

Committee Terms of Reference 2022-23

PlaCE – Planning, Commerce and the Environment Committee (formerly Planning & Environment Committee)

To support the responsible development and maintenance of the built and natural environment within the Community Council area.

To support the development and maintenance of conditions favourable to retail, commercial and business activities within the Community Council area through the provision of, and support for, events, projects and initiatives.

The Committee should be seven members and, in any case, shall be no fewer than five.

The Committee shall hold ordinary meetings at least once every quarter.

The Committee shall have the authority to establish sub-committees and/or working groups from within the membership of the Committee and to appoint other Members of the Council to those sub-committees and/or working groups.

The Committee shall have the authority to appoint members of the Committee (or of a sub-committee or working group) who are not Members of the Council. The Committee is advised to actively seek to appoint non-Council Members with specialist knowledge of matters that fall within the remit of the Committee, and these shall for all purposes be treated as non-voting members of that committee, sub-committee or working group.

The Committee's duties shall be:

To appoint, from within the membership of the Committee, members of the following joint committees and external bodies:

- Abertillery Regeneration (two members)
- Blaenau Gwent Heritage Forum (two members)
- Local List of Buildings of Interest – Abertillery and District Working Group (one member)

To consider and respond to public consultations and to express the views of the Council in regard to planning applications and other development control matters within, or that have a direct impact on, the Community Council area.

To consider, and respond on behalf of the Council to the Planning Authority on, matters regarding statutory structural and local plans.

To consider, and respond on behalf of the Council to the relevant bodies on, matters regarding:

- Highways, transport and vehicle parking
- Listed buildings
- Conservation orders and other environmental matters
- Licensing applications
- Tree preservation orders

To appoint, from within the membership of the Committee, the members of, set the terms of reference for, and manage the meetings and activities of the following sub-committees and Working Groups (including any associated delegated budget) and any other sub-committees and Working Groups (including any associated delegated budget) whose management is delegated to the Committee by the Full Council and to appoint other Members of the Council to those sub-committees and/or working groups:

- Shop Local Working Group

To manage on behalf of the Community Council the following public events, projects and initiatives and to authorise expenditure within the associated budget lines that shall be delegated to the Committee by the Full Council:

- Town In Bloom (£14,500)
- Shop Local events and activities (£3,000)
- Car boot sales and other town centre events (£10,000)
- Allotments (£600)
- Provision and maintenance of community defibrillators (£6,000)
- Grant funding to Ffrindiau Tyleri in respect of WinterFest (£1,000)
- Grant funding to Ffrindiau Tyleri in respect of AberFest (£1,000)
- Community Council activities at WinterFest (£2,000)

To manage on behalf of the Community Council any other public events, projects and initiatives and the associated budget lines that shall be delegated to the Committee by the Full Council.

To work with external agencies and grant-giving bodies, managing applications, as appropriate, by the Council for funding for events, projects and initiatives that fall within the remit of the Committee.

To scrutinise applications from external organisations for grant funding from the Council for public events, projects and initiatives that fall within the remit of the Committee, and to make recommendations to the Full Council.

To scope and cost proposals for Council support for public events, projects and initiatives in the subsequent financial year that fall within the remit of the Committee and to prepare a budget for these in accordance with the Council's budget-setting procedures.

On request, to provide reports and/or presentations to the Finance and Grants Committee in regards to project planning and expenditure.

To consider the needs of the Community Council area and the opportunities for the Council in regards to the Well-being of Future Generations (Wales) Act 2015, the Blaenau Gwent Public Services Board Well-being Plan and the power to promote or improve economic, social or environmental Well-being under the Local Government Act 2000, and to make recommendations to the Full Council.