

## ABERGAVENNY TOWN COUNCIL

### ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE MEETING 26<sup>TH</sup> JANUARY 2022

#### TOWN CLERK UPDATE

1. Town and County Councillors met along with representatives from Gwent Police to discuss ongoing and growing issues in the town. Actions which were agreed upon were:
  - CCTV – review footage at the control room to see if any incidents can track back through town to attempt to find better images of the perpetrators for face recognition to be attempted
  - Publicise how you can report issues when they are seen, or whilst they are taking place, and make sure the various avenues for reporting are known
  - Speak to Seven Corners about possible increase of their presence in Bailey Park to include a Friday night as well as a Saturday.
  - Approach MCC ASB officers to see if the dummy CCTV cameras they have can be put to use around the town for a period of time.
  - Take up offer from Police Inspector of funding anti-vandal paint to assist with tackling the problem.
  - Request an increase in patrols and a Police presence in the town.
2. Letter to Cllr Ruth Edwards – Chair of Planning Committee at MCC – was sent on 4<sup>th</sup> January 2022 as requested by the Environment Committee at their last meeting. To date no official response has been received.
3. Cllr Tony Konieczny and the Clerk met with MCC officers Hazel Clatworthy and Sali Palmer on 6<sup>th</sup> January 2022 to discuss the best way to approach creating a Climate Crisis Policy for ATC. Hazel Clatworthy shared some valuable resources which will be of use:
  - MCC's Climate Emergency Strategy and Action Plan: <https://www.monmouthshire.gov.uk/climate-emergency/>
  - Monmouth Town Council ACE group: <https://www.acemonmouth.org/>
  - Carbon footprinting tool for parish councils (only applies to England at present): <https://www.cse.org.uk/news/view/2476>
  - Friends Of The Earth: <https://policy.friendsoftheearth.uk/reports/20-actions-parish-and-town-councils-can-take-climate-and-nature-emergency>
  - Wellbeing Of Future Generations Act: <https://gov.wales/well-being-future-generations-community-councils-guidance>
4. Carbon Literacy Training has commenced for Newport and Monmouthshire Town and Community Councils and those managing community buildings. The first Cohort complete their workbook submissions 27<sup>th</sup> January 2022, and have pledges which involve making one personal and one group pledge to work towards carbon neutral targets as set for either your local area, or national targets. From my involvement with the first cohort, we have created a group which will be attempting to increase the availability of information in local libraries to enable individuals to find up to date and relevant information to not only raise awareness of what can be done to reach these targets, but how to understand the small changes we all make help to contribute to the bigger picture. A course specifically for the Town Council can be created and delivered once more people have completed the Train the Trainer aspects of the course, if that would be of interest. Here is the link to the details of the current course offer should anyone wish to take a look: <https://cynnalcymru.com/free-carbon-literacy-training/>

5. Woodland Corridor project on Castle Meadows: 17<sup>th</sup> January Cllr Tudor Thomas unveiled the new interpretation panel designed by children from Our Lady and St Michaels School, along with Cllr Tony Konieczny. 6 children from Year 6 of Our Lady and St Michaels School attended to plant a few saplings (it was one of the coldest mornings this year so far so not ideal for the saplings), and Friends of Castel Meadows, who have worked to prepare the 100m long area will now finish off the planting of the rest of the saplings when the weather is right. This completes the Local Places for Nature project from 2020/21.

