

## ABERGAVENNY TOWN COUNCIL

### MINUTES OF THE COUNCIL MEETING WEDNESDAY 15<sup>th</sup> JANUARY 2020, ST MICHAEL'S CENTRE, FOLLOWING POLICY & RESOURCES COMMITTEE

#### Present:

Chairman - Cllr T Konieczny (Mayor)  
Cllr N Tatam  
Cllr D Simcock  
Cllr T Davies  
Cllr T Thomas  
Cllr P Simcock  
Cllr F Morgan  
Cllr M Groucutt  
Cllr M Hickman  
Cllr L Van de Vyver  
Cllr S Burch  
Cllr G Jones

#### Absent without apologies

Cllr M Lewis

#### In attendance:

J Lee (Town Clerk)

No public session

81/19	<b>Receive and approve apologies for absence</b>  Apologies were received from Cllrs M Harris and R Harris and Council resolved to accept the reasons for apologies.
82/19	<b>Receive Declarations of Interest</b>  Cllr Hickman declared a personal interest in agenda item 5 (twinning with Domboshawa) as Cllr Hickman is a trustee of the Love Zimbabwe charity.
83/19	<b>Receive and approve the minutes of the last meeting held on 11<sup>th</sup> December 2019</b>  Resolved to approve the minutes of the last meeting held on 11 <sup>th</sup> December as an accurate record
84/19	<b>Receive the Town Clerk's Update</b>  The Town Clerk's update report was noted with support for the Town Council to facilitate a public meeting with AFF Board Members and staff.

85/19	<p><b>Receive and approve the recommendation from the People and Communities Committee that Abergavenny formally twins with Domboshawa in Zimbabwe.</b></p> <p>Resolved to approve that Abergavenny twins with Domboshawa.</p>
86/19	<p><b>Receive and approve the budget and precept for 2020/21</b></p> <p>Resolved to approve the 2020/21 budget and precept of £403,995</p> <p>During discussions Cllr Tatam made comments considered to be inappropriate. The Mayor requested that Cllr Tatam apologised for the comments. He did so but went on to make another inappropriate comment.</p> <p>Cllr Tatam requested a recorded vote</p> <p><u>In favour</u> – Cllrs Thomas, Jones, Burch, Konieczny, Groucutt, Davies, D Simcock, P Simcock  <u>Against</u> – Cllrs Tatam, Hickman, Van de Vyver  <u>Abstention</u> – Cllr Morgan</p>
87/19	<p><b>Receive and approve the format of the Annual Community Dinner</b></p> <p>Resolved to approve the format of the Annual Community Dinner.</p>
88/19	<p><b>Nominate a Councillor to represent the Town Council (or to deputise) on external bodies</b></p> <p>Resolved to appoint the following councillors</p> <p>ADTA – Cllr Konieczny (deputy)  Y Fenni Business Community – Cllr Burch (deputy)  A 4 B – Cllr Jones (deputy)  Ostringen Twinning Association – Cllr Davies (Lead) &amp; Cllr D Simcock (deputy)  Promobility Group – Cllr Davies (Lead) &amp; Cllr P Simcock (deputy)  Abergavenny Fairtrade – Cllr Morgan (deputy)</p>
89/19	<p><b>Report from County Councillors on matters affecting Abergavenny relevant to this Committee</b></p> <p>Cllr Groucutt informed Councillors that he will be asking a question at MCC full council regarding the proposed MHA development that is currently under consideration for inclusion in the BBNPA LDP. The plans are for 70% affordable housing which could create another area of high deprivation on the edge of town.</p> <p>Cllr Thomas informed Councillors that the work on the A40 bus stop will not commence until next financial year at the earliest.</p>

**There being no other business the meeting ended at 8.43pm**

APPROVED AS A TRUE RECORD

CHAIRMAN *A. Kowicz*

DATE *11/03/2020*

