

Appendix 1

**NOTICE OF MOTION – BLACKWOOD MINERS INSTITUTE.**

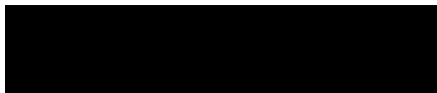
Notice of Motion standing in the name of County Borough Councillor Kevin Etheridge and supported by the Councillors listed below: -

We the undersigned Elected Members in response to public opposition and the petition of over 5000 people against the proposal to mothball the Blackwood Miners Institute, call on Council to defer any decision on the future of Blackwood Miners Institute to the end of the 2024/2025 financial year (31<sup>st</sup> March 2025) and that it should be discussed when the formal Draft Budget Proposals 2025/2026 are presented for consideration by full Council in February 2025. Where, in the interest of openness and transparency all elected Members can debate the proposals in the proper context.

In support of the motion, we feel although this may be an executive function, the future of such an historic and valued community asset should be a matter for full Council to debate. Also, we feel that consideration solely by Cabinet at this time is premature as all alternative funding streams to save the BMI have not been fully explored.

This additional time will also allow detailed engagement with all stakeholders and community groups and that every opportunity to secure alternative management/financial support for this historic and treasured community asset is looked at.

Cabinet in its position as Trustees should be safeguarding the BMI for generations to come rather than moving ahead with proposals to mothball/close the venue without first having explored every possible way to save it.



Councillor Kevin Etheridge

Supported by:

Councillors J. Jones, J. Reed, A. Farina-Childs, C. Mann, B. Owen, N. Dix, A. Angel.  
T. Parry, J. Roberts, G. Enright, J.A. Pritchard G. Ead, L. Whittle, H. Pritchard