

**MEETING OF THE PLANNING, COMMERCE AND ENVIRONMENT (PlaCE) COMMITTEE  
OF ABERTILLERY AND LLANHILLETH COMMUNITY COUNCIL HELD ON 13 February  
2026 AT 6:00 PM at the Council Offices, Mitre Street, Abertillery.**

**PRESENT**

**Councillors:** Barrie Page (Chair), Peter Adamson, Richard Catlin, Ralph Henderson (MBE), Chris Hill, Mark Lewis (via video-link), Josh Rawcliffe

**Officers:** Steve Edwards (Clerk)

**Absent:** Nick Simmons and Rob Phillips

**56. Apologies for Absence** Josh

Nick Simmons and Rob Phillips

**57. Declarations of Interest or Dispensations** None

**58. Minutes – 8 December 2025**

The Committee **RESOLVED** to confirm the minutes as a true and correct record.

**59. Planning (standing item)**

The Planning application for “The Stute” was noted. The Committee also discussed the lack of information concerning the old library

**60. Biodiversity Action Plan**

The Committee were pleased with the current progress and a number of areas that it included. There was some discussion around biodiversity in grave yards against the desire of some families to keep area neat and tidy.

There was ongoing groundworks being carried out by Blaenau Gwent County Council at the Roseheyworth Woodlands.

There is no formal reports on the biodiversity impacts from the planned Wind Farms in the Council area.

**61. Defibrillators**

There is a new unit at the Council offices which is due to be installed at the Mount Pleasant Inn at Brynithel.

The cabinet at Six Bells Park was not working

The Committee will also look at future CPR training which could include First Aid and if this could be pushed out to Community Groups

**62. Blaenau Gwent Heritage Forum**

The Forum meets monthly. After reviewing the job description for representatives the Committee **RESOLVED** that we continue to attend the Heritage Forum and Ralph Henderson replaces Barrie Page as one of the two representatives, Peter Adamson being the other.

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**63. Town In Bloom**

Off the Streets has now taken over ten tubs and are in the process of involving the kids in the planting of the them.

The Committee **RESOLVED** to have the 6 Ffrindiau Tyleri Tubs outside “The Stute” taken back into the Central Contract following the decision of Ffrindiau Tyleri to cease.

**64. Subway Mural**

The Clerk gave an update. There is already extensive damage to the mural and the Officers will get a quote for the repair work approximately £1,000.

The painting work was now taking place on the facias into both sides of the subway.

**65. Wales in Bloom**

Ralph Henderson gave a brief update

- There is now about 60 people involved across the various sites
- The project is looking at additional funding from GAVO and any residual SPF money
- TAFY could be involved with the area around “The Stute”
- The main areas are Llanhilleth Institute, Six Bells, Café Tyleri, Aberbeeg, St Micheals Church, “The Stute”, the War Memorial area, the terrace at Anvil Court – volunteers are being used in the individual areas.
- Green and White are the corporate colours.
- The project is looking at what can be done at the Arcade in Abertillery

**66. Community Energy**

The Committee agreed we should be looking at projects to install renewable energy, hydro, solar, or wind at a local level. There needs to be a formal project setup to identify a site to establish a proof concept first installation

**67. Date of Next Meeting**

TBA

The meeting ended at 7:40 pm

*These minutes were produced by Steve Edwards (Clerk).*

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

Dated:.....