

ABERGAVENNY TOWN COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE POLICY & RESOURCES COMMITTEE MEETING HELD IN ST MICHAEL'S CENTRE, ABERGAVENNY ON WEDNESDAY 15th JANUARY 2020 AT 7.00PM

Present: Cllr M Groucutt (Chair)
Cllr T Konieczny
Cllr D Simcock
Cllr P Simcock
Cllr T Thomas
Cllr N Tatam
Cllr T Davies
Cllr M Hickman
Cllr F Morgan
Cllr L Van de Vyver
Cllr G Jones

Absent without apologies

Cllr M Lewis

In attendance:

J Lee (Town Clerk)

Public Session

No public session

PR 61/19	Receive and approve apologies for absence Apologies were received from Cllrs M Harris and R Harris it was resolved to accept the reasons for absence and send a card to Cllr M Harris.
PR 62/19	Receive Declarations of Interest None
PR 63/19	Receive a presentation from Alan Burkitt, Welsh Language & Equality Officer, Monmouthshire County Council on potential Welsh Language Scheme for Abergavenny Town Council The Chair welcome Alan to the meeting. Alan offered to assist the Town Council in identifying incremental steps that can be taken to introduce the Welsh Language into the business of the town council and also offered the assistance of MCC translation service. He advised that Community & Town Councils will be required to adopt Welsh Language Standards at some future date and therefore it is advisable to make a start.

	<p>Two motions were proposed, voted upon and carried.</p> <p>Resolved to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • translate the static pages of the website and publish events bilingually • for a meeting to be set up between Alan Burkitt and the Town Clerk to discuss what steps can be taken to increase the use of Welsh in Town Council business. All Councillors to be made aware of the date and time of the meeting so that they can participate if they so wish.
PR 64/19	<p>Receive and approve the minutes of the meeting on 11th December 2019</p> <p>Two amendments – absence with apologies should read absence without apologies and new KHS provision will be 3-19 not 3-16 are recorded in the minutes.</p> <p>Resolved to accept the minutes of the last meeting with amendments as above</p>
PR 65/19	<p>Receive the Town Clerk’s Update</p> <p>The Town Clerk’s update report was noted.</p> <p>In response to the update regarding Cllr Pratt, not accepting the Town Council’s invitation to attend a meeting to discuss the bus stop, it was resolved to request that the Town Clerk writes to Cllr Pratt to express disappointment with her decision.</p>
PR 66/19	<p>Receive the Committee budget and spend to date</p> <p>The Town Clerk informed the Committee that the final precept payment from MCC has been received and that a number of organisations will be contacted and encouraged to submit outstanding invoices asap.</p> <p>Reports was noted</p>
PR 67/19	<p>Receive and note recent payments made since the previous meeting</p> <p>Report was noted</p>
PR68/19	<p>Receive and consider the small grants application from Cyfannol</p> <p>Resolved unanimously to award a grant of £1000 to Cyfannol towards training costs which will enable the organisation to offer additional interventions.</p>
PR 69/19	<p>Report from Councillors attendance at external bodies relevant to this Committee</p> <p>None</p>

PR 70/19	<p>Report from County Councillors on relevant matters affecting Abergavenny</p> <p>Cllr Groucutt expressed concern over MCC's proposed budget which would see individual school budgets cut by 2%. This will be a £75,000 to KHS budget and would also impact on primary schools.</p> <p>Resolved to request that the Town Clerk writes to Cllr Phil Murphy, Cabinet Member Resources to express opposition to the proposed individual school budget cuts.</p>
PR 71/19	<p>Items for consideration at the next meeting 12th February</p> <p>None</p>

There being no other business the meeting ended at 7.50pm

APPROVED AS A TRUE RECORD

CHAIRMAN DATE