

**MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE PEOPLE AND COMMUNITIES COMMITTEE OF  
ABERTILLERY AND LLANHILLETH COMMUNITY COUNCIL HELD ON 30 January 2024  
AT 6.00pm in the Council Offices, Mitre Street, Abertillery**

**PRESENT:**

**Councillors:** Tracey Dyson (Chair), Steve Bard, Mark Lewis, Barrie Page and Josh Rawcliffe.

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

**Apologies:** Michaela Assiratti.

**Absent:** Ben Owen-Jones.

**35. Apologies for absence and welcomes**

Apologies were received from Michaela Assiratti.

**36. Declarations of interest or dispensations**

None.

**37. Minutes – 10 October 2023**

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

**38. St. David's Day 2024 concert arrangements**

The concert is to take place on Friday 1<sup>st</sup> March 2024 at 7pm in St. Michael's Church. Officers to confirm arrangements with Father Dominic.

**39. Party in the Park**

It was agreed that a Sub-Committee will be established to arrange Party in the Park, with the following members:

- Tracey Dyson
- Michaela Assiratti
- Joshua Rawcliffe
- Steve Bard
- Hannah Webley
- Molly Jones

As per the Parish and Community Councils (Committees) Regulations 1990, Hannah Webley and Molly Jones will have voting rights in this Sub-Committee.

**40. Fun Run**

Deferred to next meeting due to absence of the project lead, Ben Owen-Jones.

**41. Christmas Lights 2023 review**

The Committee **RESOLVED** for the Clerk to write a review to Blachere Illuminations regarding this year's Christmas lights central contract.

The Committee agreed that Blachere Illuminations had done an excellent job with only a few issues:

- The Committee **RESOLVED** to remove the GOBO from the Abertillery Institute wall from the contract.
- The Committee **RESOLVED** to remove a motif on Church Street which was blocking a Blaenau Gwent football counter from the contract.
- The Committee **RESOLVED** to consider the placement of a lit Christmas tree in Abertillery town as part of next year's contract.

The Committee also **RESOLVED** to authorise officers to investigate getting a faulty socket on Somerset Street repaired by a local electrician.

**42. War Memorial. To agree a scope of works for tender**

The Committee **RESOLVED** to delegate to officers to put a two-part tender out regarding the railings and paving in the War Memorial. The railings and gate are to be stripped back, cleared of rust and painted. The paving is to be replaced due to it being uneven and slippery, causing a potential hazard.

**43. Loneliness Project Application – Friends of Bethany**

The Committee **RESOLVED** to award a grant of £420 to Friends of Bethany for the provision of Twilio and refreshments for their coffee morning and choir.

**44. Date of next meeting**

TBC.

The meeting ended at 6:45pm.

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

*Minutes produced by Molly Jones, Deputy Clerk.*