

## ABERGAVENNY TOWN COUNCIL

### MINUTES OF THE COUNCIL MEETING HELD IN THE ST MICHAEL'S CENTRE, ABERGAVENNY ON WEDNESDAY 9<sup>TH</sup> OCTOBER FOLLOWING POLICY & RESOURCES COMMITTEE

#### **Present:**

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

One representative from the press  
One member of the public (for part of the meeting)

#### **In attendance:**

J Lee (Town Clerk)

57/19	<b>Receive and approve apologies for absence</b>  Apologies were received from Cllr Lewis. Council resolved to accept the reasons for apologies.
58/19	<b>Receive Declarations of Interest</b>  None
59/19	<b>Receive and approve the minutes of the last meeting held on 17<sup>th</sup> July 2019</b>  Resolved to approve the minutes of the last meeting held on 1th July 2019 as an accurate record
60/19	<b>Receive the Town Clerk's Update</b>  The Town Clerk's update report was noted
61/19	<b>To receive the Annual Governance Statement and Auditors Report</b>

	The Annual Governance Statement and Auditors Report was accepted
62/19	<p><b>Receive the internal financial control action plan arising from 2018-19 audit and delegate implementation to the Policy &amp; Resources Committee</b></p> <p>Resolved to approve the internal financial control action plan arising from 2018-19 audit and delegate implementation to the Policy &amp; Resources Committee</p>
63/19	<p><b>Receive and approve the revised Standing Orders as recommended by Policy &amp; Resources Committee</b></p> <p>Resolved to approve Standing Orders</p>
64/19	<p><b>Receive and approve the revised Financial Regulations as recommended by Policy &amp; Resources Committee</b></p> <p>Resolved to approve Financial Regulations</p>
65/19	<p><b>Receive and approve the report of the Election of the Mayor</b></p> <p>Cllr Morgan proposed an amendment to recommendation 5.1 to remove “after which there will be a small reception in the Mayor’s Parlour/Hub for Councillors, Honorary Burgesses, personal guests of the Mayor and Deputy Mayor” therefore the recommendation reads Conclude the Annual Meeting in full. Resolved unanimously to approve this amendment</p> <p>Resolved to approve the remaining recommendations of removal of election of mayor from February meeting, cancellation of the installation ceremony, inclusion of the election of Mayor and Deputy on the agenda of the Annual meeting in May, Mayor continues to have discretion as to whether to have a Civic Service and the nature of this service and that an annual community dinner is held.</p>
66/19	<p><b>Receive and approve the report of Offering Hospitality</b></p> <p>Resolved to approve that alcohol is not served during mayoral receptions and that hospitality is offered at the discretion of the Mayor</p>
67/19	<p><b>Receive and approve the report on Changes to the Macebearer Arrangements</b></p> <p>Resolved to approve an allowance of £50 for each occasion attended by the Macebearer and that this arrangement commences 2020/21</p>
68/19	<p><b>Approve a waiver to financial regulations for the engagement of Sarah Price Landscapes for the maintenance of town centre planters as recommended by Environment Committee</b></p> <p>Resolved to approve a waiver to financial regulations for the engagement of Sarah Price Landscapes for the maintenance of town centre planters</p>

69/19	<p><b>Receive and review progress on ‘A More Responsive Council’ action table</b></p> <p>The action table update was noted</p>
70/19	<p><b>Elect a Minor Authorities Governor for Deri View Primary School</b></p> <p>Resolved to approve the election of Councillor P Simcock as Governor for Deri View Primary School</p> <p>Councillor Konieczny informed Councillors of the excellent exam results achieved by pupils at KHS. It was resolved to request that the Town Clerk sends a letter to school to congratulate the head, staff and pupils</p>
71/19	<p><b>Report from County Councillors on matters affecting Abergavenny relevant to this Committee</b></p> <p>Cllr Thomas provided information on the recent decision by MCC to close Mounton House Special School with effect from August 2020</p> <p>Cllr Thomas reported that MCC will be putting two proposals to WG regarding the siting of the bus stop of A40</p>

**There being no other business the meeting ended at 8.48pm**