

ABERGAVENNY TOWN COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL MEETING HELD ON WEDNESDAY 14TH OCTOBER 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

In attendance:

J Lee (Town Clerk)

No public session

The Mayor paid tribute to the late Alan Breeze Past Mayor and Honorary Burgess for his years of dedicated public service.

30/20	Receive and approve apologies for absence Apologies were received from Cllrs Jones and Van de Vyver and the reasons given accepted.
31/20	Receive Declarations of Interest Cllr T Konieczny declared a personal interest as a Trustee of the Plas Gunter Mansion Trust Cllr T Davies declared a personal interest as Secretary of Friends of Bailey Park 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
32/20	Receive and approve the minutes of the last meeting held on 9th September 2020 Resolved unanimously to approve the minutes of the last meeting held on 9 th September 2020 as an accurate record

33/20	<p>Elect the Mayor and Deputy Mayor for the Council Year 2020/21</p> <p>The Mayor reminded Councillors that the Coronavirus regulations provide for the Council to determine not to elect a new Mayor and Deputy Mayor with the serving Mayor and Deputy Mayor continuing in office until May 2021</p> <p>Resolved unanimously not to elect a new Mayor and Deputy Mayor</p>
34/20	<p>Approve that serving Chairs and Vice-Chairs of Committees continue until May 2021</p> <p>Resolved unanimously that serving Chairs and Vice-Chairs of Committees continue until May 2021</p>
35/20	<p>Approve that the membership of Committees continues until May 2021</p> <p>Resolved unanimously that the membership of Committees continues until May 2021</p>
36/20	<p>Receive and approve changes to the representation on external bodies to match the Committees</p> <p>Resolved unanimously to make a number of changes to the Town Council representation on external bodies. Cllr F Morgan will be replaced by Cllr T Konieczny on the Y Fenni Business Community, Cllr T Konieczny will be replaced by Cllr F Morgan on A4B, Cllr D Simcock will be the Ostringen Twinning Association rep, Cllr P Simcock will be the Mind Monmouthshire deputy rep and Cllr T Konieczny will the Armed Forces Champion deputy rep. Cllr T Konieczny will no longer be a Abergavenny Community Trust rep.</p>
37/20	<p>Note the revised calendar of Full Council meetings until end of April 2021</p> <p>The following meeting dates were noted.</p> <p>Wednesday 11 Nov, 9 Dec, 13 Jan, 10 Feb, 10 Mar, 14 April, 7pm.</p>
38/20	<p>Receive and vote on the applications for the Councillor vacancy in Castle Ward</p> <p>Councillors voted on the two candidates. Candidate A gained 2 votes, Candidate B 10 votes</p> <p>Candidate B Mary Ann Brocklesby was selected as the new Town Councillor for Castle Ward</p>
39/20	<p>Receive and approve the budget monitoring and spend proposals report</p> <p>The report set out the proposed underspend as a result of coronavirus together with suggested spend proposals. It was agreed to take the recommendations individually.</p>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. Resolved unanimously to allocate an additional £20,000 from the Environment Committee Implementation of the Action Plan budget towards the Bailey Park Gates and Railings restoration b. Resolved unanimously that Paul Dennis Metalworks undertakes the gates and railings restoration c. Resolved unanimously that the £30,000 Bailey Park Pavilion earmarked reserve is allocated to the resurfacing project together with funding vired from the £5000 that was not spent on the Youth Summer Activities 2020 d. Resolved unanimously that a further report on the future of the Bailey Park pavilion is prepared e. Resolved unanimously to allocate £4607 for the purchase of an interactive TV and kinderboxes for the library from the People & Communities Implementation of the Action Plan budget f. Resolved unanimously to allocate £2500 for the Box Office furniture from the Environment Committee implementation of the action plan budget g. Resolved unanimously for a further report on the funding package for the Skate Park extension is prepared h. Resolved unanimously to allocate £14,115 for the exterior painting of the Town Hall from the Environment Committee Implementation of the Action Plan budgets following the virements of the underspend on the RFO Salary, TIC and Other Events i. Resolved that Normandy Grey is acceptable as the exterior colour for the woodwork at the Town Hall j. Resolved to offer in principle funding of £30,000 to financially assist the Plas Gunter Mansion Trust with the purchase of the land to the rear of the Mansion k. Resolved unanimously to allocate £1100 from the Abergavenny in Bloom budget for a replacement rusty planter and tree/plants l. Resolved unanimously that all the plastic name plates on the Past Mayors Board are replaced with brass plates at a cost of £342 m. Resolved unanimously to replace the smashed glass in the picture frames at a cost of £250
40/20	<p>Receive and provide comments on the MCC ‘Provision of public toilets – grant and Abergavenny’ report</p> <p>The draft MCC report was discussed which included proposed changes to the terms of an asset transfer agreement. The sliding scale of compensation for investment was not considered acceptable and did not make an asset transfer any more attractive. The status quo whereby the Town Council contributes to the maintenance and cleaning and ownership remains with MCC is preferred way forward</p> <p>The proposed closure of White Horse Lane toilets is a MCC decision</p> <p>The proposal for the Town Council to open discussions on a community toilet scheme with businesses in Frogmore Street area that have toilets was welcomed.</p>

	Resolved that the Town Council would not enter into asset transfer arrangements based on the proposed terms and that the Town Council would open discussions with businesses with toilets regarding a Community Toilet Scheme.
41/20	<p>To receive and approve the Town Council’s response to the Active Travel Integrated Network Map consultation</p> <p>Resolved unanimously to approve the response to the Active Travel INM consultation</p>
42/20	<p>To receive and approve the application from Plas Gunter Mansion Trust for a large grant of £2500</p> <p>Resolved unanimously to award a £2500 grant for emergency works required at the Plas Gunter Mansion</p>
43/20	<p>Receive and comment on the following planning applications</p> <p>DM/2020/01355, 18 Hillcrest Road, NP7 6BL – recommend approval DM/2020/01231, 20-24 Brecon Road, NP7 5UG – recommend approval DM/2020/01298, land between former gas works and Cae Pen Y Dre– recommend approval DM/2020/00434, Abergavenny Town Hall – recommend approval DM/2020/01237, Unit 7 The Courtyard, Lion Street, NP7 5PE – recommend approval DM/2020/01193, 56 North Street, NP7 7ED – recommend approval DM/2020/01236, 33 Delafield Road, NP7 7AW – recommend approval</p>

There being no other business the meeting ended at 8.55pm

APPROVED AS A TRUE RECORD

CHAIRMAN DATE