
Re: Outdoor Notice Boards.

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14 October 2021 at 09:52

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Good morning Steve,

The 7 notice boards in Cwmtillery were the responsibility of Communities First when they used to exist with CANCO utilising them and a key holder as well.

Communities First then went out of existence leaving myself as the only key holder through CANCO.

Certain individuals within CANCO then thought it was an excellent idea to disband CANCO even though they did not know what they were taking about with the then CANCO Chairman Jamie Godwin leaving me in charge of the seven notice boards with him apparently looking after the Bournville one with Cllr Morgan and the bottom site Arael View one along with myself.

Needless to say I have been the only individual who has looked after these notice boards in the nearly three years since CANCO was disbanded and 8 years in total. I am either looking to transfer these notice boards over to ALCC or the Ebbw Fach Trail Group involving B.G.C.B.C.as individual groups and organisations such as CANCO can be made to disappear quite easily overnight with no one then looking after what is in fact public property.

ALCC would be the obvious choice for me to take over these 7 existing notice boards as they would then automatically stay within the local community to be looked after on a permanent basis by them.

I think that I specified that there are two notice boards in Six Bells owned by Six Bells Park and Bethany Chapel plus a further one can be positioned by the floral planter opposite the shop in Six Bells.

Brynithel, Aberbeeg, Llanhilleth and Swffrydd currently have no existing notice boards.

Cwmtillery ward has 7 (owner specified above)

Abertillery ward has 1 (owner B.G.C.B.C)

Six bells ward has 2 (owners specified above)

Brynithel Ward 0

Aberbeeg ward has 0

Llanhilleth ward has 0

Swffrydd Ward 0

Regards,

Cllr Mark Lewis,
Cwmtillery Ward Community Councillor,
Abertillery & Llanhilleth Community Council.

On Thu, 14 Oct 2021 at 10:16, Clerk ALCC <clerk.alcc@gmail.com> wrote:

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Do we have ideas who is responsible for the Notice Boards that Mark has identified?

Regards

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On Wed, 13 Oct 2021 at 18:01, Cllr Nick Simmons <nicksimmons.alcc@gmail.com> wrote:

Hi Mark

This is interesting reading. To summarise

Cwmtillery ward has 7

Abertillery ward has 1

Six bells ward has 2

Aberbeeg ward has 0

Llanhilleth ward has 0

This council in the past has been very poor in "Blowing it's own Trumpet" the old way in the past (pre social media) was via these notice boards.

So ALCC has been failing in its communication for a long time.

I think a motion needs to be drafted up to rectify this situation for the non IT literate member of the ALCC community.

I will put this to the well being working group member to draw up the motion to discuss at full council meeting.

I will advise when I have an update

Cheers

Nick

On Mon, 11 Oct 2021 at 12:10, Mark Lewis <marklewis.alcc@gmail.com> wrote:

Good morning Steve,

I have been around all the Ward areas within the ALCC area and found out where there are and are not outside notice boards for ALCC to adopt or put into position for the local residents.

The Cwmtillery Ward has 7 boards already in position covering Bournville, Roseheyworth, Blaenau Gwent, Cwmtillery and Penybont areas, Abertillery has one main notice board by the doctors surgeries but could do with at least another two similar sized boards one in the centre of town and one over in the other recess area opposite the War Memorial which would also look really good next to a Silent Soldier Bench in the other recess area which the SLWG previously requested back last October, Six Bells has two in place atm at Bethany Chapel and Six Bells Park but again there is room by the floral planter opposite the Premier Stores in Six Bells for another notice board and lastly Brynithel, Aberbeeg, Llanhilleth and Swffrdd do not currently have outside notice boards in position but all these areas could have them positioned near to their local community centre areas or at other suitable locations like next to the bus stop in Aberbeeg or outside Llanhilleth Institute.

Once we confirm the best location to position them then I will then forward on some photos of these locations as well to obtain permission from B.G.C.B.C. to install the new outdoor notice boards into position.

Regards,

Cllr Mark Lewis,
Cwmtillery Ward Community Councillor,
Chair ALCC Planning & Environment Committee.
Abertillery & Llanhilleth Community Council.

Cllr Nick Simmons
Abertillery Ward Councillor
Abertillery & Llanhilleth Community Council

**MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE PLANNING AND ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE OF
ABERTILLERY AND LLANHILLETH COMMUNITY COUNCIL (ALCC) HELD ON 21
September 2021 at 7:00PM in the Council Chamber Mitre Street, Abertillery**

PRESENT: Councillors:

Mark Lewis, Rob Phillips, Glyn Smith, Graham White.

Officers: Steve Edwards - Clerk

Others: None

ABSENT: Nick Simmons

9. Apologies for absence and welcomes

No Apologies

10. Declarations of Interest

None

11. Minutes – 27th July 2021

The Committee **RESOLVED** that the minutes of the Committee meeting held on 27 July be confirmed as a correct record

12. Public Toilets

There was a discussion about the lack of public toilet provision in Abertillery Town Centre. The Committee **RESOLVED** for the Clerk to find out if there would be any public toilet provision in Trinity Chapel when it opened.

13. Updating the THIS ABERTILLERY promotional video

The Committee would look at this again at its next meeting when it could have a viewing of the current video during a future meeting

14. Location of 2 additional Public Access Defibrillators

The Committee **RESOLVED** that the two additional defibrillators would be placed at the Convenience store in Roseheyworth and at the New Bridgend Inn. The Clerk and the Chair to facilitate this.

There was also discussion about signage and the need for signs to point to where any defibrillator was. To be looked at when new units were installed.

15. The Painting of Abertillery Landmarker sign on Somerset Street and bench in Division Street.

It was noted that both were the responsibility of Blaeanu Gwent County Borough Council and that the Community Council would have to seek permission first from them before any work could be considered.

16. Outdoor Notice Board Provision

A list of current notice boards will be brought back to a future meeting of the Committee who

can then decide what further actions it wished to take.

17. Maintenance of green areas

The Committee had concerns about the overall standard of maintenance of green areas that were the responsibility of Blaenau Gwent, and specifically the Cemetery at Blaeanu Gwent Baptist Church.

18. Use the lower level multi story car park on High Street for Sunday Boot Sale.

The Committee discussed the possibility of holding a Sunday Boot Sale, once a month in the lower level of the car park. The Committee made no decision if to take this forward as there were concerns raised about how it would actually work.

19. Halloween Event 2022

The Committee will plan to put together a trial event for 2022 similar to the Scare on the Square event that is held in Brynmawr

20. Subway Mural Refurbishment in Abertillery

There is a post on Facebook and it seems that a Friends of Abertillery Mural group may be forming. It is noted that any work on the mural will have to be authorised by Blaenau Gwent County Borough Council who have responsibility for it and that the underpass goes under the main A road so engineering safety was of the most utmost importance. No decision made by Committee

21. Clerks Report

- (a) The police have been invited to attend future Council meetings on a quarterly basis.
- (b) Joanne Wilkins at Blaenau Gwent County Borough Council is actively looking into the issue of sheep roaming throughout our area.
- (c) Phill Edwards manages the Thursday Street Market, the pitches are £10 per pitch. The Committee wants to gather further information about what happens to the money, how much the Borough Council are involved and what it includes.

The meeting ended at 8:40 pm.

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 Steve Edwards, Clerk