

## ABERGAVENNY TOWN COUNCIL

### MINUTES OF THE EXTRAORDINARY MEETING HELD ON WEDNESDAY 19<sup>TH</sup> MAY 2021 HELD REMOTELY USING MS TEAMS

#### Present:

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

#### Absent without apologies

Cllr L Van de Vyver

#### In attendance:

J Lee (Town Clerk)

No public session

Meeting commenced at 7.07pm due to IT issues

27/21	<b>Receive and approve apologies for absence</b>  Apologies received from Cllrs Konieczny & Morgan as have previous engagements and Cllr Hickman also sent apologies, no reason given.
28/21	<b>Receive Declarations of Interest</b>  Cllr R Harris is a member the MCC 21 <sup>st</sup> Century Schools Board and took no part in the decisions taken.
29/21	<b>Receive and receive and approve the recruitment of the Town Clerk</b>  Resolved unanimously to engage OVW to manage the recruitment process at a cost of £1195 max with advertisement costs anticipated at up to £1000 and to take up the offer from the existing Town Clerk to work reduced hours for the Town Council until a new Town Clerk is appointed (subject to agreement of the terms of this transitional arrangement with the existing Town Clerk's new employer).
30/21	<b>Discuss and approve the Town Council response to the All Through School for Abergavenny consultation</b>

	<p>Cllr Groucutt had prepared a discussion paper which had been circulated in advance, the main points being:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Proposed school is 4-19 yrs with nursery provision from 3 yrs offered by a private contractor. Therefore parents whose children are in the catchment area for the new school (former Deri View) under new arrangements will have a lesser offer from parents who's children attend other primary schools in the town. School will have no oversight/control of age 3 provision. This in effect diminishes the services currently on offer rather than improving the overall offer.</li> <li>• Different phases being suggested and not clear why GCSE and A level students are mixed</li> <li>• Community &amp; Adult education proposed within the new arrangements but not clear how this links with existing provision</li> <li>• Why not include all MCC's landholdings ie Football club, Community Ed centre to enable a more visionary solution &amp; views of groups such as Team Abergavenny should be considered.</li> </ul> <p>Cllr Groucutt informed Councillors that the consultation deadline had been extended to 22<sup>nd</sup> June and Councillors requested that a meeting is arranged with Chief Officer Will McClean to discuss the concerns that they have with the current proposals.</p> <p>Resolved to vote no to the current all-through school proposals and for the Clerk, Cllr Groucutt &amp; the Mayor to prepare the Town Council's response based on the paper prepared by Cllr Groucutt and that the Town Clerk arranges a Council meeting with Will McClean attending.</p>
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**There being no other business the meeting ended at 7.55pm**

**APPROVED AS A TRUE RECORD**

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