

**MEETING OF THE FINANCE AND GOVERNANCE COMMITTEE OF ABERTILLERY
AND LLANHILLETH COMMUNITY COUNCIL HELD ON 23 October 2026 at 6:01 pm at
the Council Offices, Mitre Street, Abertillery.**

PRESENT

Councillors: Steve Bard (Chair), Frankie Baker, Rob Phillips and Mike Whatley

Officers: Erika Davies (Deputy Clerk)

Absent: Nick Simmons, Josh Rawcliffe and Bruno Góes Maciel

32. Apologies for Absence

Apologies were received from Cllr Josh Rawcliffe

33. Declarations of Interest or Dispensations

None.

34. Minutes 11 September 2026

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

35. Public Questions

There were no public questions

36. Q2 Budget Outturn

The Deputy Clerk pointed out several budget lines that had discrepancies in the spending and wanted the Committee to be aware of.

- 1076 Precept – The second payment has been received but not logged onto Rialtas yet.
- 4000 – Staff Salary – Q2 wages had been paid after the outturn report was printed so the actual YTD did not include that payment.
- 4092 One Voice Wales Membership – The budget line shows zero but an actual YTD spend of £1765. The £1700 that should have been allocated to this budget line had been put into another budget line in error (4170 Subscriptions & Memberships). This has now been rectified.
- 4170 Subscriptions and Memberships – The budget line shows £2578 and an ATD spend of zero. This is because the OVW budget had been added to this budget line in error. This budget line is for SLCC membership and a Zoom subscription.
- 4285 Solar Farm Grant Payments – This shows an overspend of £2125 which is for the Abertillery Learning Community rugby posts grant awarded in the 25/26 financial year but not paid until the current financial year when the invoices were received.
- 4833 Six Bells Bilingual Event -This shows an overspend of £3753. £4000 of grant donations were received for this event from Menter Iaith and Tai Calon, meaning an underspend of £247.
- 4895 Environmental Projects – This shows as an overspend but £1250 has been moved from Ear Marked Reserves to pay for the Subway Mural repairs.

The Committee did not raise any issues with the outturn, felt that spending is on track and recommended that it goes before Full Council to be noted.

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37. Finance and Governance Toolkit

The Committee reviewed the documents that had been drafted as part of the Toolkit at their last meeting.

- D12 Constitution - The Deputy Clerk explained that this document belongs to another Council and only pages 1-8 are relevant. The Committee asked that Officers amend the document to reflect ALCC (remove all references to Llangollen Town Council) and bring it to the next Finance and Governance meeting for it to be reviewed.
- D25 Emergency Plans – There was some discussion about what kind of emergency plan the Council needed to draft. It was felt that the Council should be working with existing community groups, BGCBC and emergency services to get a better understanding of what is needed. The Committee want the Officers to ask Deanne Griffiths, BGCBC Joint Civil Contingencies Manager, to attend the next meeting along with a representative from the emergency services, in order to know the best way to proceed.
- Scheme of Delegation – The Committee noted that the minutes of 11 September state this should go to the HR Committee. The Committee **RESOLVED** that the document is reviewed by the HR Committee and then recommended to Full Council.

38. Date of Next Meeting

Friday 20 November 2026 at 6pm.

The meeting ended at 6:26pm

Minutes produced by Erika Davies, Deputy Clerk.

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

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