

**MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE LEISURE AND TOURISM COMMITTEE OF
ABERTILLERY AND LLANHILLETH COMMUNITY COUNCIL HELD ON 06 March 2026 at
6:32 pm in the Council Offices, Mitre Street, Abertillery**

PRESENT:

Councillors: Tracey Dyson (Chair), Lucy Harmer, Ralph Henderson MBE and Barrie Page

Officers: Erika Davies (Deputy Clerk)

Absent: Steve Bard and Ben Owen-Jones

66. Apologies for absence

Steve Bard

67. Declarations of interest or dispensations

None

68. Minutes – 30 January 2026

The Committee **RESOLVED** that the minutes from 30 January 2026 were a true and correct record.

69. Working Group Update

At the request of the Chair, agenda items 6-4 were discussed in the reverse order.

The Chair gave an overview of two working groups in this committee.

Six Bells Bi-Lingual Event

Tracey Dyson, Steve Bard, Josh Rawcliffe, Rob Vaughan (Six Bells Tennis), someone from the Bowls Club, Daniel Minty (Blaenau Gwent Community Development Officer), Sioned Davies (Chief Officer Menter Iaith Blaenau Gwent), Vikki Alexander (Welsh Language Support Officer BGCBC), Riley Overton, Erika Davies

This event is now called Six Bells Party/Parti Chwe Chloch and will take place on 16 May. After the first meeting, held on 06 February, there was some initial debate over whether there would be enough in the budget for the event to go ahead. During the second meeting on 06 March, Menter Iaith, a partner in the event, confirmed funding of up to £2500 towards entertainment for the day. There may also be an opportunity to partner with Tai Calon for additional funding. This will be confirmed at the next meeting to be held on 20 March.

Next Meeting Friday 20 March at 5:00 pm

Party in the Park

Tracey Dyson, Josh Rawcliffe, Lucy Harmer, Chris Wilkins (Abertillery Rugby Club), Hannah Rogers (AYDMS), Molly Jones.

The planning is well under way for this event and is confirmed for Saturday 13 June 12-7pm.

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70. Loneliness Project

The Committee **RESOLVED** to award a grant of £250 for Friends of Bethany to hold a Mother's Day family event on Saturday 14 March (Local Government Act 1972 s.145)

71. Ffrindiau Tyleri

At the request of Council (25/02/26), the Committee discussed the disbanding of the voluntary group Ffrindiau Tyleri and the effect it would have on residents and the town centre, with 4 of their events cancelled. The Chair explained that a £10,000 budget line has already been agreed for these events, and that it is a viable option for this committee to take over organising them. They felt that there were already enough family events taking place in spring and summer, such as the Blaenau Gwent Town Centre days, Parti Chwe Chloch Party in the Park and the Viaduct Run.

The Committee **RESOLVED** to organise and host the Halloween and Winterfest events for 2026.

The Committee asked the Deputy Clerk to set up a WhatsApp working group on the office mobile, consisting of Tracey Dyson, Lucy Harmer, Josh Rawcliffe, Barrie Page and Ralph Henderson MBE.

The meeting ended at 7:20 pm

Minutes produced by Erika Davies, Deputy Clerk.

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

Dated