

## Report by K Style Nov 2024

We are writing a review on how the grant of £9000 benefited our club and helped make an impact on the Abertillery community.

Our club K Style opened its doors 3rd January 2024 we run classes 6 days a week and in the short space of just 11 months we have accomplished so much!

Our first target was to try and help the towns antisocial behaviour as it was very high and people were frightened to attend town after 4pm we managed to bring several of the children that was part of the group into K Style as part of our scholarship program (free sessions) and managed to stop the majority of things happening in the area I'm sure the town would agree that not much has happened in regards to crimes from the same known children causing trouble in Abertillery since march 2024 we would like to think we have had a huge part in this happening.

We have had over 100 students sign up to K style and the club is forever growing.

We have made our club known in the Thai community and also had our students graded by a professional from the Phraya pichai in July.

We have also started to work with students with disabilities and children that are in care or disadvantaged backgrounds and with that we have several students we supplied full kit and sessions funded by the club.

We have attended many inter clubs and competitions with our students and have also just had our first national tournament that was held in north wales where we had to compete in multiple fights for the national belts and we are happy to say 6 of our students entered and our outcome was 1 bronze medal, 3 silver medals and 2 national belts!

We have grown with coaches and staff also by having 3 under 16s commit to all sessions with the junior & primary sessions as junior coaches and also 6 adult coaches who all joined our club and worked their way up from the day we opened our doors.

At K style we also try to do things for the community outside of our Thai sessions, we have held a Halloween party, sleep overs, bbqs, and fundays, we also have offered our gym for local businesses for free like the first aid course and a photographer starting out as a business.

The grant has given children and adults an opportunity to learn Muay Thai at an affordable price and make new friends and just have fun, I can say that our club is so close we are like one big family and I'm so grateful that you gave us the opportunity to make our dream come true and we thank you from the bottom of our hearts because without you there would be no K style.

Thank you

Lisa silverthorne & Karl Rowberry



<b>October Bank Reconciliation</b>				
<b>Current Account</b>	<b>Amount</b>	<b>Payee</b>	<b>Description</b>	<b>In/Out</b>
<b>Date</b>				
02/10/2024	50.00	Unity	Charges	Out
02/10/2024	10000.00	Reserve Account	EMR- Mural	Out/Transfer
02/10/2024	50.00	Unity	Reverse Charges	In
02/10/2024	190566.00	BGCBC	Precept	In
07/10/2024	93.94	BGCBC	Waste/Recycling	Out
07/10/2024	20.80	BGCBC	Paper Recycling	Out
07/10/2024	229.00	SLCC	Membership - Erika	Out
07/10/2024	229.00	SLCC	Membership - Molly	Out
07/10/2024	500.00	Hospice of the Valleys	Concernt Sponsorship	Out
07/10/2024	895.32	Microshade	Quarterly Fees	Out
11/10/2024	70.92	Welsh Water (Storage Unit)	Cwmtillery Unit	Out
14/10/2024	26451.90	BGCBC	Staff Costs	Out
14/10/2024	150.00	BGCBC	Staff Costs	Out
15/10/2024	200.00	Abertillery Belles FC	Ward Grant	Out
16/10/2024	3.00	Lloyds Bank	Multipay Card Fee	Out
21/10/2024	29.82	AR Digital	Photocopying	Out
21/10/2024	358.80	Policy Forum for Wales	Transport Webinar	Out
21/10/2024	50.00	Pentref Tyleri	Ward Grant	Out
21/10/2024	1580.00	Ebenezer Baptish Church	Loneliness Grant	Out
21/10/2024	358.80	Policy Forum for Wales	Transport Webinar	Out (Duplicate payment)
21/10/2024	358.80	Policy Forum for Wales	Transport Webinar	In
28/10/2024	63.00	One Voice Wales	Cllr. Training	Out
28/10/2024	40.00	One Voice Wales	Cllr. Training	Out
28/10/2024	36.00	SLCC	Staff Training	Out
28/10/2024	54.00	SLCC	Staff Training	Out
28/10/2024	162.00	SLCC	Staff Training	Out
29/10/2024	70000.00	Solar Farm	Grant Payment	In
31/10/2024	7.80	Unity Trust	Charges	Out
<b>Reserve Account</b>				
<b>Date</b>				
02/10/2024	10,000	EMR - Mural Transfer	Transfer from current a/c	
<b>CCLA</b>				
<b>Date</b>				
02/10/2024	418.45	CCLA	Investment Return/Interest	

Bank Reconciliation up to 31/10/2024 for Cashbook No 4 - Unity Trust Current

Date	Cheque/Ref	Amnt Paid	Amnt Banked	Stat Amnt	Difference	Cleared	Payee Name or Description
✓ 02/10/2024	CHARGES	50.00		50.00		R <input type="checkbox"/>	Unity Trust Bank
✓ 02/10/2024	EMR	10,000.00		10,000.00		R <input type="checkbox"/>	Unity Trust Reserve
✓ 02/10/2024	CHARGES	-50.00		-50.00		R <input type="checkbox"/>	Unity Trust Bank
✓ 02/10/2024	BGCBC		190,566.00	190,566.00		R <input type="checkbox"/>	Receipt(s) Banked
✓ 07/10/2024	BACS	93.34		93.34		R <input type="checkbox"/>	Blaenau Gwent CBC
✓ 07/10/2024	BACS	20.80		20.80		R <input type="checkbox"/>	Blaenau Gwent CBC
✓ 07/10/2024	BACS	229.00		229.00		R <input type="checkbox"/>	Society Local Council Clerks
✓ 07/10/2024	BACS	229.00		229.00		R <input type="checkbox"/>	Society Local Council Clerks
✓ 07/10/2024	BACS	500.00		500.00		R <input type="checkbox"/>	Hospice of the Valleys
✓ 07/10/2024	BACS	895.32		895.32		R <input type="checkbox"/>	Microshade Business Consultant
✓ 11/10/2024	DD	70.92		70.92		R <input type="checkbox"/>	Dwr Cymru Welsh Water
✓ 14/10/2024	BACS	26,451.90		26,451.90		R <input type="checkbox"/>	Blaenau Gwent CBC
✓ 14/10/2024	BACS	150.00		150.00		R <input type="checkbox"/>	Blaenau Gwent CBC
✓ 14/10/2024	BACS	200.00		200.00		R <input type="checkbox"/>	Abertillery Belles
✓ 16/10/2024	DD	3.00		3.00		R <input type="checkbox"/>	Lloyds Bank
✓ 21/10/2024	DD	29.82		29.82		R <input type="checkbox"/>	AR Digital
✓ 21/10/2024	BACS	358.80		358.80		R <input type="checkbox"/>	Policy Forum For Wales
✓ 21/10/2024	BACS	50.00		50.00		R <input type="checkbox"/>	Pentref Tylari
✓ 21/10/2024	BACS	1,580.00		1,580.00		R <input type="checkbox"/>	Ebenezer Baptist Church
✓ 21/10/2024	BACS	358.80		358.80		R <input type="checkbox"/>	Policy Forum for Wales
✓ 21/10/2024	BACS	-358.80		-358.80		R <input type="checkbox"/>	Policy Forum for Wales
✓ 21/10/2024	BACS	358.80		358.80		R <input type="checkbox"/>	Policy Forum for Wales REFUND Non
✓ 28/10/2024	BACS	63.00		63.00		R <input type="checkbox"/>	One Voice Wales
✓ 28/10/2024	BACS	40.00		40.00		R <input type="checkbox"/>	One Voice Wales
✓ 28/10/2024	BACS	36.00		36.00		R <input type="checkbox"/>	Society Local Council Clerks
✓ 28/10/2024	BACS	54.00		54.00		R <input type="checkbox"/>	Society Local Council Clerks
✓ 28/10/2024	BACS	162.00		162.00		R <input type="checkbox"/>	Society Local Council Clerks
✓ 29/10/2024	Solar Farm		70,000.00	70,000.00		R <input type="checkbox"/>	Receipt(s) Banked ✓
✓ 31/10/2024	CHARGES	7.80		7.80		R <input type="checkbox"/>	Unity Trust Bank
		✓ 41,583.50	260,566.00 ✓				

Signatory 1:

Name MARK H.F. LEWIS Signed Mark H.F. Lewis Date 15/11/2024

Signatory 2:

Name Joshua Rawcliffe Signed [Signature] Date 15/11/24

Bank Reconciliation Statement as at 31/10/2024  
for Cashbook 4 - Unity Trust Current

<u>Bank Statement Account Name (s)</u>	<u>Statement Date</u>	<u>Page No</u>	<u>Balances</u>
Unity Trust Current	31/10/2024		248,697.39
			<u>248,697.39</u>
<u>Unpresented Payments (Minus)</u>		<u>Amount</u>	
		0.00	
			<u>0.00</u>
			248,697.39
<u>Unpresented Receipts (Plus)</u>			
		0.00	
			<u>0.00</u>
			248,697.39
		<b>Balance per Cash Book is :-</b>	248,697.39 ✓
		<b>Difference is :-</b>	0.00

Signatory 1:

Name Joshua Rowcliffe Signed [Signature] Date 15/11/24

Signatory 2:

Name MARK H. F. LEWIS Signed Mark H. F. Lewis Date 15/11/2024

Bank Reconciliation up to 31/10/2024 for Cashbook No 5 - Unity Trust Reserve

Date	Cheque/Ref	Amnt Paid	Amnt Banked	Stat Amnt	Difference	Cleared	Payee Name or Description
02/10/2024	EMR		10,000.00	10,000.00		R <input type="checkbox"/>	Receipt(s) Banked
		<u>0.00</u>	<u>10,000.00</u>				✓

Signatory 1:

Name Mark H. F. Lewis Signed Mark H. F. Lewis Date .....

Signatory 2:

Name Mark H. F. Lewis Signed Mark H. F. Lewis Date 15/11/2024  
Joshua Rawcliffe [Signature] 15/11/2024

Bank Reconciliation Statement as at 31/10/2024  
for Cashbook 5 - Unity Trust Reserve

<u>Bank Statement Account Name (s)</u>	<u>Statement Date</u>	<u>Page No</u>	<u>Balances</u>
Unity Reserve Account	31/10/2024		50,568.35 ✓
			<u>50,568.35</u>
<u>Unpresented Payments (Minus)</u>		<u>Amount</u>	
		0.00	
			<u>0.00</u>
			50,568.35 ✓
<u>Unpresented Receipts (Plus)</u>			
		0.00	
			<u>0.00</u>
			50,568.35
		Balance per Cash Book is :-	50,568.35 ✓
		Difference is :-	0.00

Signatory 1:

Name Joshua Lawcliffe Signed [Signature] Date 15/11/24

Signatory 2:

Name Mark H. F. Lewis Signed [Signature] Date 15/11/24

Bank Reconciliation up to 31/10/2024 for Cashbook No 6 - CCLA

<u>Date</u>	<u>Cheque/Ref</u>	<u>Amnt Paid</u>	<u>Amnt Banked</u>	<u>Stat Amnt</u>	<u>Difference</u>	<u>Cleared</u>	<u>Payee Name or Description</u>
02/10/2024	Interest		418.45	418.45		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Receipt(s) Banked
		<u>0.00</u>	<u>418.45</u> ✓				

Signatory 1:

Name Joshua Rowcliffe Signed [Signature] Date 15/11/24

Signatory 2:

Name Mark H.F. Lewis Signed [Signature] Date 15/11/24



Bank Reconciliation Statement as at 31/10/2024  
for Cashbook 6 - CCLA

<u>Bank Statement Account Name (s)</u>	<u>Statement Date</u>	<u>Page No</u>	<u>Balances</u>
CCLA	31/10/2024		102,355.74 ✓
			102,355.74 ✓
<u>Unpresented Payments (Minus)</u>		<u>Amount</u>	
		0.00	
			0.00
			102,355.74 ✓
<u>Unpresented Receipts (Plus)</u>			
		0.00	
			0.00
			102,355.74
		<b>Balance per Cash Book is :-</b>	<b>102,355.74 ✓</b>
		<b>Difference is :-</b>	<b>0.00</b>

Signatory 1:

Name Joshua Rance Signed [Signature] Date 15/11/24

Signatory 2:

Name Mark H. F. Lewis Signed [Signature] Date 15/11/24





## Abertillery and Llanhilleth Community Council (ALCC)

### Council Grant Application (see criteria and process attached before applying)

Name and Address of your group, organisation or project:

Abertillery Piranhas Swimming Club  
Abertillery Sports Centre  
Alma Street  
NP13 1QD

Contact name: .....Emily Jayne.....

Telephone number: ..... [REDACTED] .....

Email: abertillery.piranhas21@gmail.com.....

**What are the aims of your project?** The aim of the project is to update and maintain the equipment our members use. Our local swimming club has around 99 members to date and as equipment ages and gets used it is prone to breakage. For example, flotation supports such as pull buoys and kickboards get broken with repeated use. Lane ropes get damaged and pieces of plastic end up in the pool, making them dangerous to use. We are currently in the process of applying for funding, in order to purchase a new scoreboard so that we can hold more local swimming events with other clubs from the surrounding wards. We are also looking into adding a land training session for our members to improve with fitness and confidence out of the pool. We'd love to put some of the money towards equipment for those sessions such as mats and skipping ropes. We want to stay ahead of the wear and tear of our equipment so that we can provide our members a safe place to grow both their skills and as individuals,

**How does your project benefit the Abertillery and Llanhilleth area or its residents?** Our members primarily consist of young people and children from the Llanhilleth and Abertillery area. It provides a space for our members to improve both their physical health and their mental wellbeing. It offers them a chance to socialise

while learning an important skill. A lifesaving skill, swimming. We also offer the chance to compete regionally and nationally, against other clubs, promoting resilience, teamwork and excellent sportsmanship. We strive to maximise our learners' potential both in the water and out. These are all things that our club will struggle to do if the equipment that we need is not kept updated. It will make our volunteers' jobs that much harder and will mean that we will be able to accommodate less members.

**Details of project costs:**

<b>A. Project costs met by group (include match funds)</b>	<b>Amount (inc. VAT)</b>
	£
	£
	£
<b>Sub Total</b>	<b>£0</b>
<b>B. Costs requested from ALCC</b>	<b>Amount (inc. VAT)</b>
Updated Equipment	£1000
	£
<b>Sub Total</b>	<b>£</b>
<b>C. Total project costs (A + B) TOTAL</b>	<b>£1000</b>

Is your organisation a: **Charity/community group/sports club/company/not for profit business/other (explain and provide evidence)**

Our organisation is a not for profit swimming club, in which our volunteers run 17 weekly classes for the young people of the local area. We rely on various grants and fundraising opportunities to accumulate funds to update equipment.

Payee: **...Abertillery Piranhas Swimming Club ..**

Print Name: **.....Emily Jayne.....**

Role in group: **.....Secretary.....**

Signed: **..........**

Date: **.....20.10.24.....**



**Abertillery and Llanhilleth Community Council (ALCC)**

**Ward Grant Application**  
**(see criteria and process attached before applying)**

Name and Address of group, organisation or project:

EBBW FACH COMMUNITY GROUP PANT DDU ROAD ABERBEEG NP132BP
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Group Contact name: .....Pat  
TOVEY.....

Role in the group: TREASURER  
.....

Telephone number: 0 [REDACTED]  
.....

Email: [REDACTED]

**What are the aims of the group or project?** We are very focused on mental health awareness and the power of getting together to support each other. We have three craft groups, park run and planting parties for the children.  
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**How does the group / project benefit the Abertillery and Llanhilleth area or its residents?**  
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We have such a great amount of people visiting us, it proves there is a need for such events.

**Approx number of beneficiaries**

40.....

Is the organisation a: Charity/community group/sports club/company/not for profit business/other (explain and provide evidence) Community Group.....  
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Amount requested: £280  
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Payee name: Aberbeeg TENANTS AND RESIDENTS Group.....

Name of Councillor making the application:

Print Name: ..... JOSHUA RAWCLIFFE.....

Signed: J.Rawcliffe  
.....

Date: 20/08/2024.....

Please return this form with any relevant supporting documents (group constitution, financial statements, letters of support etc.) to: Town Clerk, Abertillery and Llanhilleth Community Council, Mitre Street, Abertillery, NP13 1AE or to [clerk@abertilleryandllanhilleth-wcc.gov.uk](mailto:clerk@abertilleryandllanhilleth-wcc.gov.uk)

**APPLICATION FOR THE ROLE OF COMMUNITY COUNCILLOR**

**ON ABERTILLERY AND LLANHILLETH COMMUNITY COUNCIL**

Full name	Frankie Baker
Home address incl. postcode	[REDACTED]
Home telephone number	[REDACTED]
Mobile number	[REDACTED]
Email	[REDACTED]

It is a condition of being a Community Councillor for Abertillery and Llanhilleth that your phone number and email address (an official email address will be supplied) be made public via notice boards and website.

**LEGAL QUALIFICATIONS FOR BEING A COMMUNITY COUNCILLOR QUALIFICATIONS**

(To qualify you must be able to answer 'Yes' to both of the questions below)

Are you a British citizen, a Commonwealth citizen or a citizen of a European Union country? .	<input type="checkbox"/> / No
Are you aged 18 or over?	<input type="checkbox"/> / No

(To qualify you must be able to answer 'Yes' to at least one of the questions below)

Are you on the electoral register for a ward within the Abertillery & Llanhilleth Community Council area?	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> / No
Have you lived either in the Abertillery & Llanhilleth Community Council area, or within three miles of its boundary, for at least a year?	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> / No
Have you been the owner or tenant of land in the Abertillery & Llanhilleth Community Council area for at least a year?	Yes / <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Have you had your only or main place of work in the Abertillery & Llanhilleth Community Council area for at least a year?	Yes / <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>





**DISQUALIFICATIONS**

(You must be able to answer No to all of the questions below to be eligible to serve as a councillor)

Are you the subject of a bankruptcy restrictions order or interim order?	Yes / <input type="checkbox"/> No
Have you within the last five years been convicted of an offence in the UK, the Channel Islands or the Isle of Man which resulted in a sentence of imprisonment (whether suspended or not) for a period of three months or more without the option of a fine?	Yes / <input type="checkbox"/> No
Are you disqualified by order of a court from being a member of a local authority?	Yes / <input type="checkbox"/> No

**With reference to the Person Specification, please tell us something about the skills that you feel you will bring to the Council plus details of, for example, professional qualifications and financial or project management expertise.**

Since childhood, I have always strived to see the good in people and let empathy guide me. I have a lot of patience for people, no matter their circumstances. I am a very passionate person, with a strong sense of justice. I work to view issues from an unbiased perspective, always taking care to understand a situation holistically while retaining my core values of respect and justice. I care to be a cooperative team member and always take into consideration the ideas and experiences of other committee members. I greatly value other's insight and believe my perspective on any subject could never be fair alone.

As a young person who is transgender and neurodivergent, I can bring a fresh, new insight to the team. Young people today have grown up with such instability; living through austerity, climate change and a global pandemic, many young people are filled with a sense of frustration and dread about the future. I know I have felt the same, so I choose, and encourage others, to direct this feeling towards community work. I have learnt that working from the ground up is the first step to making a real difference, and I want to inspire people to care for their neighbour in the same way. Growing up queer and neurodivergent in the valleys was at times alienating, but since moving back I have realised we are quite abundant. With my presence on the committee, I wish to not just act as representation, but to use my power to spark change, acceptance and understanding within the community.

In my BA at university, I worked hard to receive a First with honours in Illustration. Though a vastly different discipline, I spent the second half of my course directing my own projects, managing my time and resources even through the pandemic. I learnt to plan projects thoroughly and set realistic goals, even creating my own schedule, detailing what each work week would entail for the entire academic year. This transferable skill was invaluable to learn, and I wish to utilize my understanding of project management to enrich my work with the local community council.

**Please tell us something about the life experience that you will bring to the Council. Examples may include previous local government experience, work in the voluntary or charitable sector, business or trade union experience etc**

As someone who grew up in Abertillery, and having recently moved back to the area, I care deeply about the wellbeing and needs of the local community. I want to be a part of the change to make our area an enriching environment where individuals can thrive. I am acutely aware of the pressures the local community are facing today, not only because of the cost-of-living crisis, but also due to the socioeconomic history of the area. Though impacted by mine closures and funding cuts, Abertillery has a firm tradition of standing strong and look after our own. As is true of many places in the South Wales valleys, our area has a brilliant sense of community, and I wish to work hard to keep our community strong.

This year, I have spent a lot of time volunteering at Pentref Tyleri in Cwmtillery, and for the past seven months I have been a paid employee via BGCBC's Quickstart Scheme. My time at Pentref Tyleri has given me a great insight into the power of community-based projects, and I have had the opportunity to be engaged in a variety of roles. I was inspired to start a coffee morning for local queer residents every Saturday of June (Pride Month) and following that, every last Saturday of the month. With a background in illustration, I decided to design an eye-catching poster and handed print outs into shops in Abertillery

town. Each week/month I advertised the events online, brainstormed themes, baked cakes, and set the Caffi up with pride flags and an excellent playlist to create a welcoming and colourful atmosphere. As a queer person myself, I know how important and affirming it is to provide a space for LGBTQ+ people to meet and mingle, especially in less connected areas, so it has been rewarding to see the success of the Queer Coffee Mornings.

During my time at Falmouth University, I was Vice President of the Pride society within the Student Union. I spent this time working with the committee to plan and run engaging events for LGBTQ+ students. Alongside my coursework, I would spend evenings and weekends attending committee meetings, preparing and hosting events, marketing through social media and running various stalls at student union fayres promoting the Pride Society. I greatly enjoyed my time as vice president, and felt I made a positive impact on students and my peers. I hope to utilize this experience with the community council.

My time working with Pentref Tyleri and within the Pride Society in the Falmouth Student Union has given me invaluable experience. I've worked with and met many different groups of diverse people, learnt to problem solve and work through real life challenges, been given opportunities to listen to constructive feedback and grow, and work on a vast range of projects that have made a positive difference to local people's lives.

**Please outline why you are interested in being a community councillor:**

Querying the function of the world has been an integral part of my personhood since birth. I am a curious and inquisitive person, who has a craving for truth and justice. For the past 10 years I have had a keen interest in social justice and human rights. As a teenager I spent my free time educating myself on feminist issues, transphobia and institutional racism. Later in university, I developed a class consciousness and became fascinated with the way the world works. I wondered why concepts such as wealth inequality or climate issues could possibly exist, and what we can do in our local communities to mitigate their worst impacts.

When I moved to the city, a nagging loneliness I hadn't yet noticed, came to the forefront. I wondered why I felt this way. I had friends and partners, I was never alone, what could be wrong? I realized I had never experienced a true sense of community. I noticed without unconditional respect and a symbiotic connection between me and my fellow neighbour, life felt vapid.

In recent history in the western world, we have been raised to be self-sufficient, insular beings. Making a life for yourself, alone, is taught to be an admirable path. I wish to challenge this concept, and believe it is human nature to rely on one another, help and care for each other and work in union with one's community. Engaging in community provides a sense of belonging, battles loneliness and can offer an individual a prideful purpose in life. I want to be a part of this process and create a richer life for my local community.

I believe that local people on the ground, and their existing support networks are pivotal to making positive impacts on their environment. Seeing the prevalence of the ALCC's ongoing community work in our local areas, I strongly believe that community councillors can and do have a large part to play in the evolution of our community.

I am very interested in being a community councillor for Abertillery and Llanhilleth. I wish to be a part of the change to restore the area to its former glory and simultaneously create a new, enriching environment for future generations to live. I hope the local community can reap the benefits of this work in my lifetime and I will strive to make a real difference in my beloved hometown.

Your signature:



Date: 18/11/2024

**Email your completed application form to [clerk@abertilleryandllanhilleth-wcc.gov.uk](mailto:clerk@abertilleryandllanhilleth-wcc.gov.uk)**

**Alternatively, you can post (or hand-deliver) the completed form to The Clerk, Abertillery & Llanhilleth Community Council, Council Offices, Mitre Street, Abertillery, NP13 1AE**

To: The Clerk  
 Abertillery & Llanhilleth Community Council  
 Council Offices  
 Mitre Street  
 Abertillery  
 NP13 1AE



Tel: 01495 217323  
 email: clerk@abertilleryandllanhilleth-wcc.gov.uk

**APPLICATION FOR THE ROLE OF COMMUNITY COUNCILLOR  
 ON ABERTILLERY AND LLANHILLETH COMMUNITY COUNCIL**

Full name	IVOR BEYNON
Home address incl. postcode	[REDACTED]
Home telephone number	[REDACTED]
Mobile number	[REDACTED]
Email	[REDACTED]

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 QUALIFICATIONS**

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Are you disqualified by order of a court from being a member of a local authority?	Yes / <input checked="" type="radio"/> No

With reference to the Person Specification, please tell us something about the skills that you feel you will bring to the Council plus details of, for example, professional qualifications and financial or project management expertise.

Equity Card holder, as an actor, singer songwriter I have been involved in many projects over a 40 year period, many filmed and televised by the BBC and ITV, many filmed in and around Abertillery town.

Qualified Green Badge Tourist Guide with Wales Official Tourist Guides Association WOTGA covering the Heads of the Valleys, Swansea Bay and Celtic Wave Areas, I had also been on many business trips promoting Wales to the International Business Community working with Visit Wales

I have organised personal tailored coach tours across the area for visitors and refresher talks and lectures for Cardiff Capital Region, BBC, local authorities, Community's First, visiting Big Pit, Blaenavon Ironworks, local museum's and attractions

### Project Management Expertise

Recruitment and training officer time and motion, past clients include Welsh Development Agency, NACRO, Welsh Textiles, Yuasa Battery UK Limited, Cargill International, McDonalds, Sun Valley Foods + Poultry Ltd, Northern Automotive, Hoover Ltd, Various Employment Agencies, Local Authorities, Trade Unions and employees workers rights groups.

As a Recruitment and training officer time and motion I was responsible for making individual new employees feel at ease and able to learn and gain new skills, many were either first time employees or had moved from mining or steel working to learn new skills, as well as being there Trainer I was also there Shop Steward, during this time I built up a good working relationship with all 41 Welsh Workers Unions plus some International ones as well, I worked across many different sites and was responsible for many thousands of employees.

I was recruited to look at work practice and do time and motion on different tasks and look at ways that these could be improved, my role and responsibility was looking after the well being of the employees and that they were happy and suitable for the job and had the ability's to do the task that were expected of them, training was always well documented, I had trained and worked alongside thousands of other employees, for many different company's.

As well as Training and Recruitment Officer I was also there Shopsteward, the employer would have very clear aims and objectives and a tight financial budget and time frame, I have been gifted as having a vision and able to see the vision become a reality, my gift is I'm a good listener, team player, I can follow instructions, but I'm also not afraid to lead, I won't give up and will help and support when I can.

Please tell us something about the life experience that you will bring to the Council. Examples may include previous local government experience, work in the voluntary or charitable sector, business or trade union experience etc

Volunteering – I'm an active member of Ebenezer Baptist Church, helping out on the sound and vision desk, youth club, toddlers, warm hub, Dads club and any other events as they come up such as coffee bar or messy church or christmas. I spent many years as an Abertillery Street Pastor and a Sports Leader doing Street Games activities across the ALCC area. I have been a former ALCC Chairman, Ffridiâu Tyleri member, 1<sup>st</sup> Abertillery Scouts Group Chairman, Blaenau Air Cadets Trustee, Ebbw Fach Trail / World Heritage Site/ Sustrans Volunteer Ranger, River Ranger, Community First Guide Character Walks, I was involved with the Blaenavon World Heritage Site, Cordell Country, Chartism in Blaenau Gwent, Ebbw Vale Eisteddfod Years 1958 2010, Welsh Historical Live Action Re-enactment Group, Official Dr Who Themed Tours, European Union EU Funding Board Member Caerphilly and Blaenau Gwent Rural Community Llanhilleth and Aberbeeg, working alongside officers helping and supporting many funding applications over many years.

I have many years experience organising community events such as walking carnivals, corporate events such as Big Lunch Business and Community Networking Events, Heritage, Cultural and music events across the whole of the South Wales Area, British Tourism Week Events, Regeneration projects, Business Networking Events, working with and partnering with different types of groups and local authorities, sites that I've used include Blaenavon Ironworks, Big Pit, Bedwellty House, Cwmillery Lakes, Cyfarthfa Castle, Llanhilleth Stute, Abertillery Stute, The Met, Swansea Castle and many others.

As well as the EU funding I've also put together funding applications to – WDA, BBC, Heritage Lottery, National Lottery, Local Authority Grants for Community Events, I know the importance of documentation and evidence of what work has been done, also I know the importance of only spending money on what the money has been agreed for and presenting everything in the end of project report, stating if the project aims and objectives have been achieved, I have very good working links with GAVO, Wales Council Voluntary Association WCVA, Coalfields Regeneration Trust Wales, HLF, among many others.

10/10/2011

Please outline why you are interested in being a community councillor.

I was very excited when BGCBC announced the Abertillery Placemaking Plan September 2023 and very much looked forward to seeing Abertillery town and surrounding area being developed, after a year very little has been done by BGCBC and I started to get disheartened, I'm now retired, and enjoy spending time with my grandchildren, but as I look around Abertillery town and see the empty buildings Anvil Court, The Stute, Peacocks, Comfort Zone, Pendragon and the former Library building I was wondering what BGCBC Business Development Hub were doing to try and get these buildings back in use, they don't seem to have a plan and declined to attend an Abertillery Business Networking Event.

I found it very frustrating that the Abertillery Railway Station still doesn't have a feasibility study or business plan, this was promised 10 years ago, I've written a letter to our MP, I'm still waiting for a reply.

I feel that as a community councillor I can make a difference to our community and help and support the agreed delivery of the Abertillery Placemaking Plan 2023 and help in my small way make our town and community a better place.

I very much hope that members will support my application to join the Community Council.

Your signature:



Date:

7<sup>th</sup> NOVEMBER 2024

Email your completed application form to [clerk@abertilleryandllanhilleth-wcc.gov.uk](mailto:clerk@abertilleryandllanhilleth-wcc.gov.uk)

Alternatively, you can post (or hand-deliver) the completed form to The Clerk, Abertillery & Llanhilleth Community Council, Council Offices, Nitre Street, Abertillery, NP13 1AE

**Preface:**

"It is nature's law that the first in beauty should be first in might." John Keats

Most people would argue that post - industrial Wales should concentrate on tertiary opportunities , with its U S P being natural resources , its history and spectacular landscape.

Welsh people have their own distinctive sense of hiraeth and from this we must draw our strength.

There are many critics of our town who point out the number of dilapidated buildings and empty shops. Yet one has only to look down Church Street from the Italian Bakery and Trinity Library towards St. Michael's to know that we are making great strides forward.

The success of "Abertillery in Bloom" seems to provide an antidote to vandalism.

Subsequently it makes sense to continue this momentum with a foray into " Wales In Bloom".

This competition is won regularly by Abergavenny, while Usk seems to dominate the " Best Village" section!

Inevitably, cities like Bath win " Britain In Bloom."

To reach those dizzy heights is a tall order, but " facing impossible odds" is a laudable challenge and we always pride ourselves on having " The Chartists' Spirit!"

Who would have thought that Chris Hill and his team would develop Six Bells Tennis Park to become the best in Wales?

We have some wonderful natural advantages:

" From the Guardian in the south to Cwmtillery Lakes in the north, the valleys have never looked so beautiful!"

The landscape is truly sensational and aspiration should be the sequel to this inspiration.

**Blueprint for Success :**

1. Involve the whole town, every club, organisation, household, business, school, etc.
2. Appoint a Steering Group, using the good offices of the Place Committee
3. Involve our current contractors who appear to be doing a grand job.
4. Agree an Action Plan with a Critical Path Analysis.
5. Identify key leaders.
6. Identify key sites for development. These will include the following, but this is not an exhaustive list and will depend upon local leadership.

**Suggested Principal Sites:**

1. Llanhilleth Institute.
2. The Guardian.
3. Six Bells School
4. Six Bells Park (Centenary Celebrations)
5. The Cenotaph, including Mural.
6. The Arcade, St. Michael's Church, Jubilee Square.
7. Trinity Square, The Library, Foundry Bridge, Anvil Court, Church St.
8. Underpass area, Glandwr St., White Feather Inn, River Bank.
9. Abertillery Learning Community.
10. Gelli Grug Park, including allotments.
11. Abertillery Park
12. Caffi Tyler/ Cwmtillery Lakes.

**Funding Sources:**

To appoint a Business Committee to explore funding sources.

Identification of " By- products" of this project:

1. Impact on morale and well- being.
2. Invite B.B.C. Wales and " Country file " to our town.
3. Link to our amazing musical and art traditions.
4. Highlight our history and heritage.

5. School curriculum enhancement.

6. Fuel tourism and our demands for accommodation and transport improvements.

7. Highlight our promotion and development of "green energy"

8. Revivify our wonderful town and restore civic pride..

"A thing of beauty is a joy forever." - John Keats



## Amendment to the Training Policy – November 2024

It is essential that councillors receive adequate training to understand the role to which they have been elected, enabling them to undertake their role in their Ward and ensuring that they are aware of their responsibilities when undertaking their role as a councillor.

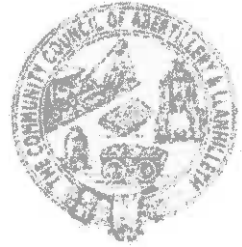
The costs associated with the Councillor Training Programme will be met from the existing ALCC budget provision. One Voice Wales will invoice ALCC directly and anyone attending the training course will get their certificate emailed to them after completion.

When One Voice Wales releases a list of available training courses and dates, Officers will email it to councillors. It is the responsibility of each individual councillor to request a date to attend. Once a place has been confirmed, an email with the details will be sent out. Another email with a link to join the meeting will be sent 24 hours before the course starts.

If you aren't able to attend because of unforeseen circumstances, you must contact the Clerk as soon as possible. It may be possible to re-arrange. Failure to attend without prior notification (except in exceptional circumstances, such as sickness or a domestic emergency) will result in the councillor being charged for the course. Currently, this is £63.00.



To: The Clerk  
 Abertillery & Llanhilleth Community Council  
 Council Offices  
 Mitre Street  
 Abertillery  
 NP13 1AE



Tel: 01495 217323  
 email: clerk@abertilleryandllanhilleth-wcc.gov.uk

**APPLICATION FOR THE ROLE OF COMMUNITY COUNCILLOR  
 ON ABERTILLERY AND LLANHILLETH COMMUNITY COUNCIL**

Full name	RICHARD PAUL CATLIN
Home address incl. postcode	[REDACTED]
Home telephone number	N/A
Mobile number	[REDACTED]
Email	[REDACTED]

It is a condition of being a Community Councillor for Abertillery and Llanhilleth that your phone number and email address (an official email address will be supplied) be made public via notice boards and website.

**LEGAL QUALIFICATIONS FOR BEING A COMMUNITY COUNCILLOR  
 QUALIFICATIONS**

(To qualify you must be able to answer 'Yes' to both of the questions below)

Are you a British citizen, a Commonwealth citizen or a citizen of a European Union country?	<input checked="" type="radio"/> Yes / No
Are you aged 18 or over?	<input checked="" type="radio"/> Yes / No

(To qualify you must be able to answer 'Yes' to at least one of the questions below)

Are you on the electoral register for a ward within the Abertillery & Llanhilleth Community Council area?	<input checked="" type="radio"/> Yes / No
Have you lived either in the Abertillery & Llanhilleth Community Council area, or within three miles of its boundary, for at least a year?	<input checked="" type="radio"/> Yes / No
Have you been the owner or tenant of land in the Abertillery & Llanhilleth Community Council area for at least a year?	<input checked="" type="radio"/> Yes / No
Have you had your only or main place of work in the Abertillery & Llanhilleth Community Council area for at least a year?	<input checked="" type="radio"/> Yes / No

### DISQUALIFICATIONS

(You must be able to answer No to all of the questions below to be eligible to serve as a councillor)

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With reference to the Person Specification, please tell us something about the skills that you feel you will bring to the Council plus details of, for example, professional qualifications and financial or project management expertise.

I HAVE BEEN A LOCAL BUSINESSMAN IN ABERTILLERY FOR 38 YEARS, WHICH HAS GAVE ME EXPERIENCE IN DEALING WITH THE PUBLIC OVER FOUR DECADES. MY OCCUPATION HAS ALSO GAVE ME THE SKILLS TO MAINTAIN THE SUCCESS OF MY BUSINESS ON A MANAGERIAL AND FINANCIAL FOOTING OVER THE YEARS I HAVE BEEN A MEMBER OF VOLUNTARY ORGANISATIONS INCLUDING ABERTILLERY EXCELSIORS FOOTBALL CLUB FOR WHICH I WAS SECRETARY AND TREASURER FOR OVER THIRTY YEARS.

Please tell us something about the life experience that you will bring to the Council. Examples may include previous local government experience, work in the voluntary or charitable sector, business or trade union experience etc

I FEEL A STRONG CONNECT WITH THE LOCAL COMMUNITY FIRSTLY AS PART OF MY ENGAGEMENT WITH THE PUBLIC THROUGH MY BUSINESS. SECONDLY MY ENGAGEMENT WITH COMMUNITY GROUPS HAS GAVE ME AN UNDERSTANDING OF LOCAL PEOPLE THEIR NEEDS AND REQUIREMENTS ~~AS~~ I AM AN AMBASSADOR OF LOCAL ~~SMALL~~ BUSINESSES, AS A RESULT I HAVE ATTENDED MANY MEETINGS WITH B.S COUNCIL (COUNCILLORS AND OFFICERS) OVER THE YEARS

Please outline why you are interested in being a community councillor.

I WOULD LIKE TO BECOME A COMMUNITY COUNCILLOR BECAUSE I AM PASSIONATE ABOUT OUR TOWN AND SURROUNDS, I FEEL ABERTILLERY IS SOMETIMES OVERLOOKED AND I WOULD LIKE TO HELP RE-ADDRESS THIS SITUATION.

I AM AWARE OF ALL THE GOOD WORK THAT THE COMMUNITY COUNCIL CARRY OUT, EVENTS E.T.C AND I WOULD LIKE TO ENGAGE IN THIS BY BEINGING MY EXPERIENCE TO THE TABLE.

\* I WOULD LIKE TO STAND IN THE CWMTILLORY WARD AS I RESIDE IN THAT AREA

Your signature:

*R.P.A.*

Date:

21-11-2024

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