

**MINUTES OF A MEETING OF ABERTILLERY AND LLANHILLETH COMMUNITY
COUNCIL (ALCC) HELD ON 7 NOVEMBER 2018 at 9.10pm
in the Council Chamber, Mitre Street, Abertillery**

PRESENT: Councillors:

Peter Adamson, Steve Bard, Keri Bidgood, Gill Clark (Vice Chair), Roger Clark, Julie Holt (Chair) (in the Chair), Mark Lewis, Perry Morgan, Gary Oakley, Allen Rees, Nick Simmons, Glyn Smith, Bernard Wall and Graham White

Officers: Steve Edwards, Deputy Clerk and Richard Gwinnell, Town Clerk

Others: One member of the public (Sasha Hill)

ABSENT: Councillors Ivor Beynon, Tracey Dyson, Rob Phillips and Trudy Williams

114. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE AND WELCOMES

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors Ivor Beynon, Tracey Dyson, Rob Phillips and Trudy Williams.

115. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

No personal interests were declared by members.

116. QUESTIONS FROM THE PUBLIC

There were no public questions for this meeting.

117. VACANCY FOR A COUNCILLOR

The Clerk proposed and:

Council RESOLVED:

- (1) to note the resignation of former Councillor Leadbeater on 1 October 2018
- (2) to send former Councillor Leadbeater a letter of thanks and best wishes
- (3) to note that ten signatures, calling for an election, were not received
- (4) to recruit a further co-optee for the Abertillery ward vacancy
- (5) to advertise using the advert previously agreed, with a deadline of 5 December 2018
- (6) to consider any applications on 12 December 2018.

Council **RESOLVED** that the report be noted.

118. COMMITTEES AND WORKING GROUPS

The Council considered the Clerk's report, which he outlined briefly. Following lengthy debate on the merits and rules around joint committee substitutes:

Council RESOLVED:

- (1) to appoint Councillor Gary Oakley to the Planning and Environment Committee
- (2) that any newly elected or co-opted councillors in future be added to the membership of the Planning and Environment Committee automatically (without further reference to the Council)
- (3) to appoint Councillor Allen Rees to the Wellbeing Working Group
- (4) to appoint Councillor Gary Oakley to the Wellbeing Working Group
- (5) to appoint a substitute member to attend future Joint Consultation meetings with Blaenau Gwent County Borough Council and other town and community councils, if a previously-appointed member cannot attend and
- (6) that substitute members for the Joint Consultation meetings be chosen from the list of 5 members appointed to the Joint Committee of Local Councils in Blaenau Gwent.

119. DEFERRAL OF FURTHER BUSINESS

The Council **RESOLVED** to defer any further business remaining on the agenda to the Council's next meeting, on 21 November 2018.

The meeting ended at 9.30pm.

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 Richard Gwinnell, Clerk