

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

PRESENT

Councillors: Barrie Page (Chair), Peter Adamson, Josh Rawcliffe and Bruno Gôes Maciel (via video-link) and Ben Owen-Jones (via video-link).

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

Absent: Tracey Dyson, Lucy Harmer,

30. Apologies for absence

None

31. Declarations of interest or dispensations

Josh Rawcliffe, agenda item 5. He is a school governor for Abertillery Learning Community

Barrie Page, agenda item 5. He is a school governor for St. Illtyd's

Ben Owen-Jones, agenda item 5. He is a school governor for Soffryd Primary School

32. Minutes of Previous Meeting – 18 September 2025

The Committee **RESOLVED** that the minutes were a true and correct record with the following amendment –

Change the budget line for OPAL Play from £3300 to £2500.

33. Autumn 2025 Newsletter

The Committee **RESOLVED** to accept the newsletter with the following amendments –
Add Pentref Tyleri success in the Wales in Bloom section.

34. Extra-Curricular School Transport Funding

The Deputy Clerks informed the committee about the responses they had had from schools concerning the possibility of funding. The only school not to have replied, despite repeated contact, is Bro-Helyg. As two of the committee members declared an interest, a new motion was put forward to defer the funding decision until the next meeting (the remaining councillor's could not vote as it was not quorate).

The Committee **RESOLVED** to defer the voting of funding until the next meeting.

35. Youth Work Reports

The committee noted the reports from Off the Streets and the BG Detached Youth Team. The report by Off the Streets was very comprehensive but the committee felt the BG report was very basic. The committee would like to ask both groups to attend the full council meeting in December to give feedback to councillors on the difference the groups are making to the community and answer any questions put to them.

The committee **RESOLVED** the following:

- For officers to invite Off the Streets and BG Detached Youth Team to the full council meeting on Wednesday 17th December at 7pm.

- For officers to ask the BG Detached Youth Team to provide details on the total number of sessions they run throughout Blaenau Gwent and, Abertillery.

36. Budget Proposals 2026/27

The spending line for OPAL Play has been removed from the proposed budget as we do not have the legal spending power. The other lines remain the same for now, pending further information.

- BGCBC Detached Youth Team £60,000
- Off the Streets £60,000
- New Website £0
- Extra-curricular transport for schools £10,000
- Councillor Surgeries £0

37. Date of next meeting

As needed.

The meeting ended at 6:08pm.

These minutes were produced by Erika Davies (Deputy Clerk).

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

Dated:.....