

## ABERGAVENNY TOWN COUNCIL

### MINUTES OF THE PEOPLE & COMMUNITIES COMMITTEE MEETING HELD IN THE MELVILLE CENTRE, ABERGAVENNY ON WEDNESDAY 4<sup>TH</sup> SEPTEMBER 2019 AT 7.00PM

**Present:**

Cllr T Davies (Chair)  
Cllr G Jones  
Cllr D Simcock  
Cllr P Simcock  
Cllr M Harris  
Cllr F Morgan  
Cllr M Hickman  
Cllr T Thomas

Two members of the public

**Absent without apologies**

Cllr M Groucutt

**In attendance:**

J Lee (Town Clerk)

Public Session

The issue of the lack of the bus stop by Tesco's was raised. The resident said it is too far to expect people to walk to the bus station or to the bus stop on Brecon Road. The resident was informed that MCC is seeking a resolution as a matter of urgency.

PC 1/19	<b>Receive and approve apologies for absence</b>  Apologies were received from Cllr L Van de Vyver and it was resolved to accept the reasons for absence.
PC 2/19	<b>Receive Declarations of Interest</b>  No declarations of interest were given.
PC 3/19	<b>Elect a Vice Chair</b>  Councillor Gethin Jones was elected
PC 4/19	<b>Receive and approve the minutes from the Projects Committee held on 31<sup>st</sup> July 2019</b>

	<p>The Town Clerk explained that during the transition between the former and new committee structure there will be a period of tying up loose ends. The receiving of these minutes was considered appropriate as one action relates to this Committee. The Committee has Executive powers and is therefore able to approve the minutes</p> <p>Resolved that the minutes were a true and accurate record subject to the correction that the Councillors absent with apologies should read Cllrs Lewis and Groucutt.</p>
PC 5/19	<p><b>Receive the Committee budget and spend to date</b></p> <p>Report was noted</p>
PC 6/19	<p><b>Prioritise One Action from the Children &amp; Young People and Challenges of Demographic Change Action Plan Tables</b></p> <p>Resolved to amend the action tables as follows:</p> <p>Increase opportunities for young people to have a say in what happens in their town' - Cllr Davies to contact KHS school to request time in an assembly to address pupils regarding Refill Abergavenny and reducing the use of single-use plastic and to liaise with the School Council on this matter and Fairtrade</p> <p>Public Service Provision accommodates the needs of older people - Town Clerk to contact Action 50+ group to request the opportunity for the Town Council to attend a meeting and Cllr P Simcock to liaise with ABHBT representative re appropriateness of addressing this Committee</p>
PC 7/19	<p><b>Consider Additional Actions for Inclusion in the Action Tables</b></p> <p>Resolved to include mental health services in the action in the Children &amp; Young People priority 'Ensure young people have access to and are offered appropriate counselling services'</p>
PC 8/19	<p><b>Receive and approve the report for the support of schoolchildren in Abergavenny to attend the Baba Yaga production on 6<sup>th</sup> November in the Borough Theatre</b></p> <p>Resolved to support this event for Y6 from the schools Deri View, Ysgol Gymraeg Y Fenni, Cantref and OLSM and to vire £500 from the Other Events budget to the Spring/Autumn Events budget</p>
PC9/19	<p><b>Receive and agree whether to support a performance event in 2020 by the Denmark Street Big Band</b></p> <p>Resolved not to progress a performance in Abergavenny from the Denmark Street Big Band</p>

PC10/19	<p><b>Receive a report from MCC Youth Service on the Summer Activities for 11+ years</b></p> <p>This agenda item was deferred until the November meeting as the report had not been received</p>
PC11/19	<p><b>Receive a verbal update on the Christmas Light Switch On Event</b></p> <p>Christmas Light Switch On will be Thursday 21st November rather than on a Saturday. A working group has been set up to organise the event.</p> <p>Resolved to vire £250 from the Christmas Lights budget into the event budget</p>
PC 12/19	<p><b>Report from County Councillors on relevant matters affecting Abergavenny</b></p> <p>Nothing to report</p>
PC 13/19	<p><b>Items for consideration at the next meeting 6<sup>th</sup> November</b></p> <p>Standing items – Action Plan          Committee Terms of Reference          Christmas Light Switch on Update          MCC Youth Service Summer Activities Update</p>

**There being no other business the meeting ended at 8.20pm**

**APPROVED AS A TRUE RECORD**

**CHAIRMAN**  ..... **DATE** 6/11/2019 .....