

ABERGAVENNY TOWN COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE FULL COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON WEDNESDAY 11th NOVEMBER 2020 HELD REMOTELY VIA MS TEAMS

Present:

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

Absent with apologies

Cllr L Van de Vyver

In attendance:

J Lee (Town Clerk)

No public session

44/20	Receive and approve apologies for absence No apologies of absence received
45/20	Receive Declarations of Interest Cllr R Harris is a member of MCC Planning Committee. He took no part in the decision making and voting on planning applications and acted, where required, in a factual advisory capacity
46/20	Receive and approve the minutes of the last meeting held on 14th October 2020 Resolved unanimously to approve the minutes of the last meeting held on 14 th October 2020 as an accurate record
47/20	To note the Town Clerk's Update The Town Clerk's Update included notification that MCC has decided to paint the exterior of the Town Hall Oxblood Red. This followed agreement by Abergavenny

	<p>Town Council in the Oct meeting that the colour should be Normandy Grey. The Clerk informed Councillors that the Civic Society and FOALS were also consulted and both of those organisations preferred Oxblood Red.</p> <p>Cllr Harris proposed that a letter is sent to MCC requesting details of how the colour decision was made and the weighting given to the views of 2 unelected bodies namely the Civic Society and FOALS versus the weighting given to the Town Council's particularly in light of the fact that the Town Council is contributing 50% of the funds for the works to be carried out.</p> <p>Resolved for the Town Clerk to send a letter to MCC setting out the Town Council's disappointment that their views on the colour of the exterior paintwork at the Town Hall have seemingly been ignored.</p> <p>The Mayor brought to the attention of Councillors that the Town Clerk has successfully applied for a Heritage Fund application of £15,200 for enhancing environmental growth in the town. The Mayor thanked the Town Clerk.</p>
48/20	<p>Receive and approve the Asset Register 2020/21</p> <p>Resolved unanimously to approve the Asset Register 2020/21</p>
49/20	<p>Receive and if appropriate approve the establishment of a Town Crew</p> <p>A good discussion took place on the advantages of having a Town Crew dedicated to Abergavenny. This Town Crew could respond more quickly than MCC and would undertake maintenance that is currently not being carried out to improve the cleanliness and appearance of the town and to prevent existing street furniture from deteriorating. However, Councillors expressed concern regarding the proposed costs and potential impact on the precept as this would be an ongoing commitment.</p> <p>Cllr Groucutt proposed an amendment to the recommendation in the report. The wording of the amendment is as follows- <i>To agree to the establishment of a Town Crew with a Team Leader in the structure (option 3) subject to consideration of the necessary funding during the 2021/22 budget setting process and agreement that the costs would not result in an unacceptable increase in the town precept</i></p> <p>Resolved to accept the wording of the amended recommendation</p> <p>Cllr Tatam requested a vote on the recommendation</p> <p><u>For</u> Cllr Brocklesby, Cllr Burch, Cllr Davies, Cllr Groucutt, Cllr M Harris, Cllr R Harris, Cllr Jones, Cllr Konieczny, Cllr D Simcock, Cllr P Simcock, Cllr Thomas</p> <p><u>Against</u> Cllr Hickman, Cllr Morgan, Cllr Tatam</p> <p>Resolved to agree to the establishment of a Town Crew with a Team Leader in the structure (option 3) subject to consideration of the necessary funding during</p>

	the 2021/22 budget setting process and agreement that the costs would not result in an unacceptable increase in the town precept
50/20	<p>Receive and comment on the following planning applications</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • DM/2020/01517 – recommend approval • DM/2020/01461 – recommend approval. It was noted that the design is sympathetic to its surroundings and is of a high quality. • DM/2020/-1465 – recommend approval • DM/2020/01455 – recommend approval • DM/2019/01793 – Councillors remain disappointed that the landscaping scheme does not go far enough. Councillors are of the opinion that the landscaping could be increased along the Gavenny corridor and on the site boundary alongside the A40. The planting palette selected could offer more pollinator friendly plants. For this reason, the Town Council recommend approval only if a condition is included which would require the developer to submit a revised landscaping scheme and receive approval of the revised landscaping scheme before work commences. • DM/2020/01232 – recommend approval

There being no other business the meeting ended at 8.13pm

APPROVED AS A TRUE RECORD

CHAIRMAN DATE