

ABERGAVENNY TOWN COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE PEOPLE & COMMUNITIES COMMITTEE MEETING HELD ON WEDNESDAY 4TH MARCH, 7PM IN THE MELVILLE CENTRE, PENYPOUND, ABERGAVENNY

Present: Cllr T Davies (Chair)
Cllr G Jones
Cllr D Simcock
Cllr P Simcock
Cllr F Morgan
Cllr M Hickman
Cllr T Thomas
Cllr M Groucutt

In attendance:

J Lee (Town Clerk)
K Hoole (for part of the meeting)
C Rogers and K Christopher (for part of the meeting)

No public session

PC 45/19	Receive and approve apologies for absence Apologies were received from Cllrs L Van de Vyver and M Harris and it was resolved to accept the reasons for absence.
PC 46/19	Receive Declarations of Interest None received
PC 47/19	Receive a presentation from Karen Hoole on establishing an allotment site Karen Hoole provided details of her experience in establishing an allotment site in Llangattock. Points to note: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Set up on land owned by Llangattock Community Council, lease agreement between Allotment Association and Community Council• Has approximately 40-50 members• Each plot 25x10 metre - £35 rental per annum• Planning permission required for access, storage and fencing, not for change of use from agriculture.• Allotment Committee set up and has in place a Code of Conduct, Inspection regime and Constitution. Councillor from Llangattock Community Council sits on the committee• Raised approx. £40,000 to establish the allotment site inc. £20,000 for a solar powered borehole• Hold community events and workdays

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Has volunteers to cut grass • Receives a small grant from Community Council • Raises funds from holding event • Key issues in setting up an allotment are land, water and access <p>The Chair thanked Karen for her presentation</p>
PC 48/19	<p>Receive a presentation from Claire Rogers and Kelly Christopher from MCC regarding the SHIFT project.</p> <p>Points to note:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • SHIFT project set up in 2019 following successful application to WG for £64,000 • Current funding allows 1.5 days per week in Abergavenny • Currently working with 10 young people, 8 on the waiting list • WG confirmed £64,000 for 2020/21 • Project aimed at 11-18 year olds. • Offers support for young people with emotional and wellbeing issues. • Young people are referred to the Early Help Panel who decide the appropriate service to take the case <p>The Chair thanked Claire and Kelly for their presentation</p>
PC 49/19	<p>Receive and approve the minutes from the last meeting held on 8th January 2020</p> <p>Resolved to accept the minutes as a true and accurate record</p>
PC 50/19	<p>Receive the Town Clerk's Update Report</p> <p>Summer playscheme - Town Clerk reported that Llantilio Pertholey Community Council has agreed to contribute £1000 towards the summer playscheme</p> <p>Report was noted</p>
PC 51/19	<p>Consider financial support to SHIFT project supporting young people with emerging mental health, emotional or wellbeing issues</p> <p>Resolved unanimously to fund an additional 0.5 days of support in 2020/21 at a cost of £4095</p>
PC 52/19	<p>Discussion on allotments</p> <p>Resolved to set up a sub group consisting of Cllrs Jones, Morgan, D Simcock, Burch to investigate further</p> <p>Resolved for Cllr Thomas to request a motion at the next MCC Council meeting on replacement of Llanfoist Allotments and future provision of allotments in Abergavenny area.</p>

PC 53/19	<p>Receive and approve the Youth Update report</p> <p>Resolved to agree to Youth Team to use Town Council funding to support the Youth Summer Camp.</p>
PC 54/19	<p>Receive updates on prioritised actions from the Children & Young People and Challenges of Demographic Change Action Plan Tables</p> <p>Cllr Davies reported that following the Action 50+ meeting, an article is to be prepared setting out the different responsibilities between the Town Council and Monmouthshire County Council</p> <p>Cllr D Simcock suggested that the Town Council should hold regular public meeting.</p> <p>Resolved to consider this proposal at a future Council meeting</p>
PC 55/19	<p>Consider Additional Actions for Inclusion in the Action Tables</p> <p>Cllr P Simcock suggested that the Town Council could arrange an annual International Women’s Day event. Cllr P Simcock invited to bring a proposal back to a future People & Communities meeting.</p>
PC 56/19	<p>Report from Councillors attending external bodies that are relevant to this Committee</p> <p>Cllrs D & P Simcock reported that they attended a GAVO run event ‘Power of Community’ which included a demonstration of the ‘Our Monmouthshire’ platform which is a digital platform for promoting volunteering by connecting different people and organisations</p>
PC 57/19	<p>Report from County Councillors on relevant matters affecting Abergavenny</p> <p>Cllr Morgan asked County Councillors for their views regarding the recent increase in anti-social behaviour incidents. Cllr Thomas reported that he is in touch with the local Neighbourhood Policing team regarding this matter.</p>
PC 58/19	<p>Items for consideration at the next meeting 13th May 2020</p> <p>Presentation from Foodbank manager</p>

There being no other business the meeting ended at 8.53pm

APPROVED AS A TRUE RECORD

CHAIRMAN DATE