

ABERGAVENTNY TOWN COUNCIL

ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE 30TH MARCH 2022

TOWN CLERK'S UPDATE

1. GIVE DOG FOULING THE RED CARD CAMPAIGN DAY 31ST MARCH 2022

ATC and MCC will be joining forces as part of the Dog Fouling Action Group to tackle the rise in dog fouling on Castle Meadows, through Linda Vista Gardens, up to the Lower Football Pitches at Penypound, and the path alongside the playing field at Deri View School. We are meeting at 8:30am in Byefield Lane car Park, and the Town Team will be using red chalk spray to stencil on pathways and putting up lamp post stickers to highlight the issue of dog fouling in these areas. Friends of Castle Meadows, Friends of Linda Vista Gardens, Keep Abergavenny Tidy, and Gwent Police have been informed of this action and invited to join if they wish. It falls in Spring Clean Cymru fortnight which is a Keep Wales Tidy campaign to encourage everyone to 'spring clean' their local areas. If anyone wishes to join us you are very welcome.

NB: This event has been CANCELLED by MCC due to PEP – it will be rescheduled for after the elections in May.

2. TOILETS SLA WITH MCC

Cllr Konieczny and the Town Clerk met with Debra Hill-Howells from MCC on Thursday 24th March 2022 to discuss the updated SLA agreement for the toilet provision in Abergavenny. Our sincere thanks go to Cllr Fred Morgan for his swift work on altering the agreement to provide a better working document to form the final agreement. Debra Hill-Howells hopes to get the final draft back to us in the next few weeks, along with an additional document to cover the opening of Bailey Park toilets which Friends of Bailey Park have been quoted a cost of £1000 for the summer holiday opening.

3. ABERGAVENTNY IN BLOOM 2022

This year's submission to the Town Category has been submitted, and we have received the opening presentation for this year's competition which has been circulated to you all. We will shortly be asking all the groups who contribute to the Portfolio for their reports and photos to assist the Town Clerk in compiling this by June 2022 for submission to the judges prior to their visit in July. Wales in Bloom are also introducing two new discretionary awards – the Jim Goodwin Award and the John Woods Award. Details for both have been circulated and entries need to be submitted by 31st July 2022. We can only enter a submission for one of these awards and must provide a 300-word statement of support for the submission. If anyone has a suggestion for the award nomination, please email this with a supporting statement to the Town Clerk. In addition to this work, the standpipe for watering the planters and beds around town has now been ordered and once the training has been completed by Russell Walker and Ivan Bassett this will be delivered and stored in the building at an accessible point for ease of watering throughout town.

4. CARBON LITERACY TRAINING

The Town Clerk has completed the Carbon Literacy Training and has now received the certificate to show she has met all the requirements of the Carbon Literacy Standard, so is now recognised as being Carbon Literate. The cohort continues to meet monthly to work on their group pledge of raising awareness via the Libraries, with suggested reading lists being submitted and books being prominently displayed to enable more people to be engaged in this subject. After the first display was arranged in Abergavenny, the following day one book was seen being talked about on Facebook by Abergavenny and Crickhowell Friends of the Earth Group on Abergavenny Voice, who were very impressed such things were available in their local library.

5. Surfers Against Sewage Event Saturday 23rd April 2022

Event organised by Kim Waters:

A meet up in Abergavenny Castle Meadows at 11am. An exact location will be published on What3words, Grid ref and postcode if applicable.

A walk along the public footpath looping around to return to Abergavenny and St Johns Square. circa 1.5km.

In case of flooding an alternative route through the pedestrianised part of town is planned.

A 20 min talk about the state of sewage in the River Usk (The 7th worst river in the country)

We anticipate circa 200-300.

We will have a better understanding of exact numbers when we get people to register, site goes live on the 1st April.