

**MEETING OF THE PLANNING, COMMERCE AND ENVIRONMENT (PlaCE) COMMITTEE
OF ABERTILLERY AND LLANHILLETH COMMUNITY COUNCIL HELD ON 1 June 2026
AT 6:02 PM at the Council Offices, Mitre Street, Abertillery.**

PRESENT

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

Nick Simmons and Rob Phillips from 6:52 pm

Officers: Steve Edwards (Clerk)

Absent: None

14. Apologies for Absence

None

15. Declarations of Interest or Dispensations

None

16. Minutes – 8 May 2026

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

17. Public Questions

There were no public questions.

18. Planning

There were a number of discussions concerning the following:

The Community Assist Transfer of Pentrifi Tyleri and where the borders were.

The future of the Llanhilleth Pit Head Baths and the increased costs that will impact the viability of the project. The Clerk will raise this with BGCBC.

Some work activity had been reported for the Dolls House in Abertillery. There had not been any planning applications received concerning any changes of use so there was no action for Council to take.

19. Working Groups

A Working Group was set up to look reviewing empty commercial properties and absent landlords. It consists of Richard Catlin, Ralph Henderson, Chris Hill and Mark Lewis. It was agreed that a baseline map of the area showing empty properties would have to be created. A survey was previously done three years ago where a SWOT analysis had been done but this would now be out of date. It was agreed that empty residential properties would be out of scope for the time being.

A Working Group was set up to review walking trails in the area. It consists of Chris Hill, Rob Phillips, Ralph Henderson, Mark Lewis and Peter Adamson. They will look at links with the Welsh Tourist Board and BGCBC. It will also chase BGCBC to release Alyson Tippings to attend meetings.

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20. Litter

The Committee are concerned about the amount of litter that is occurring throughout our area.

Nick Simmons and Rob Phillips joined the meeting.

An idea put forward would be to provide a reward for children doing litter picking but it was pointed out that the Council had no budget line for this for 2026/27. There is also the issue in ow to deal with soiled adult nappies and needles if found.

The Clerk was asked to speak with BGCBC to see if they were aware of littering hotspots.

Members were asked to report any cases of littering to BGCBC via the official app, Nick Simmons is going to set up a Ward login and provide details to other members so they can use that rather than their own personal logins.

At this point it was street litter that the Committee were concerned with and fly-tipping is a separate issue

21. Date of Next Meeting

Monday 6th July 2026 at 7pm. The Clerk reminded the working groups that any reports/papers should be with the Clerk by 29 June to be included at the next meeting

The meeting ended at 7:09 pm

These minutes were produced by Steve Edwards (Clerk).

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

Dated:.....