

**MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE LEISURE AND TOURISM COMMITTEE OF
ABERTILLERY AND LLANHILLETH COMMUNITY COUNCIL (ALCC) HELD ON 1 September
2021 at 12:00 Midday in the Council Chamber Mitre Street, Abertillery**

PRESENT: Councillors:

Peter Adamson, Tracey Dyson, Beverley Lucas, Rob Phillips, Allen Rees.

Officers: Steve Edwards - Clerk

Others: Phillip Tolley – Concert Secretary Orpheus Choir

ABSENT: Michaela Assiratti and Perry Morgan.

1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE AND WELCOMES

In the absence of an elected Chair the Clerk opened the meeting
Apologies from Michaela Assiratti and Perry Morgan

2. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

None

3. ELECTION OF CHAIR OF THE COMMITTEE

The Committee **RESOLVED** to elect Tracey Dyson as the Chair of the Leisure and Tourism Committee.

Tracey Dyson took over the chairing of the meeting.

4. REMEMBRANCE SUNDAY

The next two items were moved up the agenda to accommodate Phillip Tolley.

The Orpheus Choir do not perform at the Sunday event but they have performed in the past at any Commemorative Concerts that are also held.

The Clerk stated that it was now the Community Councils responsibility to plan and manage any Remembrance Sunday events and he will be setting out the arrangements in due course.

The Councils representatives to lay wreaths would be decided by full Council

5. CHRISTMAS CAROL CONCERT

Tracey Dyson reported that St Michaels Church where previous Carol Concerts had taken place is unavailable this year. The heating systems are not Covid compliant and the electrical systems would be unable to support sufficient electrical heating. The Clerk, along with Tracey Dyson and Beverley Lucas would attempt to find an alternative venue. Ebenezer Church in Abertillery and the Leisure Centre being suggested as possible alternatives. They will report

back at next meeting.

6. OVERNIGHT PARKING OF MOTORHOMES

The Committee agreed that in principle this was a good idea and one to be pursued. They thanked Beverly Lucas for her paper on the subject. Rob Phillips will head up a small working group and bring back some further ideas at a later meeting.

Peter Adamson will draft a Policy on Tourism for a future committee meeting.

7. SPLASH PAD

A Community Group had been set up to look at installing a splash pad at the old tennis courts in Abertillery Park. It is uncertain at this point in time what help Council could give or what help the Community Group would require. It was agreed to invite a member of the Community Group to a later meeting to discuss.

8. WAR MEMORIAL (Lights and Re-rendering wall)

It was agreed that an attempt to get three quotes for the repair of lights should be done by the Clerk, as we only had a single quote of £1,600 at the moment.

The Committee **RESOLVED** that it would not go ahead with any work on the re-rendering of the wall of the house that backed onto the War Memorial, instead it would look at alternatives such as trees, shrubs or lattice work archway. Tracey Dyson would begin discussions with the Royal British Legion.

9. RUBBISH BINS IN SOMERSET STREET

Tracey Dyson stated that Borough Councillor Joanne Wilkins was now dealing with this and there are plans to move the two bins, and then also bring the fencing forward to eliminate the current alcove which is used by people to dump rubbish.

The Committee wanted to explore if a bench could be put into the alcove space, as there currently wasn't any benches along that stretch of road.

10. INFORMATION PANELS AT GUARDIAN SITE.

The information panels had been vandalised. Blaenau Gwent County Borough Council were looking into repairing them. The Committee will keep a watching brief.

11. CHRISTMAS LIGHTING 2021

The issue of the Christmas Tree was discussed. The pole that had been previously used at the front of St Michael's Church was not sufficient to support a modern lit tree. The Committee wanted to investigate the possibility of a similar tree that had been erected in Newport last Christmas as they felt that had more impact.

The meeting ended at 1:15 pm

Signed as a correct record by the Chair

NB these minutes are a summary of the proceedings and record of the decisions taken. They are not intended to be a verbatim record.

Minutes produced by Steve Edwards, Clerk