

**MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE PEOPLE AND COMMUNITIES COMMITTEE  
OF ABERTILLERY AND LLANHILLETH COMMUNITY COUNCIL HELD ON 10  
August 2022 at 6pm in the Council Chamber Mitre Street, Abertillery**

**PRESENT:**

**Councillors:** Tracey Dyson (Chair), Michaela Assiratti, Barrie Page, Josh Rawcliffe.

**Officers:** Steve Edwards, Deputy Clerk

**13. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

Apologies were received from Peter Adamson and Ben Owen-Jones.

**14. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

None

**15. MINUTES – PEOPLE AND COMMUNITIES COMMITTEE 20 JUNE 2022**

The Committee **RESOLVED** to accept the minutes as a true and correct record.

**16. CHRISTMAS LIGHTS**

**1. Llanhilleth Christmas Lights**

It was discussed that the request from Llanhilleth to repair their lighting infrastructure was not agreed then the whole of the lighting in that area would fall back under the Councils Central Contract and the repairs would have to be carried out anyway.

The Committee **RESOLVED** to use some of the savings from the cancelled Drive In Cinema budget to pay for essential repairs for the Christmas street lighting in Llanhilleth and delegate authority to the Councils Officers to action the payment of £3,886.34

**2. Christmas Lighting Provision 2022**

The Deputy Clerk confirmed that he had written to CentreGreat to extend our current contract with them for one year to cover Christmas 2022.

**3. Christmas Lighting Provision 2023 and beyond**

A small group was working on an outline requirement for Christmas Lighting in future years. The plan is to get the outline out to a number of companies for their response, which would then help to form the basis for a formal tender process in January/February 2023.

**17. War Memorial**

There had been no progress on the repairing of the four uplighters at the War Memorial, despite various attempts from Councillor Rob Phillips to arrange an installation date with the chosen supplier, R.O.P Electrical Services Ltd. The Deputy Clerk had spoken to the contractor on the phone, he was now away until 17 August. The Deputy Clerk will then get in contact to progress this matter.

**18. Drive-In Cinema**

The Chair of the Committee reported that it had been impossible to find a venue for the Drive-In Cinema, a number of sports grounds had been contacted but there was no availability. The £10,000 budget for Drive-In cinema will not be spent this year.

**19. Christmas Carol Concert**

The Chair explained that usually this is held in St Michaels Church, Church Street but due to the lack of sufficient updated electrical wiring we cannot hold it there this year. The Chair had investigated other venues, the Leisure Centre would cost too much but the Met however would allow us the use of the Met theatre on 18<sup>th</sup> December for £500 plus a percentage of ticket sales.

The Committee **RESOLVED** to recommend to Council diverting £500 from the cancelled Drive-In Cinema budget to fund the use of the Met for the annual Christmas Carol Concert, provisionally for 18 December 2022, and delegate the authority to spend that money to the People and Communities Committee.

**20. Remembrance Sunday**

The Deputy Clerk gave an update, no Chapter 8 training had been booked, but Councillor Rob Phillips did have the training back in May.

The Chair stated that she didn't wish to be considered as she has a role in the actual manging of the event on the day. The two Council officers will attend the training. Councillor Josh Rawcliffe suggested using young people from either a youth offenders rehabilitation project via Tillery Action For You (TAFY).

**21. Loneliness Project**

The Chair gave a brief update. She had spoken to a number of organisations and had had a favourable response. No firm spending plans have yet been costed.

**22. Party in the Park 2023**

There was a discussion concerning the difficulty encountered by the Party in the Park organisers in getting the right acts and services in time when it has to deal with short timescales as a lot of services and acts are booked 6-to-12 months in advance.

The Committee **RESOLVED** to recommend to Council to make provision in the current 2022/2023 budget of up to £5,000 for early booking costs associated with running a Party in the Park event in June 2023, and delegate the authority to spend that money to the People and Communities Committee

The meeting ended at 7:05 pm.

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

*Minutes produced by Steve Edwards, Deputy Clerk*