

ABERGAVENNY TOWN COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE MEETING HELD IN THE MELVILLE CENTRE, ABERGAVENNY ON WEDNESDAY 25TH SEPTEMBER 2019 AT 7.00PM

Present:

Cllr T Konieczny (Chair)
Cllr T Davies
Cllr G Jones
Cllr D Simcock
Cllr M Harris
Cllr R Harris
Cllr L Van de Vyver
Cllr N Tatam

Absent without apologies

Cllr M Lewis

In attendance:

J Lee (Town Clerk)

Public Session

No public session

ENV 1/19	Receive and approve apologies for absence Apologies were received from Cllr S Dodd and it was resolved to accept the reasons for absence.
ENV 2/19	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 agenda item 6 and acted, where required, in a factual advisory capacity
ENV 3/19	Elect a Vice Chair Councillor Nick Tatam was elected
ENV 4/19	Receive and approve the Committee Terms of Reference Resolved to accept the Terms of Reference
ENV 5/19	Receive the Committee budget and spend to date

	Report was noted
ENV 6/19	<p>Consider and make recommendations regarding the following planning applications</p> <p>DM/2019/01409 28 Grosvenor Road, NP7 6AH – Recommend approval</p> <p>DM/2019/01303 19 Plas Derwen View, NP7 9SX – Recommend approval</p> <p>DM/2019/01316 8 Herbert Close, NP7 7AJ – Recommend approval</p> <p>DM/2019/01362 – Variation of condition 2 – Recommend rejection on the basis that more information should be sought from the developer as to the reason for the application for the variation of condition 2. Without adequate information the Town Council considers that the removal of a health and wellbeing suite within the development is a reduction in the level of amenity offered (Policy H9) and an additional demand on the parking available within the development (Policy H9)</p> <p>DM/2019/01167 – 87 Chapel Road – Recommend approval. However, the Town Council requests that consideration is given to stipulating sash windows as this development would be within a Conservation Area.</p> <p>DM/2019/01470 – Vila Mir, NP7 7BS – Recommend approval</p>
ENV7/19	<p>Prioritise One Action from the Protect & Enhance the Environment and Economically Thriving Town Action Plan Tables</p> <p>Resolved to amend the action tables as follows:</p> <p>Priority – Reduce the use of single use plastics Action – To investigate the installation of a public drinking fountain by the toilets in Brewery Yard. The Town Clerk to prepare a report for the next meeting.</p> <p>Priority – To continue to work with town centre businesses Action – To Set Up a Town Centre Forum – The Town Clerk to prepare a proposal</p>
ENV8/19	<p>Consider Additional Actions for Inclusion in the Action Tables</p> <p>No additional Actions</p>
ENV 9/19	<p>Receive a briefing report on the initial meeting with MCC regarding dog fouling bin emptying</p> <p>Report was noted</p>

ENV 10/19	<p>Receive and approve a financial contribution for a litter bin in the area adjacent to the cinema</p> <p>Resolved unanimously to fund the purchase of the litter bin</p>
ENV 11/19	<p>Receive and recommend approval to Council for a 3 year contract for the ongoing maintenance of the planters in St Johns Square, Nevill Street and Lion Street</p> <p>Resolved unanimously to recommend approval to Council</p>
ENV12/19	<p>Receive and recommend approval to Policy & Resources Committee the appointment of landscape advice for renewing 'tired' planted areas around the town</p> <p>Resolved unanimously to recommend to Policy & Resources Committee the appointment of Company B</p>
ENV 13/19	<p>Receive details of the duty under Section 6 Environment Act 2015 regarding biodiversity</p> <p>Resolved that the Chair and Town Clerk populate the draft reporting template and bring back to the next Committee for approval</p>
ENV 14/19	<p>Receive an update report on the Town Crew proposal</p> <p>Report noted</p>
ENV 15/19	<p>Receive an update report on the Heritage Fund Restoration of Bailey Park & Gates application</p> <p>Report noted</p>
ENV 16/19	<p>Consider and if appropriate approve funding for an article in VisitAbergavenny brochure to enable Town Festivals to jointly promote their festival at a total cost of £150</p> <p>Resolved unanimously to recommend approval</p>
ENV 17/19	<p>Consider applying to Carnegie Trust 'Talk of the Towns'</p> <p>Resolved unanimously not to pursue as not sufficient time</p>
ENV 18/19	<p>Consider the purchase of memorial benches</p> <p>Resolved unanimously not to pursue at this time.</p> <p>In the future consideration to be given to asking residents through the Abergavenny Chronicle if memorial benches should be purchased and where they should be sited.</p>

ENV 19/19	<p>Report from County Councillor on matters affecting Abergavenny relevant to this Committee</p> <p>No matters reported</p>
ENV 20/19	<p>Items for consideration at the next meeting 23rd October</p> <p>What is being done to address the rat population in Abergavenny</p>

There being no other business the meeting ended at 8.56pm

APPROVED AS A TRUE RECORD

CHAIRMAN DATE