

**MEETING OF THE COMMUNITY EMPOWERMENT COMMITTEE OF ABERTILLERY AND LLANHILLETH COMMUNITY COUNCIL HELD ON 2 February 2026 AT 6:00 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 Gões Maciel.

**46. Apologies for absence**

Apologies were received from Cllr Lucy Harmer and Cllr Tracey Dyson.

**47. Declarations of interest or dispensations**

None.

**48. Minutes of Previous Meeting – 1 December 2025**

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

**49. Community Engagement**

The Committee **RESOLVED** to establish a Community Engagement working group with the following members:

- Cllr Barrie Page
- Cllr Peter Adamson
- Cllr Josh Rawcliffe

The Deputy Clerks explained that a local student had reached out to the Council about completing 15 hours of community work as part of their Welsh Baccalaureate qualification. The Committee were keen for the student to get involved in establishing a community engagement plan.

The Committee **RESOLVED** to invite the student to join the Community Engagement working group.

**50. Winter 2026 Newsletter**

The Committee **RESOLVED** to publish the Winter 2026 Newsletter with one amendment; to change the image of sweets for AYDMS to a different image.

**51. New Website**

The Committee were pleased that the website switch went smoothly and has been a success.

The Committee **RESOLVED** for officers to send a letter to Her Web Solutions thanking them for their hard work on the website.

**52. New Website – Projects & Local Groups**

The Committee agreed that the Projects page should display information about projects such as biodiversity, Bridges car scheme, Town in Bloom and detached youth work funding.

The Committee agreed that the Local Groups page should link to the Blaenau Gwent In This Together website and the Dewis website which both map local groups and services. They discussed the possibility of a contact form for groups to supply their details to be published.

Officers will bring drafts of the webpages for the Committee to review at their next meeting.

**53. Date of next meeting**

As needed.

The meeting ended at 6:35pm.

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

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

Dated:.....