

## ABERGAVENNY TOWN COUNCIL

### MINUTES OF THE ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE MEETING HELD IN THE MELVILLE CENTRE, ABERGAVENNY ON WEDNESDAY 27<sup>th</sup> NOVEMBER 2019 AT 7.00PM

**Present:** Cllr T Konieczny (Chair)  
Cllr R Harris  
Cllr S Burch  
Cllr D Simcock  
Cllr N Tatam

#### **Absent without apologies**

Cllr M Lewis & Cllr Van de Vyver

#### **In attendance:**

J Lee (Town Clerk)

#### Public Session

No public session

ENV 50/19	<b>Receive and approve apologies for absence</b>  Apologies were received from Cllrs T Davies, G Jones, M Harris and it was resolved to accept the reasons for absence.
ENV 51/19	<b>Receive Declarations of Interest</b>  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
ENV 52/19	<b>Receive a presentation by Anthea Fairey, Chair of Friends of Castle Meadows (FCM)</b>  Members received an informative presentation from Anthea Fairey on the activities being undertaken on Castle Meadows to restore and enhance important habitats. <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• The FCM arrange regular work parties every other Thursday and 1<sup>st</sup> Saturday of the month.</li><li>• Work closely with primary schools as deliver part of KS2</li><li>• Improvements have been made to the pond by diverting water from the Cibi and planting of marginal plants</li><li>• Reens are being dredged</li><li>• Black poplars are being planted</li></ul>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Plans for a new copse by horse chestnuts and new hedge connecting FCM copse and copse at the bottom of Byfield car park.</li> <li>• Dog fouling continues to be issue</li> <li>• Hedge with stock proof fencing would cost £1600 and would be a mix of species including hawthorn, guelder rose, blackthorn, goat willow, field maple and planting would take place in November</li> </ul> <p>Cllr Konieczny requested that FCM share their long term plans with the Town Council as the Town Council has a duty under Section 6 of the Environment Act to enhance biodiversity.</p> <p>Councillors thanked Anthea for her presentation and the work that FCM has undertaken.</p>
ENV 53/19	<p><b>Receive and approve minutes of the meeting held on 27th November 2019</b></p> <p>Resolved to approve the minutes of the meeting held on 27<sup>th</sup> November 2019</p> <p>Members were provided with an update regarding DM/2019/01794 – Aldi redevelopment. A request of a site meeting with the Planning Officer was made, at which point the Town Clerk was informed that MCC planning officer will be having further discussions with Aldi’s planning consultants regarding the proposed development. It was suggested that the timing of a site meeting should be after these discussions.</p>
ENV 54/19	<p><b>Receive the Town Clerk’s Update</b></p> <p>Update noted</p>
ENV 55/19	<p><b>Consider and make recommendations regarding the following planning applications</b></p> <p><b>DM/2019/02022</b> 15 Fosterville Crescent, NP7 5HG – Recommend approval</p> <p><b>DM/2020/00056</b> Unit 2 Castle Meadows Park, NP7 7RZ – Recommend approval</p> <p><b>DM/2019/02037</b> 12 Avenue Crescent, NP7 7DE – Recommend approval</p> <p><b>DM/2020/00067</b> 21 Victoria Street, NP7 5DS – Recommend approval</p> <p><b>DM/2019/01970</b> below 75 Llwynu Lane &amp; 42 Hillcrest Road – Recommend approval</p> <p><b>DM/2019/02057</b> Merthyr Road Garage, NP7 5DB – Recommend approval. Abergavenny Town Council to request that they are consulted on any future landscaping plans and that the layout of the forecourt has sufficient parking for customers so that customers do not have to park on the road.</p>

	<b>DM/2019/01966</b> 1 Plas Derwen, Abergavenny, NP7 9SX – Recommend refusal. Abergavenny Town Council supports the objection made by Highways regarding the loss of a parking space with the potential to increase on-street parking.
ENV 56/19	<b>Receive progress on the Protect and Enhance the Environment and Economically Thriving Town Action Tables</b>  Update noted
ENV 57/19	<b>Consider additional actions for inclusion in the action tables</b>  Resolved to include liaise with Friends of Castle Meadows regarding future plans.
ENV 58/19	<b>Report from Councillors attendance at external bodies relevant to this Committee</b>  Cllr Konieczny reported back on the MCC Delegated Panel site meeting re planning application DM/2019/01214 adjacent to 13 Fosterville Crescent. Delegated Panel agreed that this application would be determined by Planning Committee. Resolved that Cllr Konieczny will request to speak at Planning Committee on this application.  Cllr D Simcock reported that he attended joint Planning Aid Wales/Planning Inspectorate training.
ENV 59/19	<b>Report from County Councillor on matters affecting Abergavenny relevant to this Committee</b>  None
ENV 60/19	<b>Items for consideration at the next meeting 26<sup>th</sup> February</b>  Presentation by Oliver Barton, Friends of Linda Vista Gardens Presentation by MCC on plans for investment in the market Update of monitoring of air quality on A40 by Morrisons junction

**There being no other business the meeting ended at 8.57pm**

**APPROVED AS A TRUE RECORD**

**CHAIRMAN .....** **DATE .....**