

ACTION PLAN Progress update June 2019

CHILDREN & YOUNG PEOPLE						
Priorities	Action	Partners	Lead Councillor	Timescale	Cost	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	TBC		TBC	Greater awareness following a presentation by Marcia Burford at Projects Committee
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	TBC			No progress
Understand whether youth provision in the town appropriate & sufficient	Have further discussions with MCC Youth Service and other agencies	MCC Youth Service, ACE, Aber Community Centre, 7 Corners GAVO	TBC	2019-20		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Initial discussion has taken place regarding the extension to the skate park - Letter sent to MCC to request engagement re youth provision in the town
To provide engaging and stimulating play opportunities during the summer holidays and free healthy meals	<p>To fund MCC to provide the summer playscheme</p> <p>To investigate how to provide free healthy meals during the playscheme</p>	MCC	TBC	Summer 2019	£12,000	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	TBC	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	TBC	Ongoing		ATC support to ACC for activities that reduce social isolation
Improve intergenerational interaction	To pilot an 'adopt a garden' scheme	MCC Allotment Society	MCC			Support to a range of town festivals that offer intergenerational activities

PROTECT & ENHANCE THE ENVIRONMENT						
Priority	Action	Partners	Lead Councillor	Timescale	Cost	Comments on progress
Reduce the use of single-use plastic	Launch a Refill Scheme To review Town Council's use of single use plastic and reduce	Refill Cymru Plastic Free Abergavenny Town centre businesses Schools	TBC	Ongoing	Minimal	- Writing Festival, Food Festival and Arts Festival to feature Refill Abergavenny in their programmes - Treasure Hunt event planned for 15 th June - Signed up 20 Refill stations - Window display in Red Square from 17 th June
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	TBC	Ongoing		- Continued promotion of 'Friends' groups through publicising of work parties in Focus magazine and MCC volunteer networks. - 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	TBC	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	MCC, voluntary organisations	TBC	Discussions with MCC early 2019/20		- ATC funding made available. - Civic Society has adopted the sunken garden in Bailey Park

	together with undertaking other town based work					- Town Team 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	No progress
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>

ECONOMICALLY THRIVING TOWN						
Priority	Action	Partners	Lead Councillor	Timescale	Cost	Comments on progress
To have cleaner streets	To review current arrangements which pays MCC to clean the streets	MCC	TBC	Ongoing		- Arrangements made for MCC to carry out a deep clean of town centre - A few Councillors involved in Keep Abergavenny Tidy
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	TBC	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	TBC	2019/20	TBC	Agreement for the relocation of the TIC to the Town Hall. 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>Company engaged & redesign of the website underway</p> <p>Regular features in the Focus Magazine & 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>		On June Council agenda

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To encourage wider community engagement on Town Council activities	To identify methods to capture community views		Mayor All Councillors			Engagement with the community at Council events and through other activities such as Abergavenny in Bloom
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 town venues rather than in the Town Hall.</p>		Mayor All Councillors	<p>End 2019</p> <p>Ongoing</p> <p>Summer 2019 & ongoing</p>		<p>Town Clerk office refurbishment will provide direct access to the Council</p> <p>Corporate branding proposals under preparation</p> <p>The Town Hall refurbishment is providing an opportunity to meet in different venues</p>
To engage with and influence policymakers across a wide range of issues	<p>To build good working relationships with a range of policy makers</p> <p>To respond to relevant consultations</p>	MCC WG NRW ABHBT	Mayor All Councillors	Ongoing		<p>Good officer relationships between ATC and MCC</p> <p>-Responded to MCC Toilet Strategy consultation</p> <p>-Submitted written reps to PINS re active travel river bridge</p>