

ACTION PLAN Progress update September 2019

CHILDREN & YOUNG PEOPLE						
Priorities	Action	Partners	Lead Councillor	Timescale	Cost	Latest Comments on progress
Ensure young people have access to and are offered appropriate counselling services	To find out what is currently provided and identify any gaps	Schools, MCC Youth Services, ACE	Cllr T Davies		TBC	Links established with MCC Youth Service Citizens Advice to be promoted in KHS
Increase opportunities for young people to have a say in what happens in their town?	Arrange regular meetings with schools	Schools, MCC Youth Service GAVO	Cllr T Davies			To follow up with KHS in Autumn Term
Understand whether youth provision in the town is appropriate & sufficient	Have further discussions with MCC Youth Service and other agencies	MCC Youth Service, ACE, Aber Community Centre, 7 Corners GAVO	Cllr T Davies	2019-20		- Initial discussion has taken place regarding the extension to the skate park - Meeting with MCC officers to be arranged.
To provide engaging and stimulating play opportunities during the summer holidays and free healthy meals	To fund MCC to provide the summer playscheme To investigate how to provide free healthy meals during the playscheme	MCC	Cllr T Davies	Summer 2019	£12,000 summer playscheme £5,000 Youth Service activities	An additional arrangement agreed with MCC Youth service to provide activities for 11+ during the summer holidays

CHALLENGES OF DEMOGRAPHIC CHANGE						
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Public service provision accommodates the needs of older people	To consider older people in service delivery options such as improvements to the toilets	MCC Older people groups	Cllr T Davies	Ongoing		No progress
Community based organisations provide activities that seek to reduce social isolation	To understand current provision and identify any gaps	MCC Mardy Park Resource Centre Abergavenny Community Centre ACE Bridges Community Centre Community Groups	Cllr T Davies	Ongoing		ATC support to ACC & ACE for activities that reduce social isolation including regular coffee morning at ACE and subsidised trips Two town council events focus on older generation – Community Choir concert and Borough Band concert
Improve intergenerational interaction	To pilot an 'adopt a garden' scheme	MCC Allotment Society	Cllr T Davies			Considered by Projects Committee, Town Council to facilitate an exploratory meeting.

PROTECT & ENHANCE THE ENVIRONMENT

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Reduce the use of single-use plastic	<p>Launch a Refill Scheme</p> <p>To review Town Council's use of single use plastic and reduce</p>	<p>Refill Cymru</p> <p>Plastic Free Abergavenny</p> <p>Town centre businesses</p> <p>Schools</p>	Cllr T Konieczny	Ongoing	Minimal	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Promotion event took place on 15th June - £200 received from Welsh Water to pay for pop up banner and further promotion including metal bottles to give away
To provide voluntary environmental groups with a more sustainable future	To work with MCC to increase the number of volunteers active in Friends of groups	<p>Voluntary Environmental Groups</p> <p>MCC</p> <p>KWT</p> <p>GAVO</p>	Cllr T Konieczny	Ongoing		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Continued promotion of 'Friends' groups - Grant funding
To encourage the use of pollinator planting in Council funded planting schemes	To direct council contractors to increase pollinator friendly planting	Bee friendly Monmouthshire	Cllr T Konieczny	In time for Spring 2019 planting	No additional costs	Ongoing
To improve the maintenance and enhancement of Bailey Park and Linda Vista Gardens	To investigate the feasibility of establishing a team to maintain these greenspaces together with undertaking other town based work	MCC, voluntary organisations	Cllr T Konieczny	Discussions with MCC early 2019/20		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - ATC funding made available. - Civic Society has adopted the sunken garden in Bailey Park - Town Crew negotiations with MCC ongoing

Contribute to the MCC Green Infrastructure (GI) Strategy and resulting projects	To engage with MCC on the GI strategy	MCC NRW	Cllr Konieczny	Ongoing	Minimal	Update to be sought from MCC
To reduce the incidences of dog fouling in the town	<p>To provide dog waste bins throughout the town</p> <p>To promote the 'give dog fouling the red card' campaign</p> <p>To lobby MCC to bring in Public Space Protection Orders in particular areas where dog fouling is a particular issue</p>	MCC	Cllr T Davies			<p>Successful awareness campaign on 11th April focused on Castle Meadows</p> <p>New posters designed and circulated</p> <p>MCC preparing stickers to put on dog bins informing people to use litter bins if dog bins full.</p> <p>Initial discussions taken place between MCC officers and C&TCs re future arrangements for dog fouling bin emptying</p>

ECONOMICALLY THRIVING TOWN						
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To have cleaner streets	To review current arrangements which pays MCC to clean the streets	MCC	Cllr T Konieczny	Ongoing		
To have public toilets which meet the needs of users.	To agree a modernisation programme for three blocks of public toilets in the town	MCC Disability groups Baby/Toddler groups	Cllr T Konieczny	Ongoing	TBC	Ongoing discussions with MCC re the future of the public toilets
To continue to work with town centre businesses and others to promote the town and what it has to offer	Set up a Town Centre Forum Support the continuation of the TIC Support Abergavenny & District Tourism Association	MCC, BBNPA Y Fenni Business Community, Tourist Information Centre, ADTA, Abergavenny Food Festival	Cllr T Konieczny	2019/20	TBC	Relocation of TIC planned as part of Town Hall ground floor accommodation Improved working relationships with ADTA with 3 year support from ATC for the Visit Abergavenny brochure and ADTA sponsorship of Abergavenny in Bloom

A MORE RESPONSIVE TOWN COUNCIL						
Issue	Action	Partners	Lead Councillor	Timescale	Cost	Comments on progress
To improve communication	<p>To set up a Facebook page and Twitter account</p> <p>To redesign the website to be more user friendly and informative</p> <p>To issue regular press releases on Council activity</p>	MCC	Mayor	Ongoing	£3000 for website redesign	<p>Mayor has a Facebook page</p> <p>New website to go live September 2019</p> <p>Articles on signing with ACE & Citizens Advice in Abergavenny Chronicle</p>
To improve decision making	<p>To revisit the committee structure and powers of the committees.</p> <p>To identify ways that voluntary groups can engage with the decision-making process</p>		Mayor All councillors	<p>2019</p> <p>Ongoing</p>		New Committee Structure to commence September 2019

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To encourage wider community engagement on Town Council activities	To identify methods to capture community views		Mayor All Councillors			<p>Engagement with the community at Council events and through other activities such as Abergavenny in Bloom</p> <p>Arranged for MCC Planning to address meeting on LDP Growth & Spatial Options Paper (August 2019)</p> <p>New website will contain more info and be more accessible</p>
To be more visible in the Town	<p>To improve visibility of the office</p> <p>To publicise Council activity through the placing of a crest or notice.</p> <p>To hold a number of Committee meetings in</p>		Mayor All Councillors	<p>End 2019</p> <p>Ongoing</p> <p>Summer 2019 & ongoing</p>		<p>Annual Report delivered to all households</p> <p>The Town Hall refurbishment is providing an opportunity to meet in different venues</p>

	town venues rather than in the Town Hall.					
To engage with and influence policymakers across a wide range of issues	To build good working relationships with a range of policy makers To respond to relevant consultations	MCC WG NRW ABHBT	Mayor All Councillors	Ongoing		Good officer relationships between ATC and MCC Responded to MCC Submitted comments on MCC Growth & Options Paper