

ABERGAVENNY TOWN COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE EXTRAORDINARY MEETING HELD ON WEDNESDAY 19TH MAY 2021 HELD REMOTELY USING MS TEAMS

Present:

Chairman - Cllr T Thomas
Cllr N Tatam
Cllr R Harris
Cllr M Harris
Cllr D Simcock
Cllr P Simcock
Cllr S Burch
Cllr MA Brocklesby
Cllr M Groucutt
Cllr G Jones
Cllr T Davies

Absent without apologies

Cllr L Van de Vyver

In attendance:

J Lee (Town Clerk)

No public session

Meeting commenced at 7.07pm due to IT issues

27/21	Receive and approve apologies for absence Apologies received from Cllrs Konieczny & Morgan as have previous engagements and Cllr Hickman also sent apologies, no reason given.
28/21	Receive Declarations of Interest Cllr R Harris is a member the MCC 21 st Century Schools Board and took no part in the decisions taken.
29/21	Receive and receive and approve the recruitment of the Town Clerk Resolved unanimously to engage OVW to manage the recruitment process at a cost of £1195 max with advertisement costs anticipated at up to £1000 and to take up the offer from the existing Town Clerk to work reduced hours for the Town Council until a new Town Clerk is appointed (subject to agreement of the terms of this transitional arrangement with the existing Town Clerk's new employer).
30/21	Discuss and approve the Town Council response to the All Through School for Abergavenny consultation

Cllr Groucutt had prepared a discussion paper which had been circulated in advance, the main points being:

- Proposed school is 4-19 yrs with nursery provision from 3 yrs offered by a private contractor. Therefore parents whose children are in the catchment area for the new school (former Deri View) under new arrangements will have a lesser offer from parents who's children attend other primary schools in the town. School will have no oversight/control of age 3 provision. This in effect diminishes the services currently on offer rather than improving the overall offer.
- Different phases being suggested and not clear why GCSE and A level students are mixed
- Community & Adult education proposed within the new arrangements but not clear how this links with existing provision
- Why not include all MCC's landholdings ie Football club, Community Ed centre to enable a more visionary solution & views of groups such as Team Abergavenny should be considered.

Cllr Groucutt informed Councillors that the consultation deadline had been extended to 22nd June and Councillors requested that a meeting is arranged with Chief Officer Will McClean to discuss the concerns that they have with the current proposals.

Resolved to vote no to the current all-through school proposals and for the Clerk, Cllr Groucutt & the Mayor to prepare the Town Council's response based on the paper prepared by Cllr Groucutt and that the Town Clerk arranges a Council meeting with Will McClean attending.

There being no other business the meeting ended at 7.55pm

APPROVED AS A TRUE RECORD

CHAIRMAN *Judith Thomas* DATE *10/6/21*