

**MEETING OF THE FINANCE AND GOVERNANCE COMMITTEE OF ABERTILLERY
AND LLANHILLETH COMMUNITY COUNCIL HELD ON 10 October 2025 at 6:00 pm at
the Council Offices, Mitre Street, Abertillery.**

PRESENT

Councillors: Steve Bard (Chair), Lucy Harmer, Nick Simmons, Frankie Baker, Mike Whatley and Bruno Gões Macial (via video-link).

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

Absent: None

32. Apologies for Absence

None

33. Declarations of Interest or Dispensations

None

34. Minutes 05 September 2025

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

35. Budget 2026/2027

Bruno Gões Macial joined via video-link at 6.08pm.

The committee reviewed the current budget proposals for the next financial year. The new RFO budget lines for a mobile phone contract, One Voice Wales membership and increased printer costs were noted. There are also other budget lines that they want to discuss in further detail with the Chair of the relevant committees on 14th November

- Viaduct Run
- Community Summer Cinema Project
- Party in the Park
- Six Bells bilingual event
- Brynithel Rugby Club event
- Opal Play

The Deputy Clerks informed the committee that checks will need to be done to see if there are relevant spending powers available for the Opal Play and Shore bursary, two new proposed budget lines.

Nick Simmons left the meeting at 6.43pm.

36. 6 month 25/26 Budget Outturn

The Committee noted the budget outturn. A query was raised over the overspend on the War Memorial railings that had recently been completed. The Deputy Clerk explained that it was in fact an underspend but due to the timings of the invoice and payment over the 24/25 and 25/26 budget allowance, it shows as an overspend.

37. Risk Register

The committee **RESOLVED** to recommend the Risk Register to Full Council for approval and adoption, with the following amendment –

On page 8, change the text from 'Dats for Review' to 'Date for Review'.

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38. Finance and Governance Toolkit – Theme A

The committee **RESOLVED** for officers to get feedback from the community on whether they agree with our proposed purpose of council. This will be done by a poll on our social media channels, pen and paper at community events, such as the Christmas concert and, ALC Senedd during their next meeting.

39. Finance and Governance Toolkit – Theme B

The committee **RESOLVED** for the HR committee to look at and review our current list of policies and also those suggested as an option within the toolkit and report back their recommendations.

40. Bank Reconciliation Rota

The following rota was confirmed:

July Nick & Bruno

Sept Nick & Bruno

Oct Lucy & Frankie

Nov Mike and Steve B

Dec Lucy & Bruno

Nick & Bruno will do both the July and September reconciliation to check that an admin error has been corrected.

41. Date of Next Meeting

Friday 14th November at 6pm.

Minutes produced by Erika Davies, Deputy Clerk.

The meeting ended at 7:48 pm.

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

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