

**MEETING OF THE FULL COUNCIL OF ABERTILLERY AND LLANHILLETH
COMMUNITY COUNCIL (ALCC) HELD ON 23 September 2026 at 7.00 pm in the
Council Chamber at Council Offices, Mitre street, Abertillery.**

PRESENT

Councillors: Lucy Harmer (Chair), Josh Rawcliffe, Peter Adamson, Frankie Baker, Steve Bard, Ivor Beynon, Richard Catlin, Bruno Góes Maciel, Ralph Henderson MBE, Mark Lewis (via video link), Ben Owen-Jones (via video link) Barrie Page (via video link), Rob Phillips, Nick Simmons, and Mike Whatley

Absent: Tracey Dyson, Chris Hill, Riley Overton (Youth Rep) and Jackson Powell (Youth Rep)

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

87. Apologies for Absence

Tracey Dyson

88. Declarations of Interest and Dispensations

The Clerk informed Council that it could not consider the request from Graham White for a 6 month dispensation from meetings, as the Officers had checked the dates of his last attendance at a Council meeting and found he had been disqualified as a Councillor under the 6 month rule from 18 September 2026.

Ivor Beynon declared a non-prejudicial interest concerning the grant application from Ebenezer Church as he is a member of the Church.

Lucy Harmer declared a non-prejudicial interest concerning the grant application from Abertillery Excelsiors as her son belongs to the club.

89. Public Questions

There were no public questions.

90. Solar Farm Grant Applications 2026

The Clerk stated that before Council consider the grant applications for 2026 the Council needed to clarify what the 5 year exclusion rule meant. The clerk presented two options.

Option 1: The five years are from the date of the payment. We had two organisations that had been paid grants in December 2021 so therefore they would be excluded from the 2026 grants process unless Council decided there were exceptional circumstances.

Option 2: If we count 2021 as year one then 2025 would be year five, therefore the two organisations would not be excluded from the 2026 grant process.

Council **RESOLVED** to adopt option 1. Therefore the applications for Abertillery Bowls Club and Abertillery Workman's Welfare Institute were excluded from the 2026 grants process as they had received Solar Farm Grant funding in December 2026.

Each Councillor was then invited to give their opinions on the remaining four applications. Once that was concluded each Councillor was asked to vote for the application they wanted to receive Solar Farm Grant Funding. Abertillery Excelsiors had a majority of the votes. SMMA received the second highest number of votes.

Council **RESOLVED** to pay the full £8,500 to Abertillery Excelsiors under Local Government (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act 1976, s.19 to install a CCTV system, shutters, 6 plastic picnic benches, and a new patio area.

Council **RESOLVED** to pay the remaining £26,500 to SMMA Junior BJJ Club under Local Government (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act 1976, s.19 to purchase a Minibus.

91. Date of Next Meeting

30 September 2026

The meeting ended at 7:33 pm.

Minutes produced by Steve Edwards, Clerk

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

Date.....