

Mid Year Update Dec 2019

CHILDREN & YOUNG PEOPLE						
Priorities	Action	Partners	Lead Councillor	Timescale	Cost	Latest Comments on progress
Ensure young people with emerging mental health issues have access to and are offered appropriate services	To find out what is currently provided and identify any gaps	Schools, MCC Youth Services, ACE	Cllr T Davies		TBC	Links established with MCC Youth Service. Information received from MCC re. the SHIFT project for consideration at the next People & Communities Committee
Increase opportunities for young people to have a say in what happens in their town?	Arrange regular meetings with schools	Schools, MCC Youth Service GAVO	Cllr T Davies			Cllr Davies has contacted the school. Suggested that liaison is with the emerging Eco Committee
Understand whether youth provision in the town is appropriate & sufficient	Have further discussions with MCC Youth Service and other agencies	MCC Youth Service, ACE, Aber Community Centre, 7 Corners GAVO	Cllr T Davies	2019-20		Meeting with MCC officers has taken place. Report to next People & Communities Committee.
To provide engaging and stimulating play opportunities during the summer holidays and free healthy meals	To fund MCC to provide the summer playscheme To investigate how to provide free healthy meals during the playscheme	MCC	Cllr T Davies	Summer 2019	£12,000 summer playscheme £5,000 Youth Service activities	Report received, discussion in January on provision of a free healthy meal as part of 2020 playscheme. Discussion with neighbouring community councils

						regarding a financial contribution. Youth Service engaged with 91 young people during the summer activities programme.
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CHALLENGES OF DEMOGRAPHIC CHANGE						
Priority	Action	Partners	Lead Councillor	Timescale	Cost	Comments on progress
Public service provision accommodates the needs of older people	To consider older people in service delivery options such as improvements to the toilets	MCC Older people groups	Cllr T Davies	Ongoing		No progress
Community based organisations provide activities that seek to reduce social isolation	To understand current provision and identify any gaps	MCC Mardy Park Resource Centre Abergavenny Community Centre ACE Bridges Community Centre Community Groups	Cllr T Davies	Ongoing		ATC financially support ACC & ACE to provide activities that reduce social isolation including regular coffee morning at ACE and subsidised trips Two town council events focused on older generation – Community Choir concert and Borough Band concert Contact made with Action 50+ - awaiting a date
Improve intergenerational interaction	To pilot an 'adopt a garden' scheme	MCC Allotment Society	Cllr T Davies			Discussions ongoing with a number of organisations

						<p>regarding convening a meeting. Possibility of Leader funding for the pilot</p> <p>Support to a range of town festivals that offer intergenerational activities</p>
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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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Refill Promotion event took place on 15th June - £200 received from Welsh Water to pay for pop up banner and further promotion including metal bottles to give away. - Writing Festival, Food Festival and Arts Festival to feature Refill Abergavenny in their programmes - Treasure Hunt event planned for 15th June - Installation of outdoor water foundation in Brewery Yard to be taken forward
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		- Continued promotion of 'Friends' groups through publicising of work parties in Focus magazine and MCC volunteer networks.

						- Grant funding
To encourage the use of pollinator planting in Council funded planting schemes	To direct council contractors to increase pollinator friendly planting	Bee friendly Monmouthshire	Cllr T Konieczny	In time for Spring 2019 planting		- Maintenance of planters by Sarah Price Landscapes will use pollinator friendly planting - Third in Wales in Bloom Town Category
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
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 yet to be approved
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 Two new dog bins to be installed end Nov/Dec in Pen y Fal

	<p>To lobby MCC to bring in Public Space Protection Orders in particular areas where dog fouling is a particular issue</p>					<p>area and Avenue Road.</p> <p>New posters designed and circulated</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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ECONOMICALLY THRIVING TOWN						
Priority	Action	Partners	Lead Councillor	Timescale	Cost	Comments on progress
To have cleaner streets	To review current arrangements which pays MCC to clean the streets	MCC	Cllr T Konieczny	Ongoing		Arrangements made for MCC to carry out a deep clean of town centre
To have public toilets which meet the needs of users.	To agree a modernisation programme for three blocks of public toilets in the town	MCC Disability groups Baby/Toddler groups	Cllr T Konieczny	Ongoing	TBC	Ongoing discussions with MCC re the future of the public toilets
To continue to work with town centre businesses and others to promote the town and what it has to offer	Set up a Town Centre Forum Support the continuation of the TIC Support Abergavenny & District Tourism Association Design and print new bunting/flags/banners for the town centre	MCC, BBNPA Y Fenni Business Community, Tourist Information Centre, ADTA, Abergavenny Food Festival	Cllr T Konieczny	2019/20	TBC	Contact has been made with ALBA, y Fenni Business Community and ADTA. All parties supportive of the Town Centre Partnership initiative. Initial meeting to be arranged for the January 2020. Relocation of TIC into the Town Hall has taken place. Town Council continues to financially support the TIC Improved working relationships with ADTA with 3 year support from ATC for the Visit

						Abergavenny brochure and ADTA sponsorship of Abergavenny in Bloom
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A MORE RESPONSIVE TOWN COUNCIL						
Issue	Action	Partners	Lead Councillor	Timescale	Cost	Comments on progress
To improve communication	<p>To set up a Facebook page and Twitter account</p> <p>To redesign the website to be more user friendly and informative</p> <p>To issue regular press releases on Council activity</p>	MCC	Mayor	Ongoing	£3000 for website redesign	<p>New website launched in September 2019</p> <p>Regular features in the Focus Magazine & Abergavenny Chronicle</p>
To improve decision making	<p>To revisit the committee structure and powers of the committees.</p> <p>To identify ways that voluntary groups can engage with the decision-making process</p>		Mayor All councillors	<p>2019</p> <p>Ongoing</p>		New Committee Structure approved from September 2019

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To encourage wider community engagement on Town Council activities	To identify methods to capture community views		Mayor All Councillors			Engagement with the community at Council events and through other activities such as Abergavenny in Bloom
To be more visible in the Town	To improve visibility of the office To publicise Council activity through the placing of a crest or notice. To hold a number of Committee meetings in town venues rather than in the Town Hall.		Mayor All Councillors	End 2019 Ongoing Summer 2019 & ongoing		Town Clerk office refurbishment will provide direct access to the Council Corporate branding proposals under preparation The Town Hall refurbishment is providing an opportunity to meet in different venues
To engage with and influence policymakers across a wide range of issues	To build good working relationships with a range of policy makers To respond to relevant consultations	MCC WG NRW ABHBT	Mayor All Councillors	Ongoing		Good officer relationships between ATC and MCC -Responded to MCC Toilet Strategy consultation -Submitted written reps to PINS re active travel river bridge

