

ABERGAVENNY TOWN COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON WEDNESDAY 9th JUNE 2021 HELD REMOTELY USING MS TEAMS

Present:

Chairman - Cllr T Thomas
Cllr N Tatam
Cllr D Simcock
Cllr P Simcock
Cllr S Burch
Cllr MA Brocklesby
Cllr M Groucutt
Cllr G Jones
Cllr T Davies
Cllr Konieczny

Absent without apologies

Cllr L Van de Vyver

In attendance:

J Lee (Town Clerk)
Yvonne James & Mal Edgson, Monmouthshire Citizens Advice (for part of the meeting)

No public session. 1 member of the public joined after the start of the meeting

31/21	Receive and approve apologies for absence Apologies received from Cllr Morgan for work reasons, Cllr Hickman who is engaged with magistrate duties and Cllrs R & M Harris for personal reasons. Reasons for absence were approved.
32/21	Receive Declarations of Interest Cllr Konieczny declared an interest in agenda item 11 as a member of BMJ and associated with 47 Productions Cllr Groucutt declared an interest in agenda 11 as a member of BMJ Cllr P Simcock declared an interest in agenda 11 as Black Mountain Jazz are a hosted organisation at the Melville which Cllr P Simcock has involvement These councillors did not take part in the vote on this agenda item
33/21	Receive a presentation from Yvonne James and Mal Edgson, Monmouthshire Citizens Advice

	<p>Councillors received an informative presentation from Mal Edgson showing that in the 12 months until 31st May 2021, 227 clients from Abergavenny wards were helped with 300 cases and 754 issues.</p> <p>There is suppressed demand on issues such as debt advice due to the protections imposed during the pandemic. Citizens Advice expect demand on their services to increase significantly once the protections are lifted. They are seeking funding for a new financial inclusion project to fund a project worker for 12 months working across Monmouthshire. A grant has already been received from the Moondance Foundation.</p> <p>Mal thanked the Town Council for their ongoing financial support.</p> <p>Councillors requested individual ward data and a copy of the presentation. Cllr Groucutt who is on the MCC Tackling Poverty & Inclusion group will contact Citizens Advice to arrange for them to address this group to seek additional financial support from MCC. Cllr Groucutt also thanked Citizens Advice for continuing to operate a satellite service at ACE. Citizens Advice is also looking for new volunteers.</p> <p>The Mayor thanked Mal Edgson and Yvonne James for attending and for their presentation</p>
34/21	<p>Receive and approve the minutes of the last meeting held on 12th May 2021</p> <p>Resolved unanimously to approve the minutes of the last meeting held on 12th May 2021 as an accurate record.</p>
35/21	<p>Receive and approve the minutes of the extraordinary meeting held on 19th May 2021</p> <p>Cllr Groucutt informed Councillors that the issue that was picked up in the consultation document re mixing of GCSE and A level was a typo in the MCC consultation document.</p> <p>Resolved unanimously to approve the minutes of the last meeting held on 19th May 2021 as an accurate record.</p>
36/21	<p>Receive and note the Town Clerk's Update</p> <p>Town Clerk reported that there had been a disappointing response to the adopt a garden launch. Cllr Brocklesby will have further discussions with Abergavenny Community Centre to explore if they can assist.</p> <p>Resolved unanimously to note the report</p>
37/21	<p>Receive and approve the budget reports for Month 2</p> <p>Resolved unanimously to approve the budget reports for Month 2</p>

38/21	<p>Receive and approve the Internal Auditors Report 2020-21</p> <p>Cllr Groucutt thanked the Town Clerk/Responsible Financial Officer for putting in place systems that have resulted in a positive report from the Internal Auditor.</p> <p>Resolved unanimously to approve the Internal Auditors Report 2020-21</p>
39/21	<p>Receive and approve the Annual Governance Accounting Return & Accounting Statements 2020-21</p> <p>Cllr Konieczny thanked the Town Clerk/Responsible Financial Officer for her efforts in preparing the end of year accounts.</p> <p>Resolved unanimously to approve the Annual Governance Accounting Return and Accounting Statements</p>
40/21	<p>Receive and approve the monitoring report from Mind Monmouthshire</p> <p>Resolved unanimously to approve the monitoring report from Mind Monmouthshire</p>
41/21	<p>Receive and approve the proposal from Black Mountain Jazz for multiyear sponsorship</p> <p>Councillors would like to ensure that the children & young people element is fully inclusive.</p> <p>Resolved unanimously to approve annual sponsorship of the Wall2Wall Jazz Festival of £4000 a year for three years subject to a satisfactory annual feedback report</p>
42/21	<p>Receive and approve expenditure on Christmas Lights additions</p> <p>Resolved unanimously to approve the health check of the electrics, replacement of 11 artificial trees, change 1/3 of the LED spheres to red and hire the squashed reindeer free standing light installation</p>
43/21	<p>Receive reports from Councillors attending meetings of External Bodies</p> <p>Cllr Konieczny reported that he attended a OVW/SLCC conference at which more information was made available re the General Power of Competence (GPOC) and that he is happy to discuss this with Councillors if interested.</p>
44/21	<p>Consider and approve the following planning applications.</p> <p>The following applications are recommended for approval</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 21/19978/FUL Rose Cottage, Tyrewen Lane, NP7 7HU • DM/2021/00662 23 Chapel Road, NP7 7DN • DM/2021/00592 14 Trinity St, NP7 5EA • DM/2021/00508 6 Chapel Orchard, NP7 7BQ

	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• DM/2021/00579 3 Plas Derwen View, NP7 9SX• DM/2021/00499 79 North St, NP7 7EB• DM/2021/00562 5 Hastings Close, NP7 9JD• DM/2021/00723 26 Maes Y Llarwydd, NP7 5LQ
--	--

There being no other business the meeting ended at 8.10pm

APPROVED AS A TRUE RECORD

CHAIRMAN DATE