

**MEETING OF THE PLANNING, COMMERCE AND ENVIRONMENT (PLaCE) COMMITTEE  
OF ABERTILLERY AND LLANHILLETH COMMUNITY COUNCIL HELD ON 17 February  
2025 AT 6.00 PM at the Council Offices, Mitre Street, Abertillery.**

**PRESENT**

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

**Officers:** Steve Edwards (Clerk) and Erika Davies (Deputy Clerk)

**Absent:** Mark Lewis (A video link for the meeting had not been setup in time for Mark Lewis to attend)

**81. Apologies for Absence**

Mark Lewis emailed to say he had not received a video link invite prior to the meeting.

**82. Declarations of Interest or Dispensations**

None.

**83. Minutes 24 January 2025**

The Committee **RESOLVED** to confirm the minutes as a true and correct record. Peter Adamson queried if there could be a Matters Arising on the agenda for future Committee meetings. The Clerk stated that we could not have “matters arising” or “any other business” on agendas as they were not specific enough for anyone to know what the business would be that was being discussed.

**84. Motion**

PLaCE Committee to organise and run a “Best kept shopfront competition in Abertillery. The motion was amended. The Committee **RESOLVED** that this should be a best kept window not shopfront and that Officers to conduct survey of shopkeepers to gauge their opinions.

**85. Motion**

The motion to agree ways to disseminate information on preparations for possible blackouts was not voted on but the Committee wanted to invite Councillor Mike Whatley to a future meeting to discuss.

**86. Town in Bloom**

The Committee **RESOLVED** to approve two replacement tubs for #77 and #84 in Swffryd to be put in the agreed (at previous Committee meeting) new positions. The Clerk stated in reply to a question that if any Committee Members wanted tubs to be moved then they should submit a motion to the PLaCE Committee.

**87. Wales in Bloom**

The main points of the update from Ralph Henderson are:-

- A lot of the groundwork/setup is now being done
- Pat Tovey from Aberbeeg Community Centre is taking on that area
- The new priest at St .Michaels Church, Racheal Nelmes, is very supporting
- TAFY are advising about possible sites

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- Vicky Whitefoot, the new Deputy Head at the Learning Campus, is looking to be a part of this
- Looking at entering the Town as an area with key sites. (Six Bells Park; Cenotaph; Church Street/Church; Library Area; Six Bells School/Guardian; Cwmtillery)
- There are links with Caroline Matthews at BGCBC

**88. British Heart Foundation – Free Defib**

This will be located at Aberbeeg Community Centre. The group there will become the guardians of the unit. We need to seek clarification that if it goes missing who is liable for the replacement.

**89. Chris Warner – Transport for Wales**

The Committee **RESOLVED** that that officers would chase up further information that had been requested from Chris Warner concerning the proposed Abertillery Train Station and report back to the Committee any progress on this matter.

**90. Date of Next Meeting**

The next meeting will be on 3rd March 2025 and will be specifically to discuss transport and parking issues only.

The meeting ended at 7:04pm

*These minutes were produced by Steve Edwards (Clerk).*

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

Dated:.....