

ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE Update October 2019

Latest updates in bold

PROTECT & ENHANCE THE ENVIRONMENT						
Priority	Action	Partners	Lead Councillor	Timescale	Cost	Comments on progress
Reduce the use of single-use plastic	<p>Launch a Refill Scheme</p> <p>To review Town Council's use of single use plastic and reduce</p> <p>Install an outdoor drinking fountain</p>	<p>Refill Cymru</p> <p>Plastic Free Abergavenny</p> <p>Town centre businesses</p> <p>Schools</p>	Cllr T Konieczny	Ongoing	TBC	<p>- Promotion event took place on 15th June</p> <p>- £200 received from Welsh Water to pay for pop up banner and further promotion including metal bottles to give away.</p> <p>- Pop up banner printed and available to use</p> <p>- Installation of outdoor water foundation being costed</p>
To provide voluntary environmental groups with a more sustainable future	To work with MCC to increase the number of volunteers active in Friends of groups	<p>Voluntary Environmental Groups</p> <p>MCC</p> <p>KWT</p> <p>GAVO</p>	Cllr T Konieczny	Ongoing		<p>- Continued promotion of 'Friends' groups</p> <p>- Grant funding</p>
To encourage the use of pollinator planting in	To direct council contractors to	Bee friendly Monmouthshire	Cllr T Konieczny	In time for Spring		- Maintenance of planters by Sarah

Council funded planting schemes	increase pollinator friendly planting			2019 planting		Price Landscapes will use pollinator friendly planting - Redesigned & replanted areas around town will help with this
To improve the maintenance and enhancement of Bailey Park and Linda Vista Gardens	To investigate the feasibility of establishing a team to maintain these greenspaces together with undertaking other town based work	MCC, voluntary organisations	Cllr T Konieczny	Discussions with MCC early 2019/20		- ATC funding made available. - Civic Society has adopted the sunken garden in Bailey Park - Town Crew negotiations with MCC ongoing
Contribute to the MCC Green Infrastructure (GI) Strategy and resulting projects	To engage with MCC on the GI strategy	MCC NRW	Cllr Konieczny	Ongoing		- MCC Green Infrastructure Strategy will be going to Strong Communities on 7th November and then Cabinet for approval on 4th December
To reduce the incidences of dog fouling in the town	To provide dog waste bins throughout the town To promote the 'give dog fouling the red card' campaign	MCC	Cllr T Davies			Successful awareness campaign on 11 th April focused on Castle Meadows New posters designed and circulated

	<p>To lobby MCC to bring in Public Space Protection Orders in particular areas where dog fouling is a particular issue</p>					<p>Stickers put on majority of dog bins informing people to use litter bins if dog bins full.</p> <p>Discussions ongoing between MCC officers and C&TCs re future arrangements for dog fouling bin emptying</p>
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