

**MEETING OF THE FULL COUNCIL OF ABERTILLERY AND LLANHILLETH  
COMMUNITY COUNCIL (ALCC) HELD ON 26 June 2024 AT 7.00pm  
in the Council Chamber at Council Offices, Mitre Street, Abertillery.**

**PRESENT**

**Councillors:** Tracey Dyson (Chair); Peter Adamson; Steve Bard; Bruno Goes Maciel; Lucy Harmer; Ralph Henderson; Chris Hill; Barrie Page; Nick Simmons; Glyn Smith; Rob Phillips.

**Via Video Link:** Ben Owen-Jones, Mark Lewis.

**Apologies:** Michaela Assiratti; Wayne Lewis; Josh Rawcliffe (Vice Chair); Graham White.

**Absent:** Mike Whatley; Bernard Wall.

**Officers:** Steve Edwards (Clerk); Molly Jones (Deputy Clerk).

**32. Apologies for absence**

Apologies were received from Michaela Assiratti, Wayne Lewis, Josh Rawcliffe and Graham White.

**33. Declarations of Interest and Dispensations**

Chris Hill declared an interest in respect of agenda item 6, as Chair of Six Bells Park.

**34. Minutes**

- a) **22 May 2024:** The Council **RESOLVED** to make the following amendment. Paragraph 26 – add to end of paragraph a line saying the Council will use someone else for future leaflet distributions. The Council **RESOLVED** the minutes with the amendment are a correct record.
  
- b) **Annual Meeting:** The Council **RESOLVED** to make the following amendments. Paragraph 16 – 2nd Line, amend “now” to “no”. Paragraph 23 – last bullet point. Amend 1<sup>st</sup> instance of “Peter Adamson” to “Bernard Wall”. The Council **RESOLVED** the minutes with the amendments are a correct record.
  
- c) **Extraordinary Meeting 12 June 2024.** The Council **RESOLVED** the minutes as aS correct record.

**35. May Bank Reconciliation**

Nick Simmons presented the May 2024 bank reconciliation with no issues found. The Council **RESOLVED** to approve the May 2024 bank reconciliation.

**36. Insurance Renewal**

The Clerk explained that the officers had investigated different insurance quotes and that the renewal quote from Zurich was the cheapest.

Council **RESOLVED** to agree to renew the insurance policy with Zurich at a cost of £1,473.59

Chris Hill left the meeting.

**37. Six Bells Park Toilets**

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The Clerk explained that an annual grant of £1,740 had been agreed on at the Full Council meeting on 28 June 2023. This grant was not included on the budget for 2024-2025, since it came under the 'Council grants' budget line last year. He recommended that Council agree the annual grant and to put in a new budget line for Six Bells Toilets. The Council **RESOLVED** to pay the annual grant of £1,740 (Local Govt (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act 1976) to Six Bells Tennis Club and to add a new budget line for Six Bells Toilets.

Steve Bard wanted the Finance Committee with the Officers to review all annual grants to ensure all were captured in next years budget and that they are giving value for money.

Chris Hill returned to the meeting.

### **38. Council grant criteria form**

Council **RESOLVED** to accept the amendment to keep item 4 on the grant criteria form.

There was a discussion concerning the grant limit and a need to clarify what exceptional circumstances actually meant. No decision was made on what exceptional circumstances meant.

Council **RESOLVED** to accept the motion as amended to accept the recommended changes, but to retain item 4, and to set the grant limit to £1,000. Small grants should now be dealt with via the Ward Grants process.

### **39. Finance Committee**

Council **RESOLVED** to co-opt Councillors Mike Whatley and Bruno Goes Maciel onto the Finance Committee. They will have 12 months to complete their required Finance Training.

### **40. Youth Councillors**

Cllr Tracey Dyson introduced the idea of co-opting two youth councillors (aged 15-25) onto Council. They would have equal standing as other members of Council, but would not be allowed to vote.

Council agreed that this would be a great opportunity for local youth and would provide a youth perspective for Council to consider. A few issues were discussed that would need to be considered in the process:

- Any safeguarding issues that would arise
- If we could pay transport costs
- What would the Term of Office be.

Council **RESOLVED**, as per the Local Government (Wales) Measure 2011 sections 118 and 119, for officers to begin implementing the process of co-opting two youth councillors onto the Council.

### **41. Date of next meeting**

31<sup>st</sup> July 2024 at 7pm

*The meeting ended at 7:44pm*

*Minutes produced by Steve Edwards, Clerk and Molly Jones, Deputy Clerk*

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

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