

**MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE FINANCE AND GRANTS COMMITTEE OF ABERTILLERY AND LLANHILLETH COMMUNITY COUNCIL (ALCC) HELD ON 1 JUNE 2020 at 7.00pm by way of group conference (telephone) call**

**PRESENT: Councillors:**

Gary Oakley (Chair), Gill Clark, Allen Rees and Nick Simmons

**Officers:** Richard Gwinnell, Town Clerk and Steve Edwards, Deputy Clerk

**Others:** None

**ABSENT:** Councillors Perry Morgan and Glyn Smith

**224. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE AND WELCOMES**

Apologies for absence were received from Councillor Perry Morgan.

The Chair welcomed everyone to the meeting and outlined the voting process. He would outline each ward grant application and ask members individually to say whether they voted for, against or no vote.

**225. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

Councillor Gary Oakley declared a personal interest in the ward grant application he had submitted (see 226 (2) below).

Councillor Allen Rees declared a personal interest in the ward grant application he had submitted (see 226 (3) below).

No other personal interests were declared.

**226. WARD GRANT APPLICATIONS**

The Chair read out the following table. Every member announced their vote. There were no votes against any of the applications.

**RESOLVED:** to approve the following ward grants:

No.	Organisation	Payee	From Councillor	Amount
1	The Food Cupboard Food Bank, Ebenezer Baptist Church, Park Place, Abertillery.	Ebenezer Baptist Church	Rob Phillips	£200
2	The Salvation Army Abertillery Corps Food Parcel Scheme and Community Help.	The Salvation Army, Abertillery Corps	Gary Oakley	£200
3	The Food Cupboard Food Bank, Ebenezer Baptist Church, Park Place, Abertillery.	Ebenezer Baptist Church	Allen Rees	£200
4	The Salvation Army Abertillery Corps Food Parcel Scheme and Community Help.	The Salvation Army, Abertillery Corps	Perry Morgan	£200

5	The Food Cupboard Food Bank, Ebenezer Baptist Church, Park Place, Abertillery.	Ebenezer Baptist Church	Julie Holt	£200
6	The Food Cupboard Food Bank, Ebenezer Baptist Church, Park Place, Abertillery.	Ebenezer Baptist Church	Tracey Dyson	£100
7	The Food Cupboard Food Bank, Ebenezer Baptist Church, Park Place, Abertillery.	Ebenezer Baptist Church	Peter Adamson	£100
8	The Salvation Army Abertillery Corps Food Parcel Scheme and Community Help.	The Salvation Army, Abertillery Corps	Peter Adamson	£100
9	The Food Cupboard Food Bank, Ebenezer Baptist Church, Park Place, Abertillery.	Ebenezer Baptist Church	Tracy Postlethwaite	£200
10	The Food Cupboard Food Bank, Ebenezer Baptist Church, Park Place, Abertillery.	Ebenezer Baptist Church	Glyn Smith	£100
11	The Salvation Army Abertillery Corps Food Parcel Scheme and Community Help.	The Salvation Army, Abertillery Corps	Glyn Smith	£100
12	The Food Cupboard Food Bank, Ebenezer Baptist Church, Park Place, Abertillery.	Ebenezer Baptist Church	Bernard Wall	£100
13	The Salvation Army Abertillery Corps Food Parcel Scheme and Community Help.	The Salvation Army, Abertillery Corps	Bernard Wall	£100
14	Blaenau Gwent Baptist Church Foodbank	Blaenau Gwent Baptist Church	Vanessa Bartlett	£100

NB Councillor Gary Oakley did not vote on application 2 above.

NB Councillor Allen Rees did not vote on application 3 above.

The Clerk explained that ward grants could still be applied for later in the financial year if members wished. The deadline given previously, of 22 May, was for applications to be dealt with at this meeting, for urgent grants to foodbanks in the Covid-19 pandemic.

The Chair stated that he intended to submit a motion to Council, to double ward grants this year, to £400 per member, as some members had given their entire ward grants funds for the year to foodbanks and may wish to give more later for other communities. He felt this was a good idea and the Council had sufficient funds available without calling on reserves. Other members concurred.

The Clerk supported that idea in principle and reminded members that increasing the ward grants budget would be a decision for the Council, when a motion was received, in future.

The meeting ended at 7.22pm.

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

*NB these minutes are a summary of the proceedings and record of the decisions taken. They are not intended to be a verbatim record.*

*Minutes produced by Richard Gwinnell, Town Clerk*