

**MEETING OF THE PLANNING, COMMERCE AND ENVIRONMENT (PlaCE) COMMITTEE
OF ABERTILLERY AND LLANHILLETH COMMUNITY COUNCIL HELD ON 8 September
2025 AT 6:00PM at the Council Offices, Mitre Street, Abertillery.**

PRESENT

Councillors: Barrie Page (Chair), Peter Adamson, Ralph Henderson (MBE), Chris Hill, Rob Phillips, Josh Rawcliffe and Nick Simmons.

Officers: Steve Edwards (Clerk) and Molly Jones (Deputy Clerk).

Absent: Mark Lewis,

Other: Neal Hirst (TAFY)

20. Apologies for Absence

None

21. Declarations of Interest or Dispensations

None

22. Minutes 28 May 2025

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

23. Town In Bloom

Neal Hirst gave out a written report and a brief update.

- The metal bands from some barrels have fallen down. This was due to the hot weather shrinking the wood in the barrels. A solution is to screw the metal bands to the wood.
- There had been a trial of raising planters in Roseheyworth to stop sheep eating the plants. There was no conclusion as there had been less sheep in general and even the ground floor planters had remained un-eaten this year
- There are issues in Swffryd with the planters at bus stops being used as litter bins and plants being taken from the planters.
- 3 hanging baskets had fallen to the ground, Neal thought this was because of human intervention rather than any issues with the baskets themselves. When the baskets are removed at the end of October a check of the condition of the hooks and chains will be made.
- It was confirmed that all planters have the same amount of money spent on them.

A motion from Peter Adamson to move two planters from the church to opposite the bus stops in Abertillery was defeated.

The Committee **RESOLVED** the following:

- Two new planters be purchased and placed at the corner of the Dutch Courage Tattoo shop, opposite the main bus stops in Abertillery High Street.
- Two tubs that were previously community owned in Aberbeeg are moved to Cwmtillery as the community group in Aberbeeg no longer wish to look after them.

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Neal Hirst left the meeting.

24. Local Development Plan Working Group.

The Committee **RESOLVED** to set up a working group to look at the Local Development Plan and the Placemaking Plan. Nick Simmons, Rob Phillips, Chris Hill and Ralph Henderson will form the group.

The Clerk stated that the working group could invite anyone to its meetings as the working group did not have any decision making powers delegated to it.

The working group will report back to Committee in due course.

The Chair adjourned the meeting at 6:55 pm for a comfort break.

Meeting resumed at 6:59 pm

25. Defibrillators

There is provision in the current budget for 2 new defibrillators in our area. The Committee **RESOLVED** the following priority for new defibrillator units and for officers to action the placing of the units.

1. Carpenters Arms, St Illtyds
2. Shore Martial Arts Club, Llanhilleth
3. Corner Club, Abertillery
4. Mount Pleasant Inn

26. Budget 2026/27

The Committee agreed the following draft budget for 2026/2027

Town in Bloom £15,000

Town in Bloom Maintenance £1,000

Town in Bloom Community Involvement £3,000

Wales in Bloom £8,000 (up from £750)

Grant funding for Ffrindiau Tyleri for Town Centre Events £10,000

Allotments £800

Two new Defibrillators £3,500

Maintenance of Defibrillators £1,500

Community Asset Transfers (CAT) £1,000 (The officers to check with BGCBC if any CATS were possible, if not this budget line to be set to zero).

Community Transport £1,500 (Reduced from £2,500)

27. Date of Next Meeting

31st October 2025

The meeting ended at 7:32 pm

These minutes were produced by Steve Edwards (Clerk).

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

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