

MEETING OF THE COMMUNITY EMPOWERMENT COMMITTEE OF ABERTILLERY AND LLANHILLETH COMMUNITY COUNCIL HELD ON 1 December 2025 AT 5:30 pm at the Council Offices, Mitre Street, Abertillery and via video conferencing (Zoom).

PRESENT

Councillors: Barrie Page (Chair), Peter Adamson and Josh Rawcliffe.

Officers: Erika Davies (Deputy Clerk), Molly Jones (Deputy Clerk).

Absent: Tracey Dyson, Lucy Harmer, Ben Owen-Jones and Bruno Gôes Maciel.

38. Apologies for absence

None.

39. Declarations of interest or dispensations

Josh Rawcliffe declared a prejudicial interest in agenda item 4. He is a school governor for Abertillery Learning Community.

Barrie Page declared a prejudicial interest in agenda item 4. He is a school governor for St. Illtyd's Primary School.

40. Minutes of Previous Meeting – 30 October 2025

The Committee **RESOLVED** that the minutes were a true and correct record with the following amendments –

- Change the budget line for BGCBC Detached Youth Team to £65,000
- Change the budget line for Off the Streets to £65,000

41. Extra-Curricular School Transport Funding

The Committee **RESOLVED** to refer a decision on this item to Full Council, as the meeting would not be quorate to vote on the allocation.

42. Councillor Surgeries Update

Cllr Barrie Page provided an update on the recent Councillor Surgery he attended with Blaenau Gwent County Borough Councillors Jo Wilkins and Malcolm Day, and officers from Gwent Police. One member of the public attended the surgery.

Deputy Clerk Erika Davies provided feedback from a Community Engagement training webinar she had recently attended which suggested that 'Councillor Coffee Mornings' may be a better way to advertise these surgeries to gain more public interest. Cllr Barrie Page will feed this back to Blaenau Gwent Councillors.

43. Resolution to Exclude the Press and Public

The Committee **RESOLVED** that, by virtue of The Public Bodies (Admission to Meetings) Act 1960, the press and public are excluded from discussions on the following items on the basis that disclosure thereof would be prejudicial to the public interest by reason of the confidential nature of the business to be transacted.

44. New Website

The Committee reviewed the draft version of the new Council website and provided feedback on it.

The Committee **RESOLVED** to recommend to Full Council that the new website be accepted and published as soon as practicable.

45. Date of next meeting

As needed.

The meeting ended at 6:02pm.

These minutes were produced by Molly Jones (Deputy Clerk).

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

Dated:.....