

## ABERGAVENNY TOWN COUNCIL

### MINUTES OF THE POLICY & RESOURCES COMMITTEE MEETING HELD IN ST . MICHAEL'S CENTRE, ABERGAVENNY ON WEDNESDAY 13<sup>th</sup> NOVEMBER 2019 AT 7.00PM

**Present:** Cllr M Groucutt (Chair)  
Cllr D Simcock  
Cllr P Simcock  
Cllr M Harris  
Cllr R Harris  
Cllr F Morgan  
Cllr M Hickman  
Cllr T Thomas  
Cllr N Tatam  
Cllr T Konieczny  
Cllr G Jones  
Cllr M Lewis

**In attendance:**  
J Lee (Town Clerk)

#### Public Session

No public session

PR 32/19	<b>Receive and approve apologies for absence</b>  Apologies were received from Cllrs Davies & Van de Vyver and it was resolved to accept the reasons for absence.
PR 33/19	<b>Receive Declarations of Interest</b>  Cllrs Groucutt and Konieczny declared a pecuniary interest in agenda item 11 so as Chair and Vice-Chair neither will be able to chair the meeting for this agenda item.
PR 34/19	<b>Receive a presentation from Matthew Pritchard, Business Development Manager, Mind Monmouthshire.</b>  Councillors received a presentation from Matthew Pritchard and Bernadette Kelly on the work of Mind Monmouthshire and the challenges facing the organisation as a result of a cut of £140,000 to their funding from April 2020.  MCC Councillors suggested that Mind Monmouthshire attend a MCC Full Council meeting

	Resolved to request that the Town Clerk has discussions with Mind Monmouthshire regarding a funding agreement and that this is brought back to Policy & Resources Committee
PR 35/19	<b>Receive and approve the minutes of the meeting on 9<sup>th</sup> October 2019</b>  Resolved to accept the minutes of the last meeting with the amendment to PR26/19 which replaces the wording Company B with Sarah Price Landscapes
PR 36/19	<b>Receive the Town Clerk's Update</b>  The Town Clerk's update report was noted.
PR 37/19	<b>Receive the Committee budget and spend to date</b>  Report was noted
PR 38/19	<b>To receive and note recent payments made since the previous meeting</b>  Report was noted
PR 39/19	<b>Receive the interim report from the Internal auditor</b>  The Town Clerk reported that the internal auditor had carried out the initial visit and as a result has submitted an interim report.  The interim report was noted.
PR 40/19	<b>Review the implementation of recommendations from the internal control action table</b>  Resolved to accept the progress set out in the table and to purchase a stamp as recommended by the internal auditor
PR 41/19	<b>Receive and approve the following policies</b>  Resolved to approve the Sickness Absence Policy with an addition to the reference to legislation regarding long term sickness arrangements for Councillors  Resolved to approve the Recovering Allowances Policy with the addition in paragraph 3.2 "... for consideration of further fair and proportionate action"
PR 42/19	<b>Receive and approve the Specific Allowances for 2019/20</b>  As the Chair and Vice Chair have a pecuniary interest in this item, the Town Clerk asked for another Councillor to take this item. Councillor Gethin Jones acted as Chair for this agenda item.  Resolved to approve the specific allowances for 2019/20

PR 43/19	<p><b>Consider request for financial assistance from Victim Support</b></p> <p>Resolved not to offer financial assistance to Victim Support as this was a general request with stated benefit to residents of Abergavenny</p>
PR 44/19	<p><b>Report from Councillors attendance at external bodies relevant to this Committee</b></p> <p>Cllrs Hickman &amp; Groucutt attended the King Henry Governors Fund which made awards of just under £5000 to pupils and to the Head for the School Hardship fund.</p> <p>Cllr Morgan attended the CAB Management Committee and the Town Council funding is vital given cuts from other organisations</p> <p>Cllr Konieczny attended A4B and reported that the A4B are holding considerable reserves and at present there are no plans by A4B to make a significant contribution to the Borough Theatre refurbishment</p> <p>Cllr P Simcock attended Relief in Need Charity, 2 awards to 7 Corners and King Henry Hardship Fund</p>
PR 45/19	<p><b>Report from County Councillors on relevant matters affecting Abergavenny</b></p> <p>A40 Bus stop – MCC officers have met with WG officials with a view to submitting detailed proposals in December</p>
PR 46/19	<p><b>Items for consideration at the next meeting 11<sup>th</sup> November</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Service Delivery Sub Committee minutes</li> <li>• Budget proposals</li> </ul>

**There being no other business the meeting ended at 8.33pm**

**APPROVED AS A TRUE RECORD**

CHAIRMAN  DATE 11/12/19