

**MEETING OF THE PLANNING, COMMERCE AND ENVIRONMENT (PlaCE) COMMITTEE
OF ABERTILLERY AND LLANHILLETH COMMUNITY COUNCIL HELD ON 17 January
2024 at 6.00 pm at Council Offices, Mitre Street, Abertillery.**

PRESENT

Councillors: Nick Simmons (Chair), Peter Adamson, Barrie Page Chris Hill, Mark Lewis,

Officers: Steve Edwards (Clerk), Erika Davies (Deputy Clerk) via video link

Others: Paul Harrington (Blaenau Gwent Car Scheme); Mark Logan (Wellbeing Director at The Bridges Centre)

ABSENT: Rob Phillips, Josh Rawcliffe.

31. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Rob Phillips, Josh Rawcliffe.

32. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST OR DISPENSATIONS

None.

33. MINUTES – 13 December 2023

The Committee **RESOLVED** to amend the draft minutes. Item 26 replace “2023” with “2024” and following the amendment that the minutes were a true and correct record.

34. COMMUNITY TRANSPORT SCHEME

The Committee heard from Paul Harrington and Mark Logan concerning the current scheme. A number of points were raised.

- The primary reason for the scheme is to transport people to and from hospital
- The Council has a budget of £3,000 for this year and £5,000 for 2024/2025
- The scheme currently has 5 active drivers and 130 registered passengers.
- One person had used the scheme twice a week for the last 18 months.
- Passengers pay 45p per mile.
- The main issue is the lack of drivers.

The Committee **RESOLVED** to delegate to the officers to issue a leaflet to all households in the area to recruit more volunteer drivers.

35. TOWN IN BLOOM

The Committee **RESOLVED** to make a number of amendments below to the draft TIB tender document.

- Include a requirement to assist and advise Community Groups.
- Include a requirement for school engagement.
- All tubs to be numbered for identification purposes.
- The officers will confirm the numbers of Tubs/Planters and Hanging Baskets with the current contractor.

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36. DATE OF NEXT MEETING

No date for the next meeting set.

The meeting ended at 7:05. pm.

Signed as a correct Record by the

Chair.....Date.....

Minutes produced by Steve Edwards, Clerk.

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