

ABERGAVENTNY TOWN COUNCIL

MINUTES OF FULL COUNCIL MEETING HELD 14TH DECEMBER 2022 AT 7:00PM ON MS TEAMS & IN THE COMMUNITY ROOM, TOWN HALL, ABERGAVENTNY

Present: Cllr T Konieczny (Chair)
Cllr A Wilde (Vice Chair)
Cllr P Bowyer
Cllr M Barnes
Cllr S Burch
Cllr B Callard
Cllr K Eldridge
Cllr C Holland
Cllr G Jones
Cllr B Nicholson
Cllr M Powell
Cllr D Simcock
Cllr L Wright

Absent without apologies

Cllr M Strong

In attendance:

S Rosser - Town Clerk
Cllr P Griffiths – Deputy Leader MCC/Cabinet Member for Economy
and Planning
Mark Hand – Head of Placemaking, Regeneration, Highways &
Flooding

No public session

No public in attendance

FC 40/22	Receive and approve apologies for absence Cllrs Barnes, Brocklesby, George and Groucutt sent apologies, and it was resolved to accept their reasons for absence.
FC 41/22	Receive Declarations of Interest Cllrs Powell and Callard declared an interest in the planning applications for consideration as they sit on MCC Planning Committee, so will not take part in any votes relating to these items.
FC 42/22	To approve the minutes from 12th October 2022. Cllr Jones proposed accepting the minutes as a true record, seconded by Cllr Simcock, and it was resolved by all Councillors present to accept this.

FC 43/22

To receive a Presentation from Cllr Paul Griffith and Mark Hand from MCC on the proposed RLDP.

Cllr Konieczny welcomed Cllr Griffith and M Hand to the meeting. Cllr Griffiths gave a brief introduction and information on his background to explain the experience he came to MCC with. The new administration had inherited the RLDP proposal, and he noted the MCC's preferred strategy at that time and the observations from WG which didn't support the rate of residential growth. There was still 4000 homes to be built and MCC are looking to add a further 4000 to this figure. WG commented the rate of growth was unjustified. There are three preferred sites in Abergavenny. New members could have just accepted this, but instead they have re-examined the information from MH and his colleagues, assessing the rate of growth necessary for the County. Demographically skewed to older generations, which is not sustainable. Need greater amount of younger people and workers. Balanced demography achieved by growth in the housing provision. Monmouthshire has an urgent demand for Social Housing, and Cllr Brocklesby and himself met with MS Julie James to put the case forward and the data for more measured growth in the settlements – not housing just for the sake of it. 50% affordable, of which a large percentage would be social housing at the core of developments going forward. Make them as close to carbon neutral, sustainable, and extensions of existing settlements. Thoroughly well-connected to everywhere – walking and cycling routes in towns; better connectivity. This direction of travel is supported by the Minister for further investigation. They are now proposing 2000 homes across three sites – Caldicot, Chepstow and Abergavenny. Want to make a development we can be proud of, including an attractive design, with master planning to be carried out in consultation with ATC and other stakeholders. A shared ambition with the community of Abergavenny. It will need everyone to work together.

MH shared a PowerPoint on the RLDP consultation, explaining there is a summary version at 36 pages or the full which is 160 – both online. Monmouth has not been included in this plan due to the phosphate issues on the non-tidal stretches of the Wye and Usk. Regarding the Usk: Welsh Water have a £600million investment including phosphate stripping, with improvements at Llanfoist Sewage Works in 2025. Usk soil is high in Iron but this is not something the Wye has. Realistic figure by 2030 is for 500 homes, and to look for sites for a further 100. The Abergavenny proposal has the hills as a natural boundary, and they have already engaged Design Planning Wales for their input to integrate all provisions. Better reflection of enhancing green market town feel that Abergavenny has. Biggest demographic change in the 25-45yr group. 60+ is higher again. These are 2033 projections. Consultation on the RLDP proposals ends 30th January 2023. There are questions around infrastructure. Deposit plan by 2024. Plan adoption by 2025.

Cllr Callard commented the Section 106 contributions for a large site can go towards primary school provision. Lots depends on the proposition giving the value as being higher than simply agricultural land.

Cllr Jones said its great to hear the positive presentation, the tone of the consultation is brilliant. What evening session are being offered? MH explained those that have already happened were finished by 7pm at night, but can look at future ones being held later. Cllr Jones said that some working out of town

	<p>would mean they would struggle to participate in these sessions. MH reiterated the consultation is all online as well.</p> <p>Cllr Simcock asked about plans to create a road link across the railway lines for the proposed Abergavenny settlement. MH said it would be a foot and cycle link only.</p> <p>Cllr Burch said ATC has ambitions on allotments, and there is the potential loss of other sites, so requested for these to be considered in the proposed sites.</p> <p>Cllr Konieczny thanked both for their presentation and asked Councillors to email any further questions to MH. It is refreshing to have interaction with MCC in the community and we are keen to work cohesively.</p>
FC 44/22	<p>To nominate a Councillor for consideration to join the Temporary Board for KHS:</p> <p>ATC have been asked by MCC officers to submit a candidate to be considered for the Temporary Board of Governors for the new 3-19 School. The existing board deals with the school as it stands, and the temporary Board will deal with the new school being built. Cllr Eldridge has been submitted by Llantilio Pertholey CC and no candidate has been put forward from Llanfoist Fawr CC. Cllr Nicholson has expressed an interest in the position to represent ATC. A proposal from Cllr Jones was received to submit Cllr Eldridge to represent all minor councils for Abergavenny (ATC, Llantilio Pertholey and Llanfoist Fawr) seconded by Cllr Callard. All Councillors resolved to approve this nomination which Cllr Eldridge accepted. Town Clerk to email Will McLean and inform him of the submission from the three minor TCCs.</p>
FC 45/22	<p>To consider the following planning applications:</p> <p>DM/2022/01544: No objections received, Councillors resolved to recommend approval.</p>
FC 46/22	<p>To receive reports from Councillors attendance at external bodies which are relevant to Full Council:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Armed Forces Champion: Cllr M Powell & Cllr T Konieczny: Cllr Konieczny attended the RBL Christmas Lunch where they raised £400 for SSAFA. • Governor of Cantref School: Cllr B Callard: Cllr Callard has undergone child protection training with the Board, no other reports at this time. • Governor of Deri View Primary School: Cllr G Jones • Governor of King Henry VIII School: Cllr B Nicholson • Governor of Our Lady & St Michael School: Cllr T Konieczny: Cllr Konieczny attended their GEM service. • Governor of Ysgol Y Fenni: Cllr G Jones • King Henry VIII Foundation: Cllr B Nicholson and Cllr B Callard • North Monmouthshire Area Committee: Mayor and Town Clerk • North Monmouthshire Liaison Committee: Mayor and Town Clerk • One Voice Wales: Cllr D Simcock and Cllr T Konieczny: Cllr Konieczny and the Town Clerk have attended their Innovative Practice seminar.

FC 47/22	<p>To receive reports from County Councillors on matters affecting Abergavenny relevant to Full Council:</p> <p>Cllr Powell said MCC had held a Carol Service in County Hal that morning which was well attended. Cllr Callard said moving the RLDP onto the next phase had been approved.</p>
FC 48/22	<p>To consider items for the agenda of the next Full Council Meeting to be held on 15th February 2023.</p> <p>Any suggestions for the next meeting to be emailed to the Town Clerk.</p>

Meeting ended 8:11pm

APPROVED AS A TRUE RECORD

CHAIR DATE