

ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE Update November 2019

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 foundation report on November agenda</p>
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		<p>- Continued promotion of 'Friends' groups</p> <p>- Grant funding</p>
To encourage the use of pollinator planting in	To direct council contractors to	Bee friendly Monmouthshire	Cllr T Konieczny	In time for Spring		- Maintenance of planters by Sarah

Council funded planting schemes	increase pollinator friendly planting			2019 planting		Price Landscapes will use pollinator friendly planting - Redesigned & replanted areas around town will help with this
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		- 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		- MCC Green Infrastructure Strategy will be going to Strong Communities on 7th November and then Cabinet for approval on 4th December
To reduce the incidences of dog fouling in the town	To provide dog waste bins throughout the town To promote the 'give dog fouling the red card' campaign	MCC	Cllr T Davies			Successful awareness campaign on 11 th April focused on Castle Meadows Two new dog bins to be installed end Nov/Dec

	To lobby MCC to bring in Public Space Protection Orders in particular areas where dog fouling is a particular issue					<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 ongoing between MCC officers and C&TCs re future arrangements for dog fouling bin emptying</p>
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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		Report to be considered re Town Crew proposal
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	Set up a Town Centre Forum	MCC, BBNPA	Cllr T Konieczny	2019/20	TBC	Contact has been made with ALBA, y Fenni

<p>others to promote the town and what it has to offer</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>	<p>Y Fenni Business Community, Tourist Information Centre, ADTA, Abergavenny Food Festival</p>				<p>Business Community and ADTA. Chair & Clerk attending Y Fenni Business Community Meeting on 27 Nov and Cllr D Simcock & Clerk attending ADTA meeting on 2 Dec. ALBA have nominated a rep.</p> <p>Initial meeting to be arranged for the January 2020.</p> <p>Relocation of TIC planned as part of Town Hall ground floor accommodation</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>
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