

**MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE LEISURE AND TOURISM COMMITTEE OF
ABERTILLERY AND LLANHILLETH COMMUNITY COUNCIL (ALCC) HELD ON 3 February
2022 at 10:00 in the Council Chamber Mitre Street, Abertillery**

PRESENT: Councillors:

Tracey Dyson (Chair), Beverley Lucas, Rob Phillips, Allen Rees.

Officers: Steve Edwards – Deputy Clerk

ABSENT: Peter Adamson, Michaela Assiratti.

1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE AND WELCOMES

Apologies from Peter Adamson and Michaela Assiratti,

2. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

None

3. MINUTES OF 10th NOVEMBER 2021

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

4. Resolution to exclude the press and the public

The Committee **RESOLVED** that, by virtue of the Public Bodies (Admission to Meetings) Act 1960, the press and public be excluded from discussions on the following items on the basis that disclosure thereof would be prejudicial to the public interest by reason of the confidential nature of the business to be transacted.

5. Funding Of Bournville Christmas Lights

The Committee noted that Allen Williams the Treasurer of The Bournville Community Centre was not in attendance to answer questions, despite an invitation to do so. The Committee asked the Deputy Clerk to write to Mr Williams to confirm that the £1,500 had been paid into the correct bank account and to ask for receipts for the money that had been spent on Christmas Lights.

6. Resolution to readmit the press and the public

It was **RESOLVED** to readmit the press and the public.

7. Christmas Lighting 2022 and the Future

There were a number of issues that have to be resolved.

- The Deputy Clerk was asked to write to Aberbeeg Community Centre to see if they

would prefer a yearly grant to fund Christmas Lighting instead of the Council providing Christmas Lighting from the Central Contract.

- The Deputy Clerk was asked to write to Café Tyleri to see if they would prefer a yearly grant to fund Christmas Lighting in the Cwmtillery area instead of the Council providing Christmas Lighting from the Central Contract.
- The Committee will have to agree if they wished to extend Christmas Lighting further down Somerset Street
- If the current contract with Centregreat should be extended for another two years.
- A Christmas Tree in the Church Street area

The Committee **RESOLVED** to leave any decisions to the next Committee meeting to be held early in March 2022, where Anthony Gough from Centregreat would be invited along

8. St David's Day Concert

The Committee were informed by Councillor Tracey Dyson that St Michaels Church was available for a St David's Day Concert to be held on Sunday 1st March, and asked the Deputy Clerk to contact the various choirs and bands to see if they were available.

9. Party in the Park

The Committee **RESOLVED** that it would organise and run a Party in the Park Event to coincide with the Queens Jubilee celebration weekend. The event to be held on either Saturday 4th June or Sunday 5th June. The proposed venue was Abertillery Rugby Club, the Deputy Clerk to arrange the event.

10. Bins and seats opposite Cenotaph.

Councillor Allen Rees has been in contact with Jo Wilkins at Blaeanu Gwent County Borough Council (BGCBC). BGCBC have agreed in principle to relocate the bins that are currently in the alcove. The Committee can then consider placing a "Lest we forget" Remembrance metal bench in the alcove. The Deputy Clerk was asked to contact BGCBC about the possibility of allowing the community Council to place a bench there.

11. Information Panels at Guardian Site

There is concern that the vandalism of the panels. Alisson Tippings from BGCBC was arranging a meeting at the site with engineers to discuss a solution. The Deputy Clerk will inform Councillors Allen Rees and Beverly Lucas of the dates of the meeting so they could attend.

12. Public Toilets at Cwmtillery Lake

It was reported that CLEAN used to open the public toilets over the summer period but they would no longer be doing so. The Committee **RESOLVED** for the Deputy Clerk to write BGCBC to open discussion about a possible partnership agreement and to see if any disabled toilet facilities could be put in place.

It was also discussed about asking for staffing help from the Kickstarters/Green Scheme that Café Tyleri are using.

The Chair asked that there will be two meetings planned. (1) A meeting to discuss the loneliness project and (2) Normal Committee meeting early in March

The meeting ended at 11:10 am

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, Deputy Clerk