

ABERGAVENTNY TOWN COUNCIL

ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE

WEDNESDAY 29TH JUNE 2022

TOWN CLERK'S UPDATE

1. BIG PLASTIC COUNT MAY 2022

16th – 22nd May ATC took part in the national Big Plastic Count. We submitted our results to the online survey portal which produced a summary of what plastic waste we produced that week. (Appendix 1). They also provided a "Living with less plastic" handbook (Appendix 2).

2. KAT LITTER ACTION PLAN MEETING WEDNESDAY 22ND JUNE 2022

Cllr Konieczny and the Town Clerk attended the Keep Abergavenny Tidy meeting bringing together various stakeholders representing several departments from MCC, Gwent Police, and Keep Wales Tidy. KAT volunteers guided the meeting through a focussed agenda to enable two action plans to be agreed upon and pledges of support to these. One is to work on a targeted hot spot area, and the other will be to work around the improvement of streetscapes, and each of these will be led by volunteers from KAT. KWT have offered support for meetings with information, literature, and updates on the development of national strategies, and Carl Touhig from MCC has pledged officer support for both, and Gwent Police will link in via their licencing department and Next Gen initiatives.

3. ABERGAVENTNY IN BLOOM 2022

Judging for this year will take place on Wednesday 13th July at 10am. The route is being finalised, and Cllr Konieczny is putting together the portfolio for the judge with reports provided by all Friends groups, OLSM, Greenfinch Plants, and there has been input offered from co-chair Millie Rich of the Y Fenni Business Community on behalf of Cybi Walk. Nigel Leaworthy and the Town Team will be implementing a work plan to clean and carry out any maintenance on the route from 7th July. Once the route is decided upon the groups will all be informed and it will be all hands to the pumps to ensure we present our town in the best possible light.

Just a reminder that this year Wales in Bloom also have 2 'new' Discretionary Awards – to make a nomination please complete the attached form and return via email to campaign@walesinbloom.org no later than Friday 22nd July. The awards are:

The Jim Goodwin Award

* To be awarded annually to a young person (under 26 years of age) for their outstanding commitment and support in 'helping their community grow'.

The John Woods Award

* To be awarded annually to anyone of any age for their positive contribution to protecting, conserving and enhancing the natural environment, not only for their community now but for future generations.

4. DOG WASTE WORKING GROUP UPDATE

The last action day unfortunately had to be cancelled as it was too close to the purdah period and deemed to be too political. It was agreed to stick with the plan for the March awareness day and focus on the area between Llanfoist and Abergavenny. Date for next awareness day will be 18th August. There have been some new poster designs which we have been asked to feed back on (Appendix 3 a, b and c). There is also data on Dog Poo Hot Spots which are attached (Appendix 4)