



OUR ABERDARE - MINUTES

Date: 29th May 2024

Venue: Market Community Hub – Aberdare Market

Present	Initials	Position	Representing
Michele Davies	MD	Chairperson	Windsor Jewellers
Amanda Webber	AW	Vice Chairperson	Wool Stall & Blas ar Gymru – Aberdare Market
Angharad Walters	AWa	Treasurer/ BID Manager	Our Aberdare BID Manager
James Prew	JP	BID Support/Secretary	Our Aberdare

Agenda Item	Discussion
Welcome & Introduction	MD opened the meeting and welcomed all.
Events Update	<p>Update on Summer Events</p> <p>AWa announced that a couple of "Summer of Fun" events are scheduled: Foam Party and Dinomania have been booked. Free crafts for kids will be held at the library every Thursday during the summer.</p> <p>The focus will be on promoting all events happening in the town throughout the summer holidays.</p> <p>Ideas for additional "Summer of Fun" events are needed. AWa noted positive feedback from last year, highlighting the community's eagerness for the summer events.</p>

Advertising for Summer of Fun

JP showcased advertising videos for the "Summer of Fun" events.

Aberdare Road Races

In partnership with Aberdare Road Races and Aberdare Library, Our Aberdare are organising exhibition on the Road Races in the library the week leading up to the event.

There is potential for a rally through town on the Friday of the road races with police correspondence underway to discuss logistics. On the day of the road races, "Our Aberdare" will provide a shuttle bus service to encourage spectators to visit the town.

Planning for ABBADARE Event

The ABBADARE event is scheduled for 3rd August and will feature an outdoor cinema screen on Library Square. The ABBADARE event will feature food trucks. It was agreed that no alcohol will be served at the event, but attendees will be encouraged to visit local pubs & clubs afterward.

Food Festival Update

Plans for the food festival are progressing well, with JP confirming that over 60 vendors are booked to participate. JP presented the updated website page for the Aberdare Food Festival, indicating that only a few minor adjustments remain before it goes live.

Christmas

Plans progressing and everything is booked. Fair will be in Library Car Park this year. Christmas Festival will be on a Sunday this year (1st December).

Storage Container

Correspondence from Accountant

The accountant provided correspondence regarding the assets owned by Our Aberdare from The Core Building.

Assets Overview

A spreadsheet detailing the assets has been provided to directors.

	<p>Site Visit Directors members have arranged a date to visit the storage container where the assets are kept.</p> <p>Funding Source It was noted that all assets originating from The Core Building was from funding.</p> <p>Storage Solutions AW mentioned that there is available storage in Market. If feasible, this could allow for the relocation of items from the storage container, potentially eliminating the need for the current container.</p>
<p>Eisteddfod</p>	<p>AWa said that the Welsh flags are currently displayed above shops throughout the town in preparation for the upcoming Eisteddfod.</p> <p>AWa look at inviting shops to decorate their windows for the Eisteddfod.</p> <p>ABBADARE event will be on the weekend of the Eisteddfod.</p>