October 2024

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

50. Loneliness Project

The Committee **RESOLVED** to award a grant of £1,711.19 to The Mitre towards furnishing an upstairs room for community use, art supplies, games and refreshments. (Section 19 of the Local Government (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act 1976).

The Committee would also like to find out what accessibility options the Mitre could have to open up the room to people with a disability.

51. Six Bells Centenary

The Committee **RESOLVED** to setup a working group to manage the event on 9/10 May 2025. Erika Davies will be the lead officer and will set up the initial meeting of the working group. Tracey Dyson, Josh Rawcliffe, Ralph Henderson and Lucy Harmer will be the Committees representatives on this group. Chris Hill will represent Six Bells Tennis Club not the Council. Other interested parties from Six Bells Park will be invited to the Working Group.

52. Christmas Lights.

The Committee were generally satisfied with the Christmas Lighting provided as part of the central contract. There had been two issues that the Officers were liaising with Blachere about.

- Part of the Merry Christmas sign in Somerset Street had not lit up. Blachere will be providing a £400 credit for this as it was too late to do a repair.
- A motif in Somerset Street had to be removed by a private contractor as it was hanging off the lamppost. It had only been held on by cable ties which had broken. The issue had been noted after the office had closed down for the Christmas holiday period so the Chair had organised its removal on Health and Safety grounds.
- The Committee wanted to investigate a different location for the lights that used to be in the arcade.

The Clerk also reported that the Officers were in discussion with SSE over the extent of the

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unmetered electricity bill they have issued to us.

53. Party in the Park

The Clerk reported back that Nantyglo & Blaina Town council did not wish to take part in Party in the Park nor provide any financial contribution.

The Committee **RESOLVED** to authorise the Officers to pay the deposit to Green Rooms Power for the hire of the stage.

Molly Jones will lead on the Viaduct Run event and will be arranging a Working group meeting soon.

54. Resolution to Exclude the Press and Public

The Committee **RESOLVED** that by virtue of The Public Bodies (Admission to Meetings) Act 1960 the press and public were excluded from discussion on the following items on the basis that disclosure thereof would be prejudicial to the public interest by reason of the confidential nature of the business to be transacted.

55. War Memorial Grounds Maintenance Contract

The Committee received presentations from the two companies that had submitted tenders.

The Committee **RESOLVED** to award the contract to Green Fingers

56. Date of next meeting

To be confirmed.

The meeting ended at 7:21pm.

Minutes produced by Steve Edwards, Clerk.

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

Dated