

## ABERGAVENTNY TOWN COUNCIL

### MINUTES OF THE PEOPLE & COMMUNITIES COMMITTEE MEETING HELD 3<sup>rd</sup> NOVEMBER 2021 7PM IN THE COMMUNITY ROOM, TOWN HALL, ABERGAVENTNY

**Present:** Cllr T Davies (Chair) via MS Teams  
Cllr T Thomas via MS Teams  
Cllr M Hickman via MS Teams  
Cllr M Harris  
Cllr D Simcock  
Cllr M Groucutt  
Cllr G Jones

#### **Absent without apologies**

Cllr F Morgan

#### **In attendance:**

S Rosser (Town Clerk)

No public session

No public in attendance

PC 08/21	<b>Receive and approve apologies for absence</b>  Apologies were received from Cllrs L Van de Vyver & P Simcock, and it was resolved to accept the reasons for absence.
PC 09/21	<b>Receive Declarations of Interest</b>  None received
PC 10/21	<b>To Finalise Plans for the Christmas Light Switch-on Event.</b>  Cllr T Davies and the Clerk met with Lucy Hywel from the Y Fenni Business Club and Peggy Romer from MCC Markets on 2 <sup>nd</sup> November 2021. Cllr Davies commented that Peggy Romer is very keen and enthusiastic to work with the Council on future events, along with Lucy Hywel from the Business Club. The Clerk had spoken to Kristian Williams at the MCC ESAG group and completed a Covid Risk Assessment which was shared with the Councillors. Councillors discussed should we consider continuing with a live event if others are taking the decision to either postpone or cancel due to the rising Covid rates, particularly amongst children. Not only may this encourage a larger. Number of people from out of the area, but the licenced venues near the site of the switch-on may also add to the numbers that attend. Rates of Covid are at their highest since the start of the pandemic so was it wise to continue? All Councillors shared this concern, and for the need to exercise caution. It was highlighted more WG announcements with changes in restrictions were due week beginning 15 <sup>th</sup>

	<p>November. Many factors to consider and mitigate for. Cllr Davies suggested that we could consider going with a virtual event like in 2020, which was well received. Suggestions were made on who to contact to see what could be pulled together and the costs for a virtual switch-on to be filmed and edited to be released online via social media and the website.</p> <p>Cllr T Davies proposed the Town Council hold a virtual switch-on event. Seconded by Cllr D Simcock. Unanimously supported by all councillors.</p> <p>Clerk to proceed with facilitating an online event.</p>
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**Meeting ended 7.35pm**

**APPROVED AS A TRUE RECORD**

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