

**MEETING OF THE FINANCE COMMITTEE OF ABERTILLERY AND LLANHILLETH  
COMMUNITY COUNCIL HELD ON 14 March 2025 at 6:00 pm at the Council Offices,  
Mitre Street, Abertillery.**

**PRESENT**

**Councillors:** Steve Bard (Chair) Josh Rawcliffe, Bruno Goes Maciel, Frankie Baker and Mike Whatley.

**Officers:** Erika Davies (Deputy Clerk) and Molly Jones (Deputy Clerk).

**Absent:** Glyn Smith and Nick Simmons

**66. Apologies for absence**

Nick Simmons

**67. Declarations of interest or dispensations**

None

**68. Minutes 7 February 2025**

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

**69. Committee Terms of Reference**

The Committee welcomed Councillor Frankie Baker to their first meeting.

The Committee **RESOLVED** to accept the proposed amendments to the Terms of Reference and recommended to put the document before Council at the annual meeting in May for approval.

- Change the Committee name to Finance and Governance throughout and fix some spelling mistakes.
- It is recommended that the Vice Chair of council is a member of the Finance Committee in preparation for their year in office as Chair.

The main aim of the changes is to give this Committee greater scope in dealing with governance issues going forward.

**70. Purpose of Council**

The Committee discussed the importance of Council having a clear vision as laid out in Theme A of the Finance and Governance Toolkit document (One Voice Wales & Society of Local Council Clerks). The Committee **RESOLVED** to recommend to Full Council the following statement as its Purpose of Council: -

*Abertillery and Llanhilleth Community Council will strive to improve the lives of the people and organisations within our area. We aspire to improve the environment, wellbeing and general ethos through projects, grant funding and activities, both within the Council and in collaboration with other groups and providers.*

*This will be done through consultation with the community and relevant organisations to ensure we provide the most appropriate and cost-effective activities and services to the whole of our community.*

*We will endeavour to be as inclusive as possible, representing all demographics across our community as we move forwards.*

**71. Internal Audit Report**

The Committee noted the report from the Internal Interim Audit that was carried out on 3<sup>rd</sup> March 2025. The Chair thanked everyone for their hard work throughout the year. Out of 75 objectives tested, a total of 11 observations were made. The Deputy Clerk explained that the Clerk would be writing to the Internal Auditor regarding these observations along with his findings and will report back to the Committee at the next Finance meeting.

**72. Date of next meeting**

Friday 11<sup>th</sup> April 2025 at 6pm.

Minutes produced by Erika Davies, Deputy Clerk.

The meeting ended at 7:06 pm.

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

Date.....

