

ABERGAVENNY TOWN COUNCIL

MINUTES OF PEOPLE AND COMMUNITIES COMMITTEE MEETING HELD 6TH APRIL 2022 AT 7PM ON MS TEAMS & IN THE COMMUNITY ROOM, TOWN HALL, ABERGAVENNY

Present: Cllr T Davies (Chair)
Cllr M Harris
Cllr G Jones
Cllr M Groucutt
Cllr F Morgan
Cllr P Simcock
Cllr D Simcock
Cllr M Hickman

Absent without apologies

Cllr L Van De Vyver

In attendance:
S Rosser (Town Clerk)

No public session

No public in attendance

PC 10/22	Receive and approve apologies for absence Apologies were received from Cllr T Thomas, and it was resolved to accept the reasons for absence.
PC 11/22	Receive Declarations of Interest None received.
PC 12/22	To approve the minutes from 2nd February 2022. Minutes from the previous meeting were agreed and approved unanimously by all councillors present.
PC 13/22	To receive a presentation from Bryn Yemm on his Platinum Jubilee plans. Bryn Yemm thanked ATC for their time and help. The Abergavenny Jubilee tree Project aims to present a tree to each Primary School within the town, which have been donated by Abergavenny Garden Centre, and they believe that these trees will be a lasting legacy of our town's celebrations of this historic event and provide a focal point for personal reflection, remembrance; together with aiding academic studies and raising awareness of our environment.

	<p>They acknowledge that due to the elections councillors are now in the 'pre-election period/purdah' and we will take the Clerk's guidance how on the Council can support this project. They have included the Mayor in the proposed format as this a civic role; again we will take the Clerk's guidance on this. Bryn Yemm is liaising with schools to establish the best option for presenting the trees to them. There is the possibility of going to each school for their presentation. However, it looks most likely that there will be a "combined presentation" to all the schools and to "Abergavenny".</p> <p>The following schools have expressed an interest in being presented with a tree; Cantref Primary School, Deri View Primary School, Gilwern Primary School, Llanfoist Fawr Primary School, Llantillio Pertholey Primary School, Llanvihangel Crucorney Primary School, Our Lady and St Michael's Primary School, Ysgol Gymraeg Y Fenni.</p> <p>The potential venue for a single presentation would be Linda Vista Gardens. The format of this presentation would 'ideally' be:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> Welcome and introductions Presentation of the trees to the Mayor and the schools by Abergavenny Garden Centre. An outline of the significance of the occasion and 'thank you' by the Mayor. Bryn Yemm performs "Jubilee Party" supported by the 200 strong dance troupe of Dance Attack Collection under the direction and choreography of the dance school Principal Aleia Jade. <p>This proposed format is subject to confirmation. Bryn also stated he is looking to ATC to provide plaques for each tree being donated to the schools and the Town. Bryn also hopes to get coverage from Good Morning Britain for the dance troupe and tree planting. He has not got any costings for these, but the Town Clerk will speak to Head of grounds at MCC to see what he suggests as they will need to be bilingual.</p> <p>In addition to this, Bryn Yemm would like to perform his Jubilee Party song at the ATC Street Party/Big Jubilee Picnic on Sunday 5th June, again with the dancers from Dance Attack Collection.</p> <p>Cllr M Harris stated the event on the Sunday was going to be weather dependant so needs to be easy to move inside or out.</p> <p>Cllr T Davies commented that getting children along for the tree planting the week of the Platinum Jubilee will be difficult as it is half term week, so this may need to be before the that week. Bryn Yemm confirmed head teachers have said about having it in the week to enable children to join in.</p> <p>Cllr P Simcock asked if Bryn had considered using the Leisure Centre as they have a huge room which could be used, and if his intentions are to have this filmed or broadcast that may be better, as outside is tricky with the weather, whereas in the hall would provide better conditions. Cllr Davies agreed this would be a better option, and in term time.</p> <p>Cllr M Groucutt said that ATC have plans to have live music on Sunday 5th June so to have the Jubilee Party Song performed at this would be a nice touch.</p>
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	<p>Bryn Yemm will approach the Leisure Centre to ask about the use of the hall to accommodate the 200 strong dance troupe for the Jubilee Party Song performance, and see if this would work with schools to be the week leading up to half term in May. He will also speak to Dance Attack to see if a flash mob can be considered for the Sunday street party. By having this after the elections, ATC can ask The Chronicle to cover the tree planting when it is arranged between Bryn Yemm, Abergavenny Garden Centre, the primary school representatives, and MCC.</p>
PC 14/22	<p>To receive updated report on ATC's Platinum Jubilee Celebration plans for 2nd and 5th June 2022.</p> <p>The report was noted, and the Town Clerk walked councillors through the plans as they stand for the formalities on Thursday 2nd June, the Rotary Steam Rally on Friday 3rd and Saturday 4th June, and then the ATC Big Jubilee Picnic and Street party on Sunday 5th June 2022. It is planned to have tables and chairs along Cross Street and into the Market Hall, plus businesses are doing the same along Nevill Street and around St Johns Square. The community will be encouraged to bring along a picnic, or can use the local vendors around town. The Y Fenni Business Community requested ATC consider moving the Street party to Saturday 4th June as the Steam Rally takes people out of town to Bailey Park. ATC feel that as this is to be a Community event on the same day across the whole of the UK, to encourage families into town to spend time together and celebrate the Platinum Jubilee, that by seeing what is around them and on offer in town, they will then come back again to shop and spend more leisure time in the future.</p> <p>Cllr P Simcock asked if people will be able to book tables on Cross Street or would it be 1st come 1st served? Will this put a lot of pressure on Cross Street? The Town Clerk responded that it will be difficult to mitigate and manage this with the time and staff constraints.</p> <p>Cllr D Simcock asked what would be available in the market hall, and would there be space for tables and chairs in there if there are food vendors also set up in there? Cllr Davies responded that we have the involvement of the hall as a contingency in case the weather is not clear and sunny as we hope. This will be factored in when the Market Team recruit food vendors and possible traders to fill some of the pitches in the hall.</p> <p>Thursday 2nd June timings have been updated: The evening formalities listed a Piper for the start of proceedings but at £00-£500 it has been difficult to obtain the services of one. The Borough Band have been asked if they have a Bugler or Cornet Player available to learn and perform the piece of music entitled 'Majesty' just prior to the Beacon Lighting around 9:40pm, and then a choir is being approached about singing 'Life Lived With Grace' which has been written especially for the occasion to be performed around the time of the Lighting. As we are in town, the Technical Manager at the Borough Theatre has agreed to light up the Clock Tower and building windows in red, white and blue, and in order to encourage people to be in town for these when they take place, MCC Markets will be running a Street Food Night Market 6pm-10pm.</p> <p>The Platinum Jubilee Street Safari: This has been shared with the Y Fenni Business Community to see if they would be interested in collaborating on this for the 30th April – 12th June, to have 7 QR points around the town, which you</p>

	<p>scan with your smart phone, brining a character to life that tells a story of one decade of the Queens 70 year reign. You then collect these characters, and unveil the story as you go round the trail. The cost is £499 in total, which the Y Fenni Business Community are willing to support with half the costs.</p> <p>Cllr M Groucutt thought this would be great for young people, and supports it with open arms. It's great to see this collaboration is on offer with the Y Fenni Business Community.</p> <p>Cllr G Jones commented he wasn't in love with this particular AR pack, but its great to see Y Fenni Business Community wanting to try out this modern approach to promoting the town. Cllr P Simcock seconded this.</p> <p>Cllr D Simcock asked what ATC's contribution to costs would be. The Town Clerk confirmed this would be £250.</p> <p>Cllr M Groucutt proposed to accept this offer, and this was seconded by Cllr D Simcock, with all councillors in favour.</p>
PC 15/22	<p>To receive and note the Town Clerk's update.</p> <p>The Town Clerk's report was received and noted. Item 3 regarding the Changing Places funding being awarded in England again, and it was discussed where in town could accommodate such a space. The Castle Street Car Park toilets would be ideal as on a level that is accessible, and easy to park near, but it needs to be twice the size of a standard disabled toilet. The Equipment is very expensive, so if there was the possibility that this equipment was already in a building in the town, which was no longer going to be used, to look to re-use this in some way? If MCC would be willing to look at redesigning one toilet block to accommodate such a facility, or see if there is any possibility the building which houses the facility in town at present will be reopening for the public to be able to access this in future.</p>
PC 16/22	<p>Finance Report – to receive and approve the budget report for specific budgets allocated to this committee.</p> <p>The finance report was received and noted. All councillors voted unanimously to accept and approve the figures.</p>
PC 17/22	<p>Report from Councillors attendance at external bodies relevant to this Committee.</p> <p>Cllr M Harris asked if the CCTV officers could be added to the Events mailing list so that the Control Room can be notified of events bringing large numbers of people into town. The Town Clerk will look to do this, and also confirmed major events would be reported automatically via ESAG to all relevant bodies such as Police as standard.</p> <p>Cllr T Davies had attended a Cooking Demonstration Evening with Abergavenny Town of Sanctuary – the Syrian women demonstrated cooking a traditional dish for all present to share, which was very enjoyable.</p>
PC 18/22	<p>Report from County Councillors on matters affecting Abergavenny relevant to this Committee.</p>

	None received.
PC 19/22	<p>Items for consideration at the next meeting 1st June 2022</p> <p>Cllr P Simcock asked if there are any TCC's with volunteer schemes attached to allow people to lend their expertise to projects. Town Clerk will ask OVW and SLCC for guidance on this. The Town Clerk said there is legislation to co-opt volunteers on to subgroups to assist with projects but with no voting rights, but again will check this.</p> <p>Cllr T Davies asked that the Strategy and Action Plan be revised as a priority at the next meeting in June. She thanked Councillors for their support as this will be her last meeting as Chair of People and Communities Committee.</p>

Meeting ended 8:20pm

APPROVED AS A TRUE RECORD

CHAIRMAN DATE