

# **ABERGAVENNY TOWN COUNCIL**

## **POLICY AND RESOURCES COMMITTEE**

**28<sup>TH</sup> SEPTEMBER 2022**

### **HONORS BOARD AND CIVIC AWARD POLICIES REPORT**

#### **1. PURPOSE**

To discuss the implementation of policy and guidance to enable nominations for addition to the Honours Board and allocation of title of Freeman/Freewoman, and to look at developing a local Civic Award for awarding annually at the Community Dinner.

#### **2. BACKGROUND**

2.1 ATC have on display in the Mayors Parlour a Honorary Burgess Board, and Honours Board. There is currently one Burgess – former councillor Doug Edwards – who by way of this title is invited to any civic events help by ATC.

2.2 The Honours Board currently has recognition plaques for various townsfolk who have received civic honours such as MBE's or CBE's in their fields, exceptional sporting achievements, or fundraising efforts.

#### **3. PROPOSAL**

3.1 ATC had no policy in place to govern how to ensure nominations for either of the above-mentioned titles could be granted. On investigation, the title of Honorary Burgess can only be inferred by three Town/Community Councils in Wales, so this is no longer something we can offer by way of recognition of service to the community. Please refer to section 6 of Appendix A: Honorary Titles and Officers of Dignity document.

3.2 A draft Honorary Freeman/Freewoman policy has been put together by Cllr Konieczny for your consideration (Appendix B).

3.3 A Good Citizens Award has been suggested as an alternative or addition to the Community Awards/Community in Kindness Awards which have been held and awarded previously. A draft policy and nomination form have been included for consideration. (Appendix C and D)

3.4 An Honours Board Policy draft has been created for consideration to guide Councillors in who can be eligible for inclusion and recognition on this board (Appendix E)

#### **4. RECOMMENDATIONS**

4.1 Councillors are requested to read and make comments regarding the content of the draft policies so that the final drafts can be drawn up for Full Council to ratify and adopt as policy at the next meeting on 12<sup>th</sup> October 2022.

4.2 A physical award (shield, pin, etc) to be investigated and priced up to mark such an honour or award being bestowed upon an individual or organisation in the future.

4.3 To allow the remaining Honorary Burgess to keep such title and for a replacement board to be priced for such time when the Council wish to award the title of Freeman or Freewoman of Abergavenny in future.