

**MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE LEISURE AND TOURISM COMMITTEE OF
ABERTILLERY AND LLANHILLETH COMMUNITY COUNCIL HELD ON 14 August 2026 at
11:39am in the Council Offices, Mitre Street, Abertillery**

PRESENT:

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

Officers: Erika Davies (Deputy Clerk) and Molly Jones (Deputy Clerk).

Absent: Steve Bard, Ralph Henderson MBE, Ben-Owen Jones, Barrie Page and Jackson Powell (Youth Representative).

Others: Adam Bourne (Black Sabbath Exhibition).

The Chair apologised for the late start, explaining that a previous meeting had overrun.

28. Apologies for absence

Ralph Henderson MBE and Barrie Page

29. Declarations of interest or dispensations

None.

30. Minutes – 10 July 2026

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

31. Public Questions (standing order 3d)

None.

32. Black Sabbath Exhibition

Adam introduced himself to the committee and explained the concept behind the Black Sabbath exhibition, entitled Ordinary Men. The exhibition is not a typical musical exhibition and will instead focus on community, artwork, author talks and, Black Sabbath songs performed by local choirs and bands. It does not plan on featuring the typical memorabilia which other exhibitions have done. Adam would like the exhibit to run for a month, possibly in June or July 2027.

At present, Adam is looking for the support of Abertillery and Llanhilleth Community Council, possible funding and contacts in the area who he could work alongside to bring the exhibition to life.

It was agreed that a list of possible contacts will be supplied by email after the meeting and Adam will provide a detailed cost breakdown of the exhibition for the committee to consider in their budget setting meeting starting in September.

33. Loneliness Project Grant Applications

The Committee **RESOLVED** to award the following grant request :

Zala Wellbeing - £1360 to create a safe space for men to focus on health and wellbeing at Kenny's Vinyl Vault (Local Government (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act 1976, s.19).

The Committee declined an application from Wyndham Vowles Community Centre (£1140 to fund a block of 12 week dance classes) as they felt the application hadn't provided sufficient

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information about the need for the project, how it will be delivered or how it could be sustained after the initial 8 week period. The Committee **RESOLVED** that the Deputy Clerk will write to the applicant, asking for a more detailed application with supporting information and a new application would be considered at a future meeting.

34. Viaduct Run

Deputy Clerk Molly Jones gave a verbal update on the 2026 event. This year was another successful event with over 135 finishers. Feedback from competitors was very good, especially for the 5 mile event, which was a new edition this year. The budget for this event was £6000 and the total spent was £6030, an underspend of £670 (£700 sponsorship was received).

The Committee **RESOLVED** to donate the £1314.50 entry fees to Sofrydd Primary School for extra-curricular activities, as in previous years.

35. Christmas Lighting Grant Applications

The Committee **RESOLVED** to award the following grant requests:

- Llanhilleth Tenants and Residents Association - £2376.02 for installation, operation and maintenance of Christmas Lighting (Local Government Act 1972 s.144)
- Ebbw Fach Community Group - £1500 for Christmas lights and associated costs in Aberbeeg Square (Local Government Act 1972 s.144)

The Committee noted that these are the only two Christmas Lighting grant applications that have been received, despite their availability being made public.

36. Event Supplies

After Abertillery and Llanhilleth Community Council attending and having a stall at recent town centre events, it became apparent that there remains a large part of the community that do not know who we are or what we do. Also, in comparison with other community projects and stalls, we were not visible or distinctive.

The Committee **RESOLVED** to authorise officers to spend up to £1,000 on branded event supplies in order to enhance the Council's profile at community events (Local Government Act 1972 s.142).

The Chair also requested that before any monies was spent, the current council logo is redesigned and asked for it to be put onto the 30 September full council agenda.

37. St. Michael's Christmas Concert 2026

A first choice date of Sunday 20 December was confirmed for the Christmas Concert with a back-up date of 13 December. Officers will contact Rachel Nemes to confirm availability and reserve the date.

38. Date of Next Meeting

As needed.

The meeting ended at 12:51 pm

Minutes produced by Erika Davies, Deputy Clerk

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

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