

## ABERGAVENNY TOWN COUNCIL

### MINUTES OF THE PEOPLE & COMMUNITIES COMMITTEE MEETING HELD IN THE AIR CADET SQUADRON, TRINITY STREET, ABERGAVENNY ON WEDNESDAY 6<sup>TH</sup> NOVEMBER 2019 AT 7.00PM

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

#### **Absent without apologies**

Cllr M Groucutt

#### **In attendance:**

J Lee (Town Clerk)

No public session

PC 14/19	<b>Receive and approve apologies for absence</b>  Apologies were received from Cllrs L Van de Vyver and Davies and it was resolved to accept the reasons for absence.
PC 15/19	<b>Receive Declarations of Interest</b>  No declarations of interest were given.
PC 16/19	<b>Receive a presentation from Pilot Officer Matt Riddell on opportunities offered to young people by the Air Cadet Squadron</b>  An informative presentation was given by Matt Riddell. Air Cadets is for ages 12-20 years. Currently 15 young people in Abergavenny squadron and recruitment of new cadets through KHS school is providing difficult.  Air Cadets offers a wide range of training opportunities, Duke of Edinburgh award, BTEC & ILM qualifications, overseas camps etc.  Details of the Town Council's small grants scheme is to be sent to Air Cadets.
PC 17/19	<b>Receive and approve the minutes from the last meeting held on 4<sup>th</sup> September 2019</b>  Resolved to accept the minutes as a true and accurate record
PC 18/19	<b>Receive the Town Clerk's Update Report</b>

	<p>Town Clerk reported that the Baba Yaga matinee performance on 6<sup>th</sup> November was well received.</p> <p>Report was noted</p>
PC 19/19	<p><b>Receive and approve the People &amp; Communities Committee Terms of Reference</b></p> <p>Resolved to approve the Terms of Reference</p>
PC 20/19	<p><b>Receive updates on prioritised actions from the Children &amp; Young People and Challenges of Demographic Change Action Plan Tables</b></p> <p>Resolved to note the report</p> <p>Cllr Simcock reported that GAVO have been asked to undertake an audit showing organisations that offer services to people with a disability. Cllr Simcock will update the Committee on progress.</p>
PC 21/19	<p><b>Consider Additional Actions for Inclusion in the Action Tables</b></p> <p>None</p>
PC 22/19	<p><b>Receive a report from MCC Youth Service on Summer Activities for 11+ years.</b></p> <p>Cllrs would like to know if transport was an issue for the low take up of the Gilwern Outdoor Education Centre trips.</p> <p>Resolved to note the report and to continue support to subsidise holiday activities in 2020/21</p>
PC23/19	<p><b>Receive a report from MCC on the Summer Playscheme</b></p> <p>Request that Mike Moran, MCC attends the next Committee meeting to present the report and provide more detail including FSM recipients and aggregate figure for pupils in schools with Abergavenny Town Council area.</p> <p>Resolved to note the report</p>
PC24/19	<p><b>Receive a verbal update on Council run events</b></p> <p><u>Christmas Light Switch On</u> arrangements in place. Switch On Stage will be in Frogmore Street. There will be entertainment on the Switch On Stage and at the Night Market. One lantern making workshop has been held with another on Saturday 9<sup>th</sup> November.</p> <p><u>VE75 Day</u> – This will be on Friday 8<sup>th</sup> May which is a bank holiday. Street Party is being organised in the Priory Centre Courtyard with music and entertainment. People to bring their own food. Awaiting clarification on whether</p>

	Mons Day will be on 9 <sup>th</sup> May. Sporting activities eg tug of war to be organised in Bailey Park on Saturday.
PC25/19	<p><b>Consider proposed budgets for 2020/21 for People &amp; Communities Committee</b></p> <p>Resolved to request the following budget provision</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Twinning £3000</li> <li>• Council Events £2000</li> <li>• Christmas Light Switch On Event £1000</li> <li>• Young People Summer Activities £17000</li> <li>• Christmas Lights £22500</li> <li>• VE75 Event – to be notified shortly</li> <li>• Implementation of action plan - £30000</li> </ul>
PC 26/19	<p><b>Report from Councillors attending external bodies that are relevant to this Committee</b></p> <p>Cllr Morgan reported back from a Monmouthshire County CAB Management Board meeting. The scale of cuts across the County in funding is proving difficult to manage, the contribution from Abergavenny has been well received.</p> <p>In discussion, the Town Clerk has been requested to contact Abergavenny CAB to seek more information on whether a solicitors rota exists and why the latest statistics show a reduction in number of clients and reasons why.</p> <p>Cllr Thomas reported back from an ACE Management Board. With the financial contributions from all partners including the Town Council, ACE is on a much more secure financial footing</p>
PC 27/19	<p><b>Report from County Councillors on relevant matters affecting Abergavenny</b></p> <p>Bus stop A40 – 2 plans being considered by WG on 12 November. Allotments – an alternative site to the Llanfoist allotments is still unresolved with the likely site still remaining within Llanfoist area. Some discussion on the need for provision in Abergavenny so agreed to agenda for next meeting.</p>
PC 28/19	<p><b>Items for consideration at the next meeting 6<sup>th</sup> November</b></p> <p>Standing items – Action Plan Allotments in Abergavenny</p>

**There being no other business the meeting ended at 8.50pm**

**APPROVED AS A TRUE RECORD**

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