

## ABERGAVENNY TOWN COUNCIL

### MINUTES OF THE COUNCIL MEETING WEDNESDAY 11<sup>th</sup> MARCH 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 S Burch  
Cllr M Harris  
Cllr R Harris

#### Absent without apologies

Cllr M Lewis

#### In attendance:

J Lee (Town Clerk)

No public session

90/19	<b>Receive and approve apologies for absence</b>  Apologies were received from Cllrs G Jones and L Van de Vyver and Council resolved to accept the reasons for apologies.
91/19	<b>Receive Declarations of Interest</b>  Cllr P Simcock declared a personal interest in agenda item 8 as she is a Director of the Melville Arts Centre CIC. Cllr D Simcock declared a personal interest based on his relationship to Cllr P Simcock.
92/19	<b>Receive and approve the minutes of the last meeting held on 15<sup>th</sup> January 2020</b>  Resolved to approve the minutes of the last meeting held on 11 <sup>th</sup> December as an accurate record
93/19	<b>Receive the Town Clerk's Update</b>  The Town Clerk's update report was noted together with the error of the date of the Annual Community Dinner which should read Saturday 25 <sup>th</sup> April.

94/19	<p><b>Receive and approve the Independent Remuneration Panel for Wales Annual Report 2020-20201 and agree specific responsibility allowance payments in accordance with the IRPW report.</b></p> <p>Resolved to approve the recommendations that the following payments would be paid</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• £150 basic allowance to Councillors</li> <li>• £500 specific responsibility allowances to the Chairs of Policy &amp; Resources, Environment and People &amp; Communities</li> <li>• £1500 Mayoral Allowance</li> <li>• £500 Deputy Mayoral Allowance</li> <li>• Reimburse expenditure incurred by the Mayor and Deputy Mayor from the Civic Budget as set out in the IRPW report</li> <li>• Reimbursement of costs of care if requested</li> <li>• Reimbursement of financial loss payments if requested</li> <li>• Mileage and subsistence expenses if requested</li> </ul>
95/19	<p><b>Receive and approve the calendar of meeting dates 2020/21</b></p> <p>It was brought to the attention of the Town Clerk that the calendar of meeting dates did not include dates for Council meetings.</p> <p>Resolved to approve the calendar of meeting dates presented and that the Town Clerk would amend to include Council meetings and recirculate</p>
96/19	<p><b>Receive and approve the Standing Orders and Financial Regulations 2020/21</b></p> <p>Resolved to approve the Standing Orders with the amendment to 5c that the Annual Meeting commences at 7pm and to approve the Financial Regulations.</p>
97/19	<p><b>Approve the request that the Town Council sends a letter to the Melville Centre in support of their application for Heritage Fund assistance with preparatory work</b></p> <p>Resolved for the Town Clerk to write a letter of support</p>
98/19	<p><b>Receive and note progress on the 'A More Responsive Town Council' action table from the Town Council's Action Plan</b></p> <p>Cllr Konieczny informed Councillors that a review of the strategy and priorities for next two years should be considered.</p> <p>Progress noted</p>
99/19	<p><b>Report from County Councillors on matters affecting Abergavenny relevant to this Committee</b></p>

	<p>Cllr Thomas informed Councillors that he has been in discussion with MCC Estates officers regarding the ongoing delay with works at the Town Hall and impact on market traders.</p> <p>Cllr Groucutt informed Councillors that the works to construct a speed table on Pen y pound will be delayed until the summer.</p> <p>Councillors were informed by Cllr Konieczny that works to improve Abergavenny railway station may be completed by 2022 rather than expected date of 2024.</p> <p>Cllr Burch requested that the Town Clerk keeps Councillors updated on latest guidance re coronavirus and requested that fellow Councillors respond to assist the community if a lockdown is imposed.</p>
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**There being no other business the meeting ended at 8.22pm**

**APPROVED AS A TRUE RECORD**

**CHAIRMAN ..... DATE .....**