

**MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE LEISURE AND TOURISM COMMITTEE OF
ABERTILLERY AND LLANHILLETH COMMUNITY COUNCIL HELD ON 15 April 2025 AT
5:30pm in the Council Offices, Mitre Street, Abertillery**

PRESENT:

Councillors: Tracey Dyson (Chair), Lucy Harmer, Ralph Henderson MBE, Barrie Page, Josh Rawcliffe, Ben Owen-Jones (via video-link, late: see minutes), Ivor Beynon (non-committee member).

Officers: Erika Davies (Deputy Clerk; via video-link, late: see minutes), Molly Jones (Deputy Clerk).

Absent: Mark Lewis.

1. Apologies for absence

None.

2. Declarations of interest or dispensations

None.

3. Minutes – 11 February 2025

The Committee **RESOLVED** that the minutes from 11 February 2025 were a correct record.

Cllr Ben Owen-Jones & Erika Davies (Deputy Clerk) joined via video-link at 5:36pm after technical difficulties.

4. Abertillery Shop Window Artwork

Cllr Ivor Beynon attended to discuss this project. He explained that there is some existing artwork from old pupils at the Abertillery Learning Community which is ready to be displayed, but it would be great to evolve the project to include new artwork from all of the schools in the area. The Committee agreed to begin the project with the Abertillery Learning Community, and to look into expanding it once a process has been established.

Andrew Boulton Properties has agreed for the Council to use an empty premise in Abertillery, with the Clerk as a keyholder, for displaying the artwork. A group will need to be set up to put the artwork up, and insurance will need to be held.

The Committee **RESOLVED** for the officers to contact the Abertillery Learning Community Senedd to request for them to discuss their involvement with the project.

5. Summer Cinema

Cllr Tracey Dyson confirmed that The Met has been booked for this year's Summer Cinema dates. The showings will be held on Tuesdays and Thursdays again. The Abertillery Learning Community (ALC) will be asked to select films again, via the Senedd ALC. She also asked if the Council's Youth Representatives could be invited onto the Summer Cinema working group.

More will also be done this year to promote the autism-friendly screenings, and the Committee agreed to reach out to relevant groups like The Mitre, The Autistic Society and local schools.

6. Loneliness Project

The Committee **RESOLVED** to defer the grant request of £1,600 for Six Bells Tennis Club until the next meeting, and for the officers to invite the Chair of the club to attend to discuss the application in more detail.

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7. Annual Grants

The Committee **RESOLVED** to authorise the Officers to make payments from the following Leisure & Tourism budget lines, as they fall due:

- Zion Miner's Chapel - £2,000
- Abertillery BG RFC Musical Concerts - £2,000
- Llanhilleth Summer Fete (Off The Streets) - £5,000
- Abertillery Rock & Blues Festival - £2,000
- Six Bells Park (toilets) - £1,740
- Brynithel Community Centre Christmas lights - £1,500
- Swffryd Community Centre Christmas lights - £1,500
- Bournville Community Centre Christmas lights - £1,500
- Pentref Tyleri Christmas lights - £1,500
- Friends of BG & Roseheyworth Christmas lights - £1,500
- Aberbeeg TRA Christmas lights - £1,500

8. Six Bells Centenary

Erika Davies (Deputy Clerk) informed the Committee that plans for the Six Bells Park Centenary Celebrations are going well. The Friday event is invitation only and will include pupils from Six Bells campus, with a ceremonial key-turning, games and a celebration cake.

The Saturday event is being publicised on social media and will be open to the public. It will involve live music, tennis & bowls matches, inflatables, lawn games, stallholders, food vans and other entertainment. A banner advertising this event will be positioned in Six Bells soon.

9. Party in the Park

The Committee **RESOLVED** to defer the update for Party in the Park until the next meeting as a planning meeting was being held later that evening.

10. Viaduct Run

Cllr Ben Owen-Jones informed the Committee that a public meeting for the Viaduct Run was held last week and went well. The focus this year is on ensuring the road closures are well advertised and improving traffic management on the day. This includes a change to the family run route to make it safer for participants. Other plans for the event are all going to plan.

11. Date of next meeting

As needed.

The meeting ended at 6:20pm.

Minutes produced by Molly Jones, Deputy Clerk.

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

Dated