

**MEETING OF THE FINANCE AND GOVERNANCE COMMITTEE OF ABERTILLERY
AND LLANHILLETH COMMUNITY COUNCIL HELD ON 17 July 2026 at 6:00 pm at the
Council Offices, Mitre Street, Abertillery.**

PRESENT

Councillors: Steve Bard (Chair), Frankie Baker, Bruno Gões Maciel, Rob Phillips, Nick Simmons, Mike Whatley

Officers: Molly Jones (Deputy Clerk).

Absent: Josh Rawcliffe

15. Apologies for Absence

Apologies were received from Cllr Josh Rawcliffe.

16. Declarations of Interest or Dispensations

None.

17. Minutes 15 May 2026

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

18. Q1 Budget Outturn

The Committee reviewed the budget outturn for quarter one of 2026-27.

A few queries were raised by members, and explained by the Deputy Clerk:

- Six Bells Party overspend – the budget shown is that which ALCC allocated for this event. Several partners contributed financially, shown in the ‘grants received’ income line.
- Salary payments – these are paid to Blaenau Gwent Council quarterly and invoices are not always received in time to be paid in the correct financial year.
- Party in the Park overspend – at the time of this outturn, a £1,000 refund was still pending for this event. The RFO also authorised spending of up to £15,000 inclusive of VAT, as a flat 20% was deducted from the event budget to reflect VAT, but many providers did not charge VAT.

The Committee **RESOLVED** to recommend to Full Council that the 2026-27 Q1 outturn be noted.

19. Civility Pledge – One Voice Wales

The Committee **RESOLVED** to recommend to Full Council that the One Voice Wales Civility and Respect Pledge be adopted.

The Committee also requested that officers investigate a procedure for any breaches of the pledge.

20. Email from Audit Wales – Information for Audit

The Committee discussed the requirements for the 2025-26 Full Audit and noted that several councils have not been submitting everything required. The Deputy Clerk confirmed that all of the documents requested by Audit Wales will be submitted.

21. Bank Reconciliation

The Committee agreed the following rota for bank reconciliations:

Initial:

Date:

May – Frankie Baker and Bruno Gões Maciel
June – Frankie Baker and Bruno Gões Maciel
July – Steve Bard and Mike Whatley
August – Josh Rawcliffe and Rob Phillips

22. Asset Register

The Deputy Clerk explained that the council is in possession of two roller banners with the wrong email address on, and that one is also broken beyond repair.

The Committee **RESOLVED** to dispose of the two roller banners from the asset register.

23. Date of Next Meeting

Friday 11th September 2026 at 6pm

The meeting ended at 6:29pm.

Minutes produced by Molly Jones, Deputy Clerk.

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

Date.....