

## ABERGAVENNY TOWN COUNCIL

ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE 27<sup>TH</sup> APRIL 2022

### STATION ROAD RAISED BED REPLANTING PROPOSAL

#### 1. PURPOSE

1.1 To consider improvements to the raised bed at Station Road, Abergavenny.

#### 2. BACKGROUND

2.1 As part of continual reviews of the Strategy and Action Plan for the Environment Committee, the approaches of the town have long been areas where we have been limited on what ATC could do, due to these areas being under the control of SWTRA.

2.2 Areas where we can make changes have been identified and suggestions drawn up on how to improve the biodiversity of these areas, Station Road being one such area.

#### 3. PROPOSAL

3.1 A proposal has been submitted by Greenfinch Nursery. They have looked at and measured the bed on the junction of the A40 and Station Road, and estimate the cost of plants would come to between £650 and £750, with bulbs in addition to this at approximately £175. The bed would also need an application of mulch at approximately £70.00. (£995)

3.2 A day of their time (@£18 per hour x 2 x 6 hours=£216) would be required for plant delivery and planting, assuming the Town team could clear the site ready for planting. To achieve best results the bed would need preparing by removing any current planting and thoroughly weeding through the soil, there are also a couple of edging stones that have become dislodged and need cementing back on.

3.3 The planting that is being recommended would be in keeping with the other areas of town, using perennial plants which offer a sustainable, extended period of interest for pollinators and people. The mix of plants include Thymes, Verbena, Sedums, Salvias, Alliums, Origanum, Asters, Alcea, Stachys and grasses as well as a range of umbellifers such as Ligusticum, Daucus and Seseli. It is also possible to prolong the flowering season by adding in snowdrops, narcissus and perennial tulips.

3.4 Total cost would be £1211.00.

#### 4. RECOMMENDATION

4.1 To accept the proposal to increase the biodiversity of the raised bed at Station Road, and improve the approach into town when travelling along the Monmouth Road.

4.2 To instruct the Town Team to carry out works to repair the stonework.