

MEETING OF THE COMMUNITY EMPOWERMENT COMMITTEE OF ABERTILLERY AND LLANHILLETH COMMUNITY COUNCIL HELD ON 30 May 2025 AT 5:35 pm at the Council Offices, Mitre Street, Abertillery and via video conferencing (Zoom).

PRESENT

Councillors:

In Person: Barrie Page (Chair), Peter Adamson, Josh Rawcliffe, Ben Owen-Jones (via Video-link)

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

Absent: Tracey Dyson, and Lucy Harmer

1. Apologies for absence

Apologies were received from Tracey Dyson and Lucy Harmer..

2. Declarations of interest or dispensations

None.

3. Minutes of Previous Meeting – 18 March 2025

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

4. Website Design

Ben Owen-Jones reported back on the discussions with HerWeb (the website designers) and a number of issues had been highlighted. The Committee felt that they did not have enough information to make any decisions and that Ben Owen-Jones and Molly Jones should go back to HerWeb and have a prototype landing page set up so that Committee members could see what it looked like on digital devices.

The Committee **RESOLVED** to defer any decisions until it had seen a prototype landing page.

The Clerk said that we need to be mindful that timescales did not drift and we hope to have a new website in place before the end of the year

5. Councillor Surgeries

The Committee Chair gave an overview of the training and supporting documents that were available. He also stated that there are two type of BGCBC Councillor surgeries, open where members of the public can just turn up and be seen or closed where members of the public have to make an appointment. He also said that BGCBC have a register of potentially disruptive members of the public and we should have access to the that list.

The Committee **RESOLVED** that the Committee Chair should arrange two trial joint surgeries with BGCBC Councillors, one open and one closed, and that the Clerk should also attend.

6. Off The Streets feedback

The Committee discussed the good work that Off The Streets were doing and the very comprehensive report they had produced. The Clerk wanted them to produce a summary sheet in the future as well as a main report.

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7. Abertillery Detached Team feedback

The Committee were very happy with the work being done. There was some concern about our funding being used elsewhere in the Borough but it was agreed that we are getting added value from them with things like the mobile van etc. It was noted that Youth Hub meeting had not taken place this year because they did not have a location because the youth club is being refurbished, the Clerk said we could offer our meeting rooms.

The Committee **RESOLVED** that the Committee Chair should give a verbal update back to full council on the work of Off The Streets and the Abertillery detached team.

8. Review of the Committees Term of Reference

It was agreed that the current Terms of Reference needed to be updated. The Committee **RESOLVED** that the Committee Chair along with the Clerk would work together to bring an amended document back to this Committee so it could review and then make recommendations to full council.

9. Date of Next meeting

As required when prototype web page has been created.

The meeting ended at 6:21pm.

These minutes were produced by Steve Edwards (Clerk).

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

Dated:.....