

**MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE LEISURE AND TOURISM COMMITTEE OF
ABERTILLERY AND LLANHILLETH COMMUNITY COUNCIL HELD ON 30 July 2025 AT
10:00 am in the Council Offices, Mitre Street, Abertillery**

PRESENT:

Councillors: Tracey Dyson (Chair), Steve Bard, Lucy Harmer, Ralph Henderson MBE, Josh Rawcliffe,

Officers: Steve Edwards (Clerk), Erika Davies (Deputy Clerk), Molly Jones (Deputy Clerk)

Absent: Mark Lewis, Ben Owen-Jones, Barrie Page.

Public; Chris Hill, Rob Vaughan and Liz Smith from Six Bells Tennis Club for item 26(1)

23. Apologies for absence

Mark Lewis, Ben Owen-Jones, Barrie Page.

24. Declarations of interest or dispensations

None.

25. Minutes – 9 May

The Committee **RESOLVED** that the minutes from 9 May 2025 were a correct record, with the following amendments

- Steve Bard was absent
- Ralph Henderson had sent his apologies

Chris Hill, Rob Vaughan and Liz Smith from Six Bells Tennis Club entered the meeting at 10:14

26. Loneliness Project

1. The Committee **RESOLVED** to pay £1,600 to Six Bells Tennis Club towards the heating, cleaning and hire of log cabin for the pensioner and widow group (Local Government (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act 1976 s19). There were some concerns with this grant application. That it seems Six bells Tennis Club was paying Six Bells Tennis Club and that this was not the first year for this grant application, where Loneliness Project Grants are intended to start groups up.

The Grant was approved with the following caveats:- That any further grants for the hire of the log cabin will have to come from specific groups who were using it, the Councils Officers could help groups set up constitutions and bank accounts. There will be a 12 weekly report from the Tennis Club on the use of the Log Cabin.

Chris Hill, Rob Vaughan and Liz Smith from Six Bells Tennis Club left the meeting at 10:20.

2. The Committee **RESOLVED** to pay £1,200 to Llanhilleth Miners Institute to cover the costs of live musical entertainment for 12 months of lunch clubs (Local Government Act 1972 s145). This will be drawn down over the course of the next 12 months as invoices are raised.

27. Six Bells Park

The Committee **RESOLVED** that turf at Six Bells Park that was laid as part of the centenary celebrations be removed and relocated to Adferiad, Godwyn Hall, Llanhilleth for the Community Gardens there. Jos Rawcliffe will facilitate.

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The Committee **RESOLVED** to purchase wild flower seeds to plant in place of the turef and restore the area to a wildflower area..

28. 2025/2026 Budget

The Committee would have the same budget as this year for

- Party in the Park - £10,000
- Cinema Programme - £10,000
- Llanhilleth Party in the Park - £5,000
- Ras Draphont Run - £10,000
- Loneliness Project - £7,500

The Leisure and Tourism Committee would also like

- A Welsh language event in Six Bells Park - £,4000
- A one day event at Brynithel Rugby Club - £4,000

The Clerk stated that this Committee was now responsible for all live events.

29. Review of Events.

- **Six Bells Centenary.** The feedback had been very good and the Community would like another event next year. The event came in within budget
- **Annual Party in the Park (Abertillery).** The event went well, there are concerns about heavy handed security and if the inflatables were good value for money. The event came in within budget.
- **Ras Draphont Run.** Very good feedback, increased participation and enjoyable community day in outlaying part of the Community Council area. The event came in within budget.

30. Date of next meeting

5th Sept 2025 at 5pm

The meeting ended at 10:59 am

Minutes produced by Steve Edwards, Clerk.

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

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