

ABERGAVENTNY TOWN COUNCIL

ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE MEETING

WEDNESDAY 25TH JANUARY 2023

TOWN CLERK'S UPDATE

1. ABERGVAENNY IN BLOOM

The Town Clerk and Chair of Environment Committee have approached a local company to see if a logo can be created and social media presence for the Abergavenny in Bloom group to sit under. 4 possibilities have been shared with you (appendix A) and feedback is sought on these options.

Once a logo is established, window vinyls and other branded materials can be produced to allow all the groups who contribute to Abergavenny in Bloom to have centralised place for everything to sit. The company we are in discussion with is local and is willing to support the initiative with favourable costs for designing the logo and setting up and monitoring a new social media platform which will be linked to a section on the Town Council website to allow groups to share reports and updates with interested parties. A Hanging Basket initiative is ready to circulate to local businesses (appendix B) to encourage more uptake and involvement from this area, and discussions with specific businesses in the town are ongoing to encourage 'champions' to be available as go-to advisors to help businesses with little knowledge in this area to get support from fellow traders where necessary.

The Rainwater Capture Project is now needing some attention to enable this to get off the ground – One business on Lion Street has agreed to assist, and several on Nevill Street are very keen to join this. A meeting will be sought with the local garden centre to see if this will be a good way to get them involved with our local businesses.

Abergavenny Rotary are keen to be involved so this might be a good project to utilise their support.

A stakeholder meeting will be needed asap to ensure businesses and all local groups already involved can come together to have discussions on plans for this year, to confirm planting arrangements and watering schedules, and answer any questions about the 'In Bloom' commitments for 2023. It would be good to have Councillors to take on each ward as a point of contact for information to feed back through as this year is likely to see the biggest involvement town-wide.

2. ATC/KAT STAKEHOLDER MEETING 6TH FEBRUARY 2023

The Town Clerk and secretary of Keep Abergavenny Tidy have sent out the invite to the next stakeholder meeting on Monday 6th February 2023 at 2pm in the Community Room. Already we have positive responses from several MCC officers and Gwent Police, as well as Keep Wales Tidy. Councillors are encouraged to attend if they can, or if not, please notify the Town Clerk if there is anything specific you'd like to help with so your details can be passed on for including in arrangements for the next intervention projects as well as follow up work to those already underway. If possible it would be useful to have ATC representation for each ward present.