

## ABERGAVENNY TOWN COUNCIL

### MINUTES OF FULL COUNCIL MEETING HELD 12<sup>TH</sup> JANUARY 2022 AT 8:17PM ON MS TEAMS

**Present:** Cllr T Thomas (Chair)  
Cllr T Konieczny  
Cllr M Harris  
Cllr R Harris  
Cllr G Jones  
Cllr M Groucutt  
Cllr S Burch  
Cllr N Tatam  
Cllr T Davies  
Cllr F Morgan  
Cllr M Hickman  
Cllr P Simcock  
Cllr D Simcock

#### **Absent without apologies**

None.

#### **In attendance:**

S Rosser (Town Clerk)

No public session

No public in attendance

FC 01/22	<b>Receive and approve apologies for absence</b>  Apologies were received from Cllr L Van de Vyver and Cllr MA Brocklesby, and it was resolved to accept the reasons for absence.
FC 02/22	<b>Receive Declarations of Interest</b>  Cllr R Harris – Takes no part in consideration or discussion of planning applications as sits on MCC Planning Committee.
FC 03/22	<b>To approve the minutes from 10<sup>th</sup> November 2021.</b>  Cllr Thomas asked Councillors for approval of the minutes of the last meeting, moved by Cllr M Groucutt and seconded by Cllr G Jones. All approved.
FC 04/22	<b>To receive a presentation from James Roberts, Cyber Resilience Manager at Cyber Resilience Wales.</b>  Cllr T Thomas informed ATC that unfortunately James Roberts had sent a message saying he was unable to deliver tonight's presentation due to having

	<p>Covid. The Clerk had received some signposting information regarding the Cyber Ninja project that had been developed to cascade to Town Councils to increase awareness of cyber security during the course of our online interactions. The information and links are to be shared with Councillors and the presentation to be rescheduled for a later date.</p>
FC 05/22	<p><b>To ratify the 2022/23 budget.</b></p> <p>Cllr T Thomas asked Councillors to ratify the budget presented to Policy and resources Committee prior to the Full Council meeting. A recorded vote was carried out:</p> <p>Cllr T Thomas - Approve  Cllr T Konieczny - Approve  Cllr M Harris - Approve  Cllr R Harris - Approve  Cllr G Jones - Approve  Cllr M Groucutt - Approve  Cllr S Burch - Approve  Cllr N Tatam - Against  Cllr T Davies - Approve  Cllr F Morgan - Against  Cllr M Hickman - Against  Cllr P Simcock - Approve  Cllr D Simcock – Approve</p> <p>10 approved, 3 against: motion carried and ratification of budget approved.</p>
FC 06/22	<p><b>To receive and note Town Clerk’s report.</b></p> <p>Town Clerk’s report was received and noted. Cllr T Thomas has spoken to Nigel Leaworthy from MCC Grounds Department about the increased issue with graffiti around the town over Christmas along with broken glass, and vandalised coping stones on raised beds in areas around the town and Bailey Park. Abergavenny seems to be adversely affected more so than other towns in Monmouthshire. A meeting is being planned between Gwent Police, CCTV officers from MCC, Grounds Team at MCC and MCC Cabinet members for the town, to discuss a way forward to tackle this growing issue. Huge issue which seems to happen at night, CCTV not able to pick up details of culprits easily at night. Volunteers with Keep Abergavenny Tidy find on their litter picking patrols they are also seeing an increase in clothing and glass as well as fast food containers, and dog waste. The Community Orchard have seen an increase in dog fouling here, and the issue has been raised in the write up in the Chronicle this week. This general issue is having a negative effect on the town, so a referral is requested for the Environment Committee to discuss this growing issue.</p>
FC 07/22	<p><b>To consider and approve the following planning applications:</b></p>

	<p>Cllr T Thomas handed over to Cllr T Konieczny to lead the discussions on the following applications:</p> <p>DM/2021/02021 Single Storey Ultraroom style extension. 20 Clos Y Pinwydd, Abergavenny, Monmouthshire, NP7 5JP: recommend approval.</p> <p>DM/2021/02051 Single storey side extension. 4 Knoll Gardens, Abergavenny, Monmouthshire, NP7 7EJ: recommend approval.</p> <p>DM/2021/01999 Demolition of existing lean-to extension, and construction of ground floor extension to rear (south) and side (west) elevations. Pitched roof construction with full-height glazing to rear elevation. Grasmere, 10 Avenue Road, Abergavenny, Monmouthshire, NP7 7DA: Site photos are of DM/2021/02008. No heritage statement despite being a considerable development in a conservation area. As in a conservation area, we would welcome the use of more sympathetic materials on an extension of an Edwardian Villa. Biodiversity question asks if demolition of a building is required and it is ticked No, but the description states this is “Demolition of existing lean-to extension” so contradicts header of application for consideration. In principle, Abergavenny Town Council has no objection to the proposal of an extension.</p> <p>DM/2021/02008 Single storey rear and side extension. 34 Chapel Road, Abergavenny, Monmouthshire, NP7 7DP: recommend approval.</p> <p>DM/2021/02036 Proposed first floor extension. 46 Belgrave Road, Abergavenny, Monmouthshire, NP7 7AG: recommend approval.</p>
FC 08/22	<p><b>To consider and comment on the proposed alteration to Zebra Crossing Layout at Merthyr Road, Abergavenny.</b></p> <p>No objection from councillors in the first instance to make alterations to the existing crossing. The proposals have better anti-skid provision, and better zig-zag markings to stop vehicles parking so close to the crossing. Cllr G Jones said this crossing is very dangerous, and the extra zig-zag markings will mean a loss of parking spaces which is already an issue within the ward. The crossing is in the wrong place, so these proposed alterations are simply a sticking plaster over a gaping wound, which Cllr N Tatam agreed with.</p> <p>Cllr P Simcock was appalled we hadn't been presented with a better solution – this was the very first sue brought to Councillors by the Grofield Ward. The angle of the road prohibits vehicles seeing pedestrians until almost too late. It is the closest crossing to the Abergavenny Community Centre and is not safe to be used. It is evident that the siting of the crossing should be changed.</p> <p>Cllr G Jones said the crossing ideally should be moved to the junction at Commercial Street where part of the road is chevroned out. This would be a far better site.</p> <p>Cllr T Thomas recognised this is a highly dangerous crossing and asked if we can send a letter to the cabinet member stating that it is totally inadequate. Cllr</p>

	<p>Thomas also commented that he pro-mobility group have raised the issue that they can't see approaching traffic clearly on the crossing.</p> <p>Cllr M Groucutt said this must come under planning but also road safety. It is the only crossing he himself avoids using as it is so dangerous. He tends to cross at the point Cllr Jones has suggested the crossing be moved to.</p> <p>Large group of residents have objected to this and a survey was conducted of residents who overwhelmingly asked that t be moved. Cllr S Burch agreed with all being said, and asked if there would be much of an affect once the 20mph zone is brought in over the coming months, and if more could be done with additional signage.</p> <p>Cllr T Konieczny asked if Councillors are so unhappy with the proposed alterations, that we suggest the alternative and propose moving the crossing, by writing to Cllr J Pratt and the road safety officer at MCC. This was moved by Cllr G Jones, and seconded by Cllr P Simcock. Unanimously approved.</p>
FC 09/22	<p><b>Proposals for next meeting 9<sup>th</sup> March 2022.</b></p> <p>Cllr T Thomas asked for Councillors to email any suggestions for the next meeting to the Clerk.</p>

**Meeting ended 8:50pm**

**APPROVED AS A TRUE RECORD**

**CHAIRMAN** ..... **DATE** .....