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Dear Councillors

Daily Newspapers in Public Libraries

I am writing to you in relation to consideration of provision of daily and local newspapers in public libraries, specifically in this instance Abergavenny Library.

Prior to Covid19 and the refurbishment of the new hub, Abergavenny Town Council kindly provided daily newspapers for visitors to peruse during visits to the library. This was always a very popular offer and one that was well used by visitors. The offer was withdrawn when Covid19 closed our services in March 2020 as newspapers could not be used during that time.

We are now back to full service, and as such customers are once again starting to ask if daily newspapers are available to read. Added to this we now have more people using the library as a warm space, as the current cost of living crisis forces people in our communities to look to us for help and friendly, safe support. The value of a newspaper has therefore become even more important for these people as a means to catch up with local and global events, and of course to simply relax in our beautiful library space.

With this in mind, I wanted to approach Councillors to ask if there would be any possibility that newspapers could once again be funded by Abergavenny Town Council for Abergavenny Library? Several town councils have already resumed contributions in various towns, including Usk, Monmouth and Chepstow and Caldicot Town Council are being approached by the Friends of the Library group. Previously we were provided The Chronicle (weekly) and The Times and Daily Mail daily (Tues, Wed, Thurs, Fri and Sat).

I would very much appreciate your considerations in this matter.

If you have any questions regarding this, please don't hesitate to get in touch.

Yours Sincerely

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