

**MEETING OF THE FINANCE COMMITTEE OF ABERTILLERY AND LLANHILLETH
COMMUNITY COUNCIL HELD ON 11 April 2025 at 6:00 pm at the Council Offices, Mitre
Street, Abertillery.**

PRESENT

Councillors: Steve Bard (Chair) Josh Rawcliffe (from 6:05 pm), Bruno Goes Maciel, Frankie Baker and Nick Simmons.

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

Others: Graham White.

Absent: Glyn Smith and Mike Whatley

1. Apologies for absence

None

2. Declarations of interest or dispensations

None

3. Minutes 14 March 2025

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

Josh Rawcliffe joined the meeting.

4. Audit Wales Report on objections to accounts 2020-2021

The Committee reviewed the report.

The Committee **RESOLVED** to recommend to Council that Code of Conduct training be done every 5 years for Councillors.

The Committee noted that notification of confirmed minutes of Committees will now be given at future Council meetings as per an observation from the Internal Auditor in his 2024/2025 interim report, so all decisions are reported to Council.

The Committee noted that there was now a full budget setting process in place that will avoid any last-minute issuing of papers prior to a budget meeting.

The Committee noted that we now have an Internal Auditor in place since 2023/2024 and are pleased with his work as a critical friend.

The Committee **RESOLVED** to recommend to Council that the staffing matter referred to in the report be delegated to the HR Committee who were the correct Committee to deal with all staffing matters.

In answer to a statement from Graham White the Chair confirmed that the Committee already knew there had been no Internal Auditor for 2020-2021

5. Rialtas End Year Out Turn 2024-2025

The Clerk reported a successful close down of the accounts from our Rialtas system had been completed on Monday 7th April. The Officers were pleased that it had only taken 3 hours this year rather than double the time in previous years.

The Clerk went through the variance report that had been produced from the Rialtas system and said he will bring a full report back to the next Committee meeting as part of its review of the Annual Return.

6. Date of next meeting

There was some discussion about a proposed motion from the Chair of Council at the next Council meeting to move the Annual meeting from 21st May to 14th May. The Finance Committee would be against this as it could be possible that an entirely new Finance Committee will then be dealing with legacy matters.

The Committee agreed its next meeting will be Friday 16th May 2025 at 6pm.

Minutes produced by Steve Edwards, Clerk.

The meeting ended at 7:02 pm.

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

Date.....

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