

**MEETING OF THE FULL COUNCIL OF ABERTILLERY AND LLANHILLETH
COMMUNITY COUNCIL (ALCC) HELD ON 24 June 2026 at 7.00 pm in the
Council Chamber at Council Offices, Mitre street, Abertillery.**

PRESENT

Councillors: Lucy Harmer, (Chair), Josh Rawcliffe (Vice Chair) Peter Adamson, Steve Bard, Ivor Beynon, Richard Catlin, Tracey Dyson (via video link) Ralph Henderson MBE from 7:05 , Chris Hill, (via video link), Mark Lewis (via video link), Barrie Page, Rob Phillips and Nick Simmons.

Absent: Frankie Baker, Bruno Góes Maciel, Ben Owen-Jones, Bernard Wall, Graham White, Mike Whatley, Riley Overton (Youth Rep) and Jackson Powell (Youth Rep)

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

52. Apologies for Absence

53. Bernard Wall, Mike Whatley and Jackson Powell (Youth Rep)

54. Declarations of Interest and Dispensations

None. Rob Phillips asked to confirm that he didn't have to declare an interest in item 10 "Ffrindiau Tyleri Funds" as Ffrindiau Tyleri no longer existed. The Clerk confirmed this.

55. Public Questions

There were no public questions.

56. Minutes 27 May 2026

Council **RESOLVED** the minutes for 27 May 2026 were a true and correct record.

57. Council Grant Applications

Council **RESOLVED** to award the following grants.

Ralph Henderson joined the meeting.

- Abertillery Town Cricket Club - £2,500 to establish and grow a sustainable women's cricket section. (Local Government (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act 1976, s.19).
- Zion Miners Chapel - £2221 to install a new toilet, fit new flooring in the kitchen and purchase a new cooker for the community room. (Local Government (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act 1976, s.19).
- Abertillery Royal British Legion - £700 to purchase a memorial stone and fund an unveiling event for Ted Gill. (The Local Authorities Cemeteries Order 1977 article 10 (1)(c)).

58. Annual Return

There was a typo in the Annual RFO Report on page 3 the Banking Accounts Summary penultimate paragraph, £130.738 should be £130,738.

Council **RESOLVED** to note the Annual RFO report and to approve the Annual Return for 2025/2026.

59. Financial Regulations

Council **RESOLVED** to approve the updated Financial Regulations first put before Council at the 20 May 2026 meeting.

60. Insurance Renewal.

Following a query if the Council had sufficient cover, the Clerk stated that we did and any Councillor could come into the office at any time to look at the full insurance schedule.. Erika Davies also clarified what the increase to £1m of the fidelity cover is, and this is not the overall insurance cover that Council has.

Council **RESOLVED** to agree the renewal of the insurance cover with the increased fidelity cover to £1m with an annual premium of £1255.04. The decision of the increase to cover any hire of the assets transferred from Ffrindiau Tyleri is deferred until Council has agreed a hire policy and process for that equipment.

61. Chamber Microphone System

The Council **RESOLVED** to defer this item pending the outcome of the Clerks meeting with Blaenau Gwent County Borough Council on 2nd July concerning the future of the Mitre Street building.

62. Ffrindiau Tyleri Funds

Council **RESOLVED** to move the £3548.98 received from Ffrindiau Tyleri to the Leisure and Tourism Committee events budget, to be used on town centre events in 2026/2027

Council **RESOLVED** to the principle that it would hire the assets it received from Ffrindiau Tyleri to Community Groups. The Officers will draw up a policy and options to bring back to Council.

63. Asset register

Council **RESOLVED** to note the updated Asset Register.

64. Committee Minutes

The Minutes of the HR Sub Committee of 13 April 2026 had not been included to note. They will be included at the next meeting.

The Council noted the following confirmed minutes

Leisure and Tourism Committee 10 April 2026

PlaCE Committee 8 May February 2026

Ivor Beynon mentioned a forthcoming event at Ebenezer Baptist Church.

Tracey Dyson, asked that in light of the sad events of the death of a 14 year old girl in Blaina Council should hold a 2 minutes silence as mark of respect.

Council held a two minute silence

Steve Bard raised a point of order, that irrespective of the merits of any particular item, things should not be raised in the meeting that not were not on the Agenda or had not been agreed by the Chair and Clerk prior to the meeting starting.

65. Date of Next Meeting

29 July 2026 at 7pm

The meeting ended at 7:44 pm.

Minutes produced by Steve Edwards, Clerk

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

Date.....

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