

**EXTRAORDINARY MEETING OF THE FULL COUNCIL OF ABERTILLERY
AND LLANHILLETH
COMMUNITY COUNCIL (ALCC) HELD ON 17 September 2025 AT 7:00 pm
in the Council Chamber at Council Offices, Mitre Street, Abertillery.**

PRESENT

Councillors: Josh Rawcliffe (Chair), Lucy Harmer (Vice Chair), Frankie Baker, Steve Bard, Ivor Beynon, Richard Catlin, Ralph Henderson MBE, Chris Hill, Bruno Góes Maciel, Barrie Page, Rob Phillips.

Youth Representatives: None.

Absent: Peter Adamson, Tracey Dyson, Mark Lewis, Ben Owen-Jones, Nick Simmons, Bernard Wall, Mike Whatley, Graham White. Youth Reps: Jackson Powell & Sophie Townsend.

Officers: Erika Davies (Deputy Clerk) and Molly Jones (Deputy Clerk).

The Chair opened the meeting by welcoming Cllr Richard Catlin to his first meeting.

70. Apologies for absence

Apologies were received from Peter Adamson, Tracey Dyson, Ben Owen-Jones, Nick Simmons, Mike Whatley and Jackson Powell (received after the meeting).

71. Declarations of Interest and Dispensations

Cllr Ivor Beynon declared an interest in respect of agenda item 3, as a member of Ebenezer Baptist Church.

Cllr Frankie Baker declared an interest in respect of agenda item 3, as a committee member of The Mitre Live Music Venue.

Cllr Ivor Beynon and Cllr Frankie Baker left the meeting at 7:04pm.

72. Solar Farm Grant Applications 2025

The Council considered the following applications:

- Abertillery Town Cricket Club - £35,000 for the restoration of cricket facilities at Abertillery Park.
- The Mitre Live Music Venue - £6,979.71 to purchase a PA system.
- Shore Mixed Martial Arts Junior BJJ Club - £15,000 to purchase a second-hand minibus.
- Ebenezer Baptist Church – £23,054.69 to install new solar panels.
- AADMS - £4,500 for a production of Jekyll & Hyde.
- Zion Miners Chapel - £5,180.51 for a disabled access fire escape and garden paths.
- Off The Streets - £20,000 to purchase a community outreach van.
- Llanhilleth Miner's Institute - £5,910 for five days of workshops for KS2 St. Illtyd's pupils.

- Brynithel RFC - £28,700 for a disabled access ramp, toilet upgrade and outdoor seating area.
- Tillery Action for You - £16,770 for a bore hole for water irrigation throughout the Blaenau Gwent area.

The Council **RESOLVED** to award the following Solar Farm Grants:

- £16,500 to Abertillery Town Cricket Club towards the restoration of cricket facilities at Abertillery Park (Local Government (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act 1976, s.19).
- £5,500 to The Mitre Live Music Venue towards the purchase of a PA system (Local Government Act 1972, s1.145).
- £13,000 to Brynithel RFC for a disabled access ramp and towards an outdoor seating area (Local Government (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act 1976, s.19).

73. Date of next meeting.

Wednesday 24th September 2025 at 7pm

The meeting ended at 8:57 pm.

Minutes produced by Molly Jones, Deputy Clerk.

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

Date.....