

ABERGAVENNY TOWN COUNCIL

**MINUTES OF THE COUNCIL MEETING WEDNESDAY 11th MARCH 2020, ST
MICHAEL'S CENTRE, FOLLOWING POLICY & RESOURCES COMMITTEE**

Present:

Chairman - Cllr T Konieczny (Mayor)
Cllr N Tatam
Cllr D Simcock
Cllr T Davies
Cllr T Thomas
Cllr P Simcock
Cllr F Morgan
Cllr M Groucutt
Cllr M Hickman
Cllr S Burch
Cllr M Harris
Cllr R Harris

Absent without apologies

Cllr M Lewis

In attendance:

J Lee (Town Clerk)

No public session

90/19	Receive and approve apologies for absence Apologies were received from Cllrs G Jones and L Van de Vyver and Council resolved to accept the reasons for apologies.
91/19	Receive Declarations of Interest Cllr P Simcock declared a personal interest in agenda item 8 as she is a Director of the Melville Arts Centre CIC. Cllr D Simcock declared a personal interest based on his relationship to Cllr P Simcock.
92/19	Receive and approve the minutes of the last meeting held on 15th January 2020 Resolved to approve the minutes of the last meeting held on 11 th December as an accurate record
93/19	Receive the Town Clerk's Update The Town Clerk's update report was noted together with the error of the date of the Annual Community Dinner which should read Saturday 25 th April.

94/19	<p>Receive and approve the Independent Remuneration Panel for Wales Annual Report 2020-20201 and agree specific responsibility allowance payments in accordance with the IRPW report.</p> <p>Resolved to approve the recommendations that the following payments would be paid</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • £150 basic allowance to Councillors • £500 specific responsibility allowances to the Chairs of Policy & Resources, Environment and People & Communities • £1500 Mayoral Allowance • £500 Deputy Mayoral Allowance • Reimburse expenditure incurred by the Mayor and Deputy Mayor from the Civic Budget as set out in the IRPW report • Reimbursement of costs of care if requested • Reimbursement of financial loss payments if requested • Mileage and subsistence expenses if requested
95/19	<p>Receive and approve the calendar of meeting dates 2020/21</p> <p>It was brought to the attention of the Town Clerk that the calendar of meeting dates did not include dates for Council meetings.</p> <p>Resolved to approve the calendar of meeting dates presented and that the Town Clerk would amend to include Council meetings and recirculate</p>
96/19	<p>Receive and approve the Standing Orders and Financial Regulations 2020/21</p> <p>Resolved to approve the Standing Orders with the amendment to 5c that the Annual Meeting commences at 7pm and to approve the Financial Regulations.</p>
97/19	<p>Approve the request that the Town Council sends a letter to the Melville Centre in support of their application for Heritage Fund assistance with preparatory work</p> <p>Resolved for the Town Clerk to write a letter of support</p>
98/19	<p>Receive and note progress on the 'A More Responsive Town Council' action table from the Town Council's Action Plan</p> <p>Cllr Konieczny informed Councillors that a review of the strategy and priorities for next two years should be considered.</p> <p>Progress noted</p>
99/19	<p>Report from County Councillors on matters affecting Abergavenny relevant to this Committee</p>

Cllr Thomas informed Councillors that he has been in discussion with MCC Estates officers regarding the ongoing delay with works at the Town Hall and impact on market traders.

Cllr Groucutt informed Councillors that the works to construct a speed table on Pen y pound will be delayed until the summer.

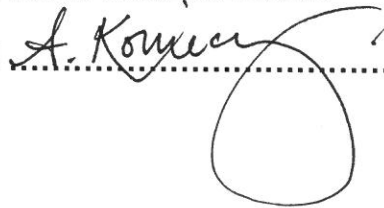
Councillors were informed by Cllr Konieczny that works to improve Abergavenny railway station may be completed by 2022 rather than expected date of 2024.

Cllr Burch requested that the Town Clerk keeps Councillors updated on latest guidance re coronavirus and requested that fellow Councillors respond to assist the community if a lockdown is imposed.

There being no other business the meeting ended at 8.22pm

APPROVED AS A TRUE RECORD

CHAIRMAN



DATE

17/05/2020