



**THE COMMUNITY COUNCIL OF ABERTILLERY & LLANHILLETH  
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**NOTICE OF MEETING**

22 July 2026

Dear Councillor

You are summoned to attend a meeting of Abertillery and Llanhilleth Community Council, to be held in the Council Chamber, Council Offices Mitre Street and via video conferencing (Zoom) on **Wednesday 29 July 2026 at 7.00pm**. The agenda for the meeting is set out below.

Meetings of community councils in Wales are normally open to the public (except those parts of any meeting that discuss confidential matters). Public access to the Abertillery and Llanhilleth Community Council chamber is very limited but any member of the public who wishes to attend this meeting via Zoom should contact the council via the email address above.

Yours faithfully

Steve Edwards  
Clerk

**AGENDA**

- 1. Apologies for absence**
- 2. Declarations of interest or dispensations**
- 3. Minutes: 24 June 2026 (papers attached)**
- 4. Public Questions (standing order 3f)**
- 5. Council Grant Applications (papers attached)**

There is currently £6,869 remaining in the Council Grants budget.

Council to consider the following grant requests:

- Zion Miners Chapel - £2,500 for food, equipment and running costs for various groups. (Local Government (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act 1976, s.19). *This is referred from the Leisure and Tourism Committee, and was originally a Loneliness Project application.*
- Ebenezer Baptist Church - £3,000 towards refreshments, equipment and training materials for various groups. (Local Government (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act 1976, s.19). *This is referred from the Leisure and Tourism Committee, and was originally a Loneliness Project application*
- Blaenau Gwent Play team - £1,550 to support additional staff for the Play in the Park scheme (Local Government (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act 1976, s.19).

- North Gwent Table Tennis Club - £1,500 to improve equipment and support a coach for the junior setup (Local Government (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act 1976, s.19).
- Hospice of the Valleys - £500 to sponsor their Christmas Concert in The Met (Local Government Act 1972 s137)

**6. School Transport Grant (Extra-Curricular) (papers attached)**

To agree the following grant request ((Local Government Act 1972 s137):

- St Illtyd's Primary School - £1,666

**7. Clerks Retirement**

To note the date of the Clerks retirement and authorise the HR Committee, under their delegated authority, to carry out all required recruitments to maintain current staffing levels.

**8. Solar Farm Grant update**

Verbal update from the Clerk.

**9. Mitre Street (papers attached)**

To discuss and agree Council options concerning the future of the Mitre Street Offices.

**10. Awards evening/Wales in Bloom**

Verbal update from Cllr Ralph Henderson MBE.

To agree the following motion:

Council to use £2,000 from general reserves to fund a Community awards evening (Local Government Act 1972 s137)

**11. CiLCA Pay award**

Council to agree a spine point increase for the Deputy Clerks on completion of the Certificate in Local Council Administration, as per the terms of their contracts.

**12. Bank Reconciliation (Papers attached)**

Council to note and authorise the signed bank reconciliations for May and June 2026.

**13. Q1 Budget Outturn (Papers attached)**

Council to note the Q1 budget outturn.

**14. Civility and Respect pledge (Papers attached)**

The Finance and Governance Committee recommend that the Council sign up to the new Civility and Respect pledge

**15. Community Areas Electoral Review (papers attached)**

Council to review and agree any response to the Blaenau Gwent proposals.

**16. Councillor Vacancy**

Council to note the Cwmtillery Ward Councillor Vacancy.

**17. Hire Policy (Papers Attached)**

Council to agree the principles of Community use of Council equipment and agree the Hiring Policy.

**18. Rail Spur – Motion from Cllr Chris Hill**

Council to agree to support an Abertillery Rail Spur and an Abertillery Rail Station.

**19. Vivian Street Playground**

Council to agree to investigate taking over the disused playground area at Vivian Street from Blaneau Gwent County Borough Council.

**20. Committee Minutes (papers attached)**

To note the following confirmed minutes:

- Community Empowerment Committee – 10 April 2026
- HR Sub-Committee – 13 April 2026
- Finance & Governance Committee – 15 May 2026
- PlaCE Committee – 1 June 2026
- Leisure & Tourism Committee – 2 June 2026
- Leisure & Tourism Committee – 26 June 2026

**21. Date of Next Meeting**

23 September 2026 at 7pm (Solar Farm Grant meeting)