

**MEETING OF THE PLANNING, COMMERCE AND ENVIRONMENT (PlaCE) COMMITTEE
OF ABERTILLERY AND LLANHILLETH COMMUNITY COUNCIL HELD ON 03 March
2025 AT 6.00 PM at the Council Offices, Mitre Street, Abertillery.**

PRESENT

Councillors: Barrie Page (Chair), Peter Adamson, Ralph Henderson (MBE), Chris Hill, Mark Lewis.

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

Apologies: Joshua Rawcliffe, Rob Phillips and Nick Simmons.

Absent: None.

Member of the Public: Tim Phelps

91. Apologies for Absence

Joshua Rawcliffe, Rob Phillips and Nick Simmons

92. Declarations of Interest or Dispensations

None

93. Minutes 17 February 2025

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

94. Car Parking/Traffic

Committee members were joined by Tim Phelps (Henley's Coaches) to discuss the ongoing issues of parking and traffic congestion in Abertillery and the surrounding areas. The following motions were put forward: -

Motion 1: The Committee **RESOLVED** for the clerks to invite a representative from Gwent Police, BGCGC and Tillery Street school campus to attend Tillery Street campus at school drop off and collection times to address the issue of congestion and look at possible solutions. Barrie Page (Chair) and Rob Phillips, committee member, will be attending as representatives of the PlaCE committee.

Motion 2: The Committee **RESOLVED** to invite ALCC Youth Representatives to attend the site visits at Tillery Street campus.

Motion 3: The Committee **RESOLVED** to ask BG CBC that the car park at Foundry Bridge is changed to 24-hour use and that better signage is placed around the town showing its location.

Motion 4: The Committee **RESOLVED** that clerks contact BG CBC Highways department and request that yellow hatched boxes are painted on the roads and at the junction of Foundry Bridge and the access road to the car park at the side of the Post Office. Also, at the junction of Somerset Street and Commercial Street. Both of these areas suffer from obstruction by illegal parking. Parking on yellow hatched lines is an

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enforceable offence. If unsuccessful, the clerks can contact BGCBC to request that an enforcement sign or camera is installed as further deterrents.

Motion 5: The Committee **RESOLVED** for clerks to speak to BGCBC with a view to making Gladstone Street and Oak Street one-way traffic to ease flow, with a stop sign at the junction of Gladstone Street, Alma Street and Station Hill.

Councillor Ralph Henderson (MBE) left the meeting at 18.40pm.

Motion 6: The Committee **RESOLVED** for the clerks to ask BGCBC if Alexandra Road and Richmond Road and Castle Street and Vivien Street are made one-way traffic.

Motion 7: The Committee **RESOLVED** for the clerks to ask BGCBC if they can schedule waste and recycling collections to avoid peak times, i.e. school runs.

Motion 8: The Committee **RESOLVED** for the clerks to ask JobCentrePlus that their building on Portland Street opens its car park to visitors if they have proof of an appointment. At present, the car park is for staff only and visitors are parking on double yellow lines and causing traffic congestion and blocking access to garages.

Motion 9: The Committee **RESOLVED** for the clerks to ask BGCBC to investigate whether it is possible to change the junction at Alma Street (also known as Station Road/Hill), Abertillery, so that traffic coming down the hill has priority access when joining Castle Street.

Motion 10: The Committee **RESOLVED** for the clerks to ask BGCBC to send a parking enforcement officer to a PlaCE meeting so they can ask questions on how Abertillery and the surrounding areas are managed.

95. Date of Next Meeting

As needed.

The meeting ended at 7:24pm

These minutes were produced by Erika Davies (Deputy Clerk).

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

Dated:.....