

ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE Update January 2020

Latest updates in bold

PROTECT & ENHANCE THE ENVIRONMENT						
Priority	Action	Partners	Lead Councillor	Timescale	Cost	Comments on progress
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>Install an outdoor drinking fountain</p>	<p>Refill Cymru</p> <p>Plastic Free Abergavenny</p> <p>Town centre businesses</p> <p>Schools</p>	Cllr T Konieczny	Ongoing	TBC	<p>- Promotion event took place on 15th June</p> <p>- £200 received from Welsh Water to pay for pop up banner and further promotion including metal bottles to give away.</p> <p>- Pop up banner printed and available to use</p> <p>- Installation of outdoor water fountain agreed</p> <p>- Cllrs Davies and Morgan attended KHS Eco Committee and discussed how to promote Refill and other actions to reduce use of single use plastic</p> <p>Refill Wales Co-ordinator meeting with AFF Chief Exec</p>

						re involvement in the Food Festival and Youth Conference
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	Voluntary Environmental Groups MCC KWT GAVO	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		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Maintenance of planters by Sarah Price Landscapes will use pollinator friendly planting - Redesigned & replanted areas around town – plans to be prepared by end of January with consultation in February
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

						<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Meeting has taken place between Town Clerk, MCC officers, Friends of Linda Vista gardens regarding setting out a plan for the maintenance and restoration. - Heritage Fund application for a grant for restoration of gates and section of railings to be submitted by mid Fed. 8 weeks for determination.
Contribute to the MCC Green Infrastructure (GI) Strategy and resulting projects	To engage with MCC on the GI strategy	MCC NRW	Cllr Konieczny	Ongoing		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - MCC Green Infrastructure Strategy was considered by MCC Strong Communities Committee on 7th November. Still awaiting Cabinet approval
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>	MCC	Cllr T Davies			<p>Successful awareness campaign on 11th April focused on Castle Meadows</p> <p>Two new dog bins installed on Bay Tree</p>

	To lobby MCC to bring in Public Space Protection Orders in particular areas where dog fouling is a particular issue					<p>Lane and Avenue Road</p> <p>New posters designed and circulated</p> <p>Stickers put on majority of dog bins informing people to use litter bins if dog bins full.</p> <p>Discussions progressing between MCC officers and C&TCs re future arrangements for dog fouling bin emptying. Last meeting held on 20th January</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		Nigel Leaworthy, Grounds Maintenance, MCC to attend next Service Delivery Sub Committee

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	<p>Set up a Town Centre Forum</p> <p>Support the continuation of the TIC</p> <p>Support Abergavenny & District Tourism Association</p> <p>Design and print new bunting/flags/banners for the town centre</p>	MCC, BBNPA Y Fenni Business Community, Tourist Information Centre, ADTA, Abergavenny Food Festival	Cllr T Konieczny	2019/20	TBC	<p>Inaugural meeting took place on 11th February, to be known as the Abergavenny Town Centre Action Group. A number of actions agreed including a calendar of events leaflet for Abergavenny, exploring what is entailed to nominate Abergavenny for Great British High Street and to produce banners/flags for the town centre</p> <p>Relocation of TIC has taken place.</p> <p>Improved working relationships with ADTA with 3 year support from ATC for the Visit Abergavenny brochure and ADTA sponsorship of Abergavenny in Bloom.</p>

						1 page advert has been placed in Visit Abergavenny brochure to promote town festivals
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