

Email Report from Cllr Tony Konieczny from CCTV Meeting 8th February 2022:

Dear Councillors,

I attended the CCTV panel meeting via Teams this morning. I was tasked to raise the issues that arose from our meeting with the Police and MCC to improve the management of anti-social behaviours in the town. I have summarised the response to the points I raised with the panel.

Is the camera technology up-to date and fit for purpose?

- Analogue cameras are being replaced with up-to-date digital equipment (there have been problems with compatibility in the monitoring station)
- All new installations will be with the latest camera technology improving resolution and making facial recognition possible to the Police

Is the existing coverage sufficient?

- Two further permanent cameras will be installed to cover the junction of Lion Street/Frogmore Street Wetherspoons area and the junction of Lion Street/Market Street/King Street (Morrisons area)
- Four cameras will be installed in Bailey Park, one will specifically cover the Sensory Garden area which is a popular meeting place/drinking spot
- Bus Station camera is out of use now as there is a power supply failure. Maintenance is ongoing.
- Pruning of trees would improve surveillance (St. John's Square) MCC maintenance?

Can cameras be moved to other locations to provide better coverage?

- Cameras can be moved to different locations but it would be impossible to have blanket coverage so there will always be blind spots.
- Police and CCTV representative agreed the current cameras are in the right locations in Abergavenny.
- Moving the location of cameras should only be done in liaison with stakeholders and with the advice and support of the local Police Team

How useful/effective is the CCTV service?

- A survey discovered that CCTV and improved Street lighting contribute to a feeling of public safety (very strong response from women)

Cost of the service?

- The cost of the CCTV service will increase by 2.5% to £3515 per quarter. £14060 per annum.

Regards

Cllr Tony Konieczny