

**MEETING OF THE PLANNING, COMMERCE AND ENVIRONMENT (PlaCE) COMMITTEE
OF ABERTILLERY AND LLANHILLETH COMMUNITY COUNCIL HELD ON 13 March
2024 at 6.00 pm at Council Offices, Mitre Street, Abertillery.**

PRESENT

Councillors: Nick Simmons (Chair), Peter Adamson, Barrie Page, Rob Phillips, Josh Rawcliffe.

Officers: Steve Edwards (Clerk), Erika Davies (Deputy Clerk), Molly Jones (Deputy Clerk).

ABSENT: Mark Lewis, Chris Hill.

37. Apologies for absence

Apologies were received from Mark Lewis.

38. Declarations of interest or dispensations

Nick Simmons and Rob Phillips declared an interest in respect of a funding request for Ffrindiau Tyleri (agenda item 7).

39. Minutes – 17 January 2024

The Committee **RESOLVED** that the minutes are a true and correct record.

40. Town in Bloom

Deputy Clerk Erika Davies reported that there had been one response to the tender so far, with the deadline at 12pm on the 15th of March. The Committee agreed to set the date of the next meeting as the 27th of March to review responses to the tender.

41. Community Planter Request

The Committee **RESOLVED** to agree to the community planter request from Annette Edwards. The officers will contact the Town in Bloom contractor to arrange this.

42. Community Transport Scheme

Deputy Clerk Molly Jones presented a sample of the flyers and provided a timeline for the flyer drop:

- Flyers due on March 20th
- Royal Mail due to collect flyers by March 28th
- Flyer distribution to begin on April 8th

Cllr Peter Adamson queried whether the flyers should contain Welsh. The Clerk clarified that this is not a requirement, but is something the Committee are welcome to consider for future publications.

43. Springfest 2024

Cllr Rob Phillips, secretary of Ffrindiau Tyleri, summarised the plans for Springfest 2024. He requested for the Committee to provide funding for some of the activities, as had been done in previous years.

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The Clerk stated that the budget for Ffrindiau Tyleri events had already been spent this year, but if invoices for activities could be provided then they could be paid in April from the 2024-2025 budget.

The Committee **RESOLVED** to release the funds from the “Community Council activities support” 2024-2025 budget line to pay for some of the activities at Springfest.

44. Planning

Cllr Peter Adamson raised a potential issue with planning requests for hardstanding, as replacing lawns with concrete can contribute to drainage issues.

The Committee **RESOLVED** to authorise officers to write to the Blaenau Gwent Planning department to request more information surrounding applications for hardstanding.

45. Coetiroedd Bach, Tiny Forest funding

The Committee discussed several potential candidates for the funding.

The Committee agreed to attend a webinar on the 18th of March to learn more about the opportunity.

46. Wind Farms

Cllr Barrie Page confirmed that a wind farm had recently been approved nearby, indicating that other proposed sites may receive approval despite issues that have been raised.

Cllr Peter Adamson discussed a Community Energy event he recently attended.

47. Defibrillators

The Committee requested that a map of defibrillator locations be provided in a further meeting to facilitate the discussions surrounding where new defibrillators should be installed. Deputy Clerk Erika Davies agreed to create this map.

48. Date of next meeting

Wednesday 27th March 2024 at 6pm.

The meeting ended at 7:05pm.

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

Date.....

Minutes produced by Molly Jones, Deputy Clerk.

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