

ABERGAVENNY TOWN COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON WEDNESDAY 9TH SEPTEMBER 2020 AT ABERGAVENNY COMMUNITY CENTRE, PARK STREET, ABERGAVENNY

Present:

Chairman - Cllr T Konieczny (Mayor)
Cllr N Tatam
Cllr T Davies
Cllr M Groucutt
Cllr M Harris
Cllr R Harris
Cllr G Jones
Cllr Van de Vyver
Cllr M Hickman
Cllr S Burch

In attendance:

J Lee (Town Clerk)

No public session

18/20	Receive and approve apologies for absence Apologies were received from Cllrs Thomas, P Simcock, D Simcock and Morgan and the reasons given accepted.
19/20	Receive Declarations of Interest Cllr M Groucutt declared a personal interest in Black Mountain Jazz and Abergavenny Food Festival Cllr T Davies and Cllr L Van de Vyver declared a personal interest in FoBP Cllr S Burch declared a personal interest as a Trustee of Abergavenny Area Community Orchards and Gardens CIC 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
20/20	Receive and approve the minutes of the last meeting held on 16th July 2020 Resolved unanimously to approve the minutes of the last meeting held on 16 th July 2020 as an accurate record
21/20	Receive and note the budget reports for Month 4 The budget reports for month 4 were noted. Cllr Konieczny asked if there would be an underspend in 2020/21 and how much. The Town Clerk informed Councillors that the Town Council had budgeted for a number of activities that

	<p>have not gone ahead and that there will be reductions in contributions ie to Tourist Information Centre, but the amount had not yet been quantified.</p>
22/20	<p>Receive and approve the appointment of a Macebearer</p> <p>A draft role description was considered which removed serving duties previously undertaken by the Macebearer. Cllr Hickman suggested a change of word from 'many' to 'most' in the sentence "this would be approximately five attendances a year most of which will fall on a weekend or evening"</p> <p>Councillors agreed unanimously to recruit the Macebearer on the basis of the proposed role description and advert (with the change noted above) and that assistance will be hired in by the Town Clerk to assist with serving at civic functions.</p>
23/20	<p>Receive and approve the report recommending the renewal of the planting and watering contract with Willows Garden Centre</p> <p>Cllr Konieczny informed Councillors that Willows Garden Centre has to date provided an excellent service and has taken on additional work free of charge to help out.</p> <p>Resolved unanimously to approve a waiver to Financial Regulations and commence a new contract with Willows Garden Centre for two years at an annual cost of £12,715</p>
24/20	<p>Receive and approve a financial contribution to the fit out of the Tourist Information Centre</p> <p>Resolved unanimously to contribute £2485 towards the TIC fit out.</p>
25/20	<p>Receive and approve funding to the Abergavenny Food Festival</p> <p>Resolved unanimously to contribute £8000 towards the market hall decorations and for 50% to be paid immediately and remaining £2000 can be used to cover additional elements such as an interpretation board, working with schools, hire of a venue.</p>
26/20	<p>Consider the report from the Allotments Sub Group</p> <p>Cllr Davies, Chair of People & Communities Committee introduced the report which has been prepared by a sub-group of People & Communities Committee.</p> <p>Cllr Van de Vyver asked about involvement of schools in growing. Cllr Davies shared details of schools that already have growing spaces. Cllr Konieczny asked about involvement of existing organisations such as Incredible Edibles. Seeking comments from existing groups would be part of the next steps to identify need and demand.</p>

	Resolved unanimously for sub group to undertake next steps which is to consult using social media and email surveys with existing and new gardening groups to establish the level of latent demand and to contact Llantilio Pertholey and Llanfoist Fawr Community Councils to ascertain their interest in developing a joint Allotment Strategy.
27/20	Receive and approve the annual pay increase Resolved unanimously to approve the annual pay increase backdated to 1 st April 2020
28/20	Receive and approve small grant applications <u>Black Mountain Jazz</u> application for a grant of £1000 towards Virtual Wall2Wall Jazz Festival. Resolved unanimously to approve a grant of £1000 <u>Friends of Bailey Park</u> application for a grant of £1000 towards 2 benches, pump, plants & bulbs. Resolved to approve a grant of £750
29/20	Receive and comment on the following planning applications DM/2020/01121 – 19 Chapel Road, NP7 7DN - Approve DM/2020/01072 – 11 Park Court, NP7 5SR – Approve DM/2020/01102 – Westward House, Windsor Road, NP7 7BB – Approve DM/2020/00864 – 24 Frogmore Street, NP7 5AH – Decline. Proposed opening hours considered inappropriate.

There being no other business the meeting ended at 8.01pm

APPROVED AS A TRUE RECORD

CHAIRMAN **DATE**