

**MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE LEISURE AND TOURISM COMMITTEE OF
ABERTILLERY AND LLANHILLETH COMMUNITY COUNCIL HELD ON 02 June 2026 at
6:04 pm in the Council Offices, Mitre Street, Abertillery**

PRESENT:

Councillors: Tracey Dyson (Chair), Lucy Harmer, Barrie Page, Josh Rawcliffe, Ralph Henderson MBE, Frankie Baker and Chris Hill (via video-link).

Youth Representative: Jackson Powell

Officers: Erika Davies (Deputy Clerk).

Absent: Steve Bard and Ben Owen-Jones.

1. Apologies for absence

None

2. Declarations of interest or dispensations

None

3. Minutes – 10 April 2026

The Committee **RESOLVED** that the minutes from 10 April 2026 were a true and correct record.

4. Public Questions

None

5. Loneliness Grant application

The Committee discussed the grant application of £3036 for the older persons lunch club and whilst they felt it was a worthwhile cause and a good long-term plan, the ethos of the Loneliness Project was to help groups start-up and not to continue to fund basic costs (i.e. staff wages). As this particular club has already been funded through Loneliness Project, an amendment was made to the motion to reduce the amount awarded by 50%. The Committee **RESOLVED** to award the grant with the following amendment –

Award 50% of the amount requested (£1518) – (Local Government (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act 1976 s.19).

6. Assets purchased for Six Bells Party/Parti Chwe Chloch

The Committee **RESOLVED** to keep the 11 x cushions, 2x throws and 1x ground sheet that were purchased for the Six Bells event. These can be used for future events and borrowed by any community groups that may need them. The Deputy Clerk advised that the rug had already been disposed of as it was beyond further use due to it being wet and muddy from the event. The banner is to be disposed of as it has the date and partners printed on it so will not be able to be used again.

7. Town Centre Events

Full Council agreed the virement of £10,000 from the Ffrindiau Tyleri budget line to the Leisure & Tourism Committee to spend on hosting town centre events (27/06/26).

Working groups were set-up for each of the events planned.

- Summer Job Fair – Tracey Dyson, Josh Rawcliffe, Lucy Harmer, Ralph Henderson MBE and Steve Edwards (Clerk).

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- Halloween – Tracey Dyson, Josh Rawcliffe, Frankie Baker, Ralph Henderson MBE, Jackson Powell (YR) and Molly Jones (Deputy Clerk).
- Christmas – Tracey Dyson, Josh Rawcliffe, Lucy Harmer, Frankie Baker, Jackson Powell (YR) and Erika Davies (Deputy Clerk).

8. UK Town of Culture 2028

Ralph Henderson MBE commented on the amount of fantastic local talent but that not enough people know about it or the USP's of our beautiful area.

If the Community Council is successful in its bid for the UK Town of Culture 2028, focus needs to be on the arcade in Abertillery town. Thought needs to go into how the Community Council connects with Blaenau Gwent County Borough Council to link-up the area and get people working together to create amazing spaces. Heritage is key to the towns success and will go a long way to boost the local economy.

9. Date of Next meeting

As needed.

The meeting ended at 7:13 pm

Minutes produced by Erika Davies, Deputy Clerk.

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

Dated