

**MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE LEISURE AND TOURISM COMMITTEE OF  
ABERTILLERY AND LLANHILLETH COMMUNITY COUNCIL HELD ON 5 December 2025  
AT 5:00 pm in the Council Offices, Mitre Street, Abertillery**

**PRESENT:**

**Councillors:** Tracey Dyson (Chair), Josh Rawcliffe, Barrie Page (via video-link), Lucy Harmer and Mark Lewis.

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

**Absent:** Ralph Henderson MBE, Steve Bard and Ben Owen-Jones

**49. Apologies for absence**

Ralph Henderson MBE, Ben Owen-Jones

**50. Declarations of interest or dispensations**

None.

**51. Minutes – 07 November 2025, 26 April 2024 and 17 May 2024**

The Committee **RESOLVED** that the Leisure and Tourism minutes from 07 November 2025 were a true and correct record.

The Committee **RESOLVED** that the Party in the Park minutes from 26 April 2024 were a true and correct record.

The Committee **RESOLVED** that the Fun Run minutes from 17 May 2024 were a true and correct record.

**52. Turf at Six Bells Park**

Cllr. Rawcliffe informed the committee that he had contacted several community groups in the area to see if they would like the turf from Six Bells Park. None of them have a use for it so it will be donated to the Woodland Well-being Park in Aberbeeg in the next few weeks. Once this has been done, the wildflower seeds will be planted at Six Bells Park.

**53. Summer Cinema**

The committee reviewed the projected costings from The Met for the auditorium and screen projector. In view of these costs and the prior decision to drop from 4 showings a week to 3, the Committee **RESOLVED** to amend the budget line for the 2026 Summer Cinema Programme to £8,500 and will present this in the budget setting meeting in January.

**54. Blue Plaques**

It is too late to add a budget line in for blue plaques for 25/26 as the budget process has already been through all the proposal states and is ready to present to Council in January.

The Committee **RESOLVED** to research a suitable candidate for a blue plaque and to add a budget line in for the 26/27 financial year.

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#### **55. Christmas Motifs – Column Testing Update**

The Deputy Clerk informed the Committee that 11 of the columns used to hang our Christmas motif decorations had been identified for testing by BGCBC. All 11 columns were in Alexandra Road. There was a charge of £75 per column plus a one-off fee of £100 for the motif design. In total, ALCC must pay BGCBC £925. All columns had passed the test and were safe to use. A certificate and invoice will be issued by BGCBC in due course.

There were also five columns identified in Commercial Road, Aberbeeg. BGCBC will issue an invoice to Aberbeeg TRA, and ALCC will pay it from the Aberbeeg TRA allocated Christmas Lights budget.

#### **56. Six Bells Park - Toilets**

The Committee reviewed the report sent in by the secretary of Six Bells Park Tennis Club regarding the use of the toilets. There had been an increase of opening times over the spring and summer period. Although there is still no confirmed opening times, the Committee noted that there had been many social media posts asking for volunteers to run the kiosk at the park which would, in turn, open the toilets at the same time. The Clerk reminded the Committee that the toilets are not general public toilets and as such, should not be open all the time. Cllr. Rawcliffe commented that the installation of a new roller shutter door on the kiosk (funded by an ALCC grant) would make the opening of the kiosk a lot easier and could therefore, attract more volunteers.

#### **57. Christmas Selection Boxes**

Although AYDMS will not be performing at the Christmas Carol Concert this year (apart from a few soloists) it was agreed that ALCC would purchase sweets for the children to distribute at their concert at The Met week commencing 8<sup>th</sup> December. This was a way to say thank you for all of their participation at ALCC events throughout the year, such as, Six Bells Park Centenary and Party in the Park.

The Committee **RESOLVED** to purchase Haribo sweets instead of chocolate selection boxes this year as there were some children who had allergies and would not be able to have the chocolate. (Local Government Act 1972, s147) Cllr. Dyson will confirm numbers with the Clerk prior to purchase and distribution.

#### **58. ALCC Armistice Day Poppies and Flags**

Cllr. Mark Lewis advised the Committee that he had called into the office to collect poppies and flags for the Armistice event in Cwmtillery but the Clerk had been unable to find them. The Committee noted that notice should be given the Clerk when Councillors are wanting to call in and collect goods from the office so they can be located and put ready.

The Committee also discussed the need for more poppies and flags for 2026 so a review of what is in stock at the office will be undertaken at the end of January. The Clerk will notify councillors and any requests for additional items can be made by email and sent to the RBL in plenty of time for the Armistice events.

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**59. Date of next meeting**

As required

The meeting ended at 5:28 pm

*Minutes produced by Erika Davies, Deputy Clerk.*

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

Dated .....