

**MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE FINANCE AND GRANTS COMMITTEE OF ABERTILLERY AND LLANHILLETH COMMUNITY COUNCIL (ALCC) HELD ON 7 July 2021 at 6:00pm in the Council Chamber Mitre Street, Abertillery**

**PRESENT: Councillors:**

Gary Oakley (Chair), Beverley Lucas, Allen Rees, Nick Simmons.

**Officers:** Steve Edwards - Clerk

**Others:** None

**ABSENT:** Mark Lewis, Perry Morgan, Glyn Smith

**1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE AND WELCOMES**

Apologies from Mark Lewis and Perry Morgan

**2. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST.**

No Declarations of Interest.

The Clerk clarified that as the Chair of Council was attending the meeting then under the LGA Act 1972 and notwithstanding the Councils own standing Orders then the Chair of Council would Chair this Committee as the law took precedence over standing orders.

**3. REVIEW OF 2021/2022 BUDGET AMOUNTS**

The Chair went through the budget line by line and discussions were had concerning any recommendations that would be taken to Full Council.

The Committee **RESOLVED** that the following recommendations be taken to full Council.

- a. The Training budget be left at £900 but reviewed in the next quarter once Council had conducted a co-option process and knew how many new Councillors it would then have.
- b. The budget for BGCBC Youth workers be reduced from £54,000 to £32,644
- c. The budget for the Space Café be reduced from £40,000 to £21,000
- d. The budget for Defibrillators be increased from £1,000 to £6,000 this would enable Council to purchase a further 2 Public Access Defibrillators and continue a maintenance programme for existing units
- e. The budgets for Winterfest, Ffrindiau Tyleri and Rock and Blues festival to remain in place until further clarification on if these events would take place. Was received.
- f. The War Memorial Budget be increased from £1,500 to £5,000 to cover the cost of upgrade work of the lighting, installation of Benches, cleaning of stonework and re-alignment of flower beds.

The net effect of these recommendations would decrease the Councils budget for 2021/2022 by £31,856 which will be treated as contingency funds.

The meeting ended at 6:40 pm.

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

*NB these minutes are a summary of the proceedings and record of the decisions taken. They are not intended to be a verbatim record.*

*Minutes produced by Steve Edwards, Clerk*