

## ABERGAVENTNY TOWN COUNCIL

ENVIRONEMNRT COMMITTEE 27<sup>TH</sup> APRIL 2022

### TOWN CLERK'S UPDATE

1. Keep Abergavenny Tidy report

The volunteers at Keep Abergavenny Tidy have carried out a survey of litter they have picked to see which brands are the biggest offenders. This is all to assist the studies into new legislation which will see large companies for the amount of litter their companies generate. Their comprehensive report and newsletter is attached (Appendix 1). Just to remind you all, they have a monthly litter pick on the first Tuesday of every month, and they meet at Abergavenny Community Centre at 10am. KAT have provided their register of bags of litter collected and the locations for the period March 2019 – March 2022, to show areas which may need targeted work to help combat the amount of litter being dropped in particular areas. (Appendix 2).

2. The Big Plastic Count 16<sup>th</sup> – 22<sup>nd</sup> May 2022

Greenpeace are running a week long initiative encouraging households and businesses to count the amount of single use plastics they go through in one week. Currently nobody really knows how much plastic we're having to throw away, so the Big Plastic Count will uncover the truth about how much household plastic we throw away, and how much is really recycled. You can sign up as an individual at <https://thebigplasticcount.com/how-it-works> where you can find information on how to log your plastic through the week, and lots of insightful articles on how this data will help Governments set new recycling targets by 2025. Once you submit your list on their website, it will give you a personal plastic footprint and reveal what really happens to plastic when it leaves your home. Once all the results are in, Greenpeace will share the national picture, and the next steps on pushing the government into action. (Appendix 3)

3. Abergavenny In Bloom 2022

A meeting is being held on Monday 25<sup>th</sup> April at 6pm in the Community Room and online, for all stakeholders involved in this year's entry. We hope to have representatives from MCC, community and volunteers groups, schools, and the business community, to enable the town as a whole to participate in this year's efforts. It has been heartening to receive calls from visitors to the town complimenting ATC on how well presented the town is, and to have appreciation shown for the efforts put into the plantings that are scattered around the town's environs. With some thought and coordination, it is hoped that this year we can improve upon the Gold award and gain the 3 marks that separated us from the overall winners of the Town Category last year.

4. Town Team Update

Ivan, Mark and Dennis have completed their standpipe training and the equipment has now been delivered ready for use. It is going to be kept in the bunker, and

arrangements will be made to allow Russel Walker access to the standpipe to enable the bowsers to be filled in town and cease the additional journeys going back and fore to the nursery to refill this up to 4 times in order to water all the planters around the town centre. MC have purchased a modern street cleaner which will be used around the streets in the town centre to clean the paving. New bins have been provided by MCC and have been fitted in various points around the town – these have fire dampeners in them so if they detect a fire in them, a panel drops from the top of the bin to extinguish the fire and stop any damage to the bin and its surroundings. They have assisted with the new plantings at Castle Street Car Park, and will start looking at what street furniture needs repairs and renovations in the coming weeks.

#### 5. SLA Toilet Provision

At the time of writing this report, we have yet to receive the final draft of the SLA from MCC. A request for details to support the invoice for £45k for the 2020/21 toilet provision has also been promised but at this time not yet available to share with you all. As and when these arrive I will share these with you.