

ABERGAVENNY TOWN COUNCIL

PEOPLE AND COMMUNITIES COMMITTEE

WEDNESDAY 11TH JANUARY 2023

TOWN CLERK'S UPDATE

1. SIGHT LOSS FRIENDLY TOWN

Training was attended by a mix of Town Councillors and local businesses for what is hoped will be the first Sight Loss Awareness training sessions to enable Abergavenny to become the first Sight Loss Friendly Town in Wales. Businesses need to have a nominated 'champion' that then feeds back on three 'goals' that they set to achieve and maintain their Sight Loss Friendly Status. It is hoped the training will be rolled out building-wide in the next month/6 weeks to enable the Town Hall to fully embrace this and encourage others throughout the town to continue working towards this.

2. CORONATION 6TH MAY 2023

Saturday 6th May 2023 will see the Coronation of King Charles III. As of yet, no plans have been confirmed by the other services within the Town Hall. There is an additional Bank Holiday on Monday 8th May 2023 to make a long weekend for any celebrations. Good feedback was received after ATC's 'Street Party' Event for the Platinum Jubilee in June 2022, which may be a possible to repeat depending on costs of Hall Hire from MCC's Market Service. Costs of around £1000 enabled entertainment and table/chair hire at the event. It may be possible to investigate a joint venture if MCC Markets decide to hold a Street Food Event for the occasion and we work collaboratively with them on this.

3. NHS 75TH BIRTHDAY 5TH JULY 2023

As we are in the Aneurin Bevan University Health Board Trust's catchment area, ATC may wish to consider marking the 75th Birthday of the NHS which officially happens on Wednesday 5th July 2023. On the 70th Birthday a march was held and Vaughan Gethin (who was Welsh Health Minister at the time) came to speak at an event held in the Methodist Church on Castle Street. ATC may wish to consider linking in with Nevill Hall Hospital to host an event around the time of the 75th Birthday to mark this and build further inroads to establishing good links with this major employer within the town.