

**MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE LEISURE AND TOURISM COMMITTEE OF
ABERTILLERY AND LLANHILLETH COMMUNITY COUNCIL HELD ON 25 July 2024 AT
6.00pm in the Council Offices, Mitre Street, Abertillery**

PRESENT:

Councillors: Tracey Dyson (Chair), Ben Owen-Jones (Via Video Link) Mark Lewis, Lucy Harmer Barrie Page and Josh Rawcliffe.

Officers: Steve Edwards (Clerk).

Absent: Michaela Assiratti, Steve Bard, Ralph Henderson.

14. Apologies for absence and welcomes

Michaela Assiratti and Steve Bard.

15. Declarations of interest or dispensations

None.

16. Minutes – 2 May 2024

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

17. Christmas Lights

The Clerk gave an update. The main issue is the faulty socket at the corner of Somerset Street that powers the lighting down from the DIY shop. A local electrician had been to investigate but had not found any issue. The Officers will continue investigating a solution and the Committee asked that Rob Phillips be involved because of his expertise on lighting.

18. Party in the Park and Fun Run 2024

- Party in the Park was a very successful event. The event will be under budget and planning is under way for next year's event.
- Fun was a successful day despite not having the best of weather. There are some lessons learned to be carried forward to next years planning and organizing. There is likely to be a £1,000 overspend but this is because of a lastminute cost to remove fly typing rubbish, dispose of a wasp nest and cut back foliage along the route.

19. War Memorial

The Clerk reported that we have had a quote of £7,644 but the work could not be carried out until March 2025. He said there was only a limited number of companies nationally that can carry out this work on a Grade II site. The officers are also speaking to a company based in Brecon and we are waiting on a quote for the work.

20. Llanhilleth RFC Party in the Park

The Committee **RESOLVED** to pay the £5,000 grant to Off the Streets to help run the event. The Committee would now want to see a breakdown on how the £5,000 is used and a report brought back to the Committee.

21. Loneliness Project

The Committee **RESOLVED** to agree the grant request of £1,600 to Six Bells Tennis Club for running costs for a local pensioners group.

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22. Cinema Programme Update

Tracey Dyson provided a verbal update on the Summer Cinema Programme. There had been no attendees for the first autism showing. The Committee agreed to write to the National Autism Society to try and get wider participation and advertise what we were doing.

Off the streets had taken over 50 people from the far end of Community Council area and bused them into sessions. This is highly successful element of the project.

A full debrief will take place at the end of the programme.

23. Date of next meeting

As needed.

The meeting ended at 6:40pm.

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

Dated

Minutes produced by Steve Edwards, Clerk.