

POLICY AND RESOURCES COMMITTEE

WEDNESDAY 8TH DECEMBER 2021

TOWN CLERK'S UPDATE

1. PURPOSE OF THE REPORT

- 1.1 To receive updates from the Town Clerk.

2. UPDATE

Boundary Review and implications on Abergavenny Town Council

- 2.1 The Boundary Review has now been signed off by Welsh Government and changes are being brought in before the next election. Abergavenny will be gaining the ward of Llanwenarth Citra from Llanfoist Fawr Community Council. The addition of this area will incur additional expenditure requirements: £150 per year towards the cemetery maintenance at St Peters Church; the addition on one dog bin to our current quota; purchase of one additional wreath to be laid at St Peters Church on Remembrance Sunday; possible funding requests for ongoing renovation works at Llanwenarth Village Hall (circa £4000 per year has been requested previously from Lanfoist Fawr CC). Currently Cllr Chris Holland has been the ward member for Llanwenarth Citra for 30 years+. By way of welcoming this ward into ATC, it is proposed to extend an invitation to Cllr Holland to attend the Full Council Meeting in January 2022 as a member of the public to see how ATC works.

Christmas Lights – additional costs for repairs and call outs

- 2.2 A business owner from Nevill Street reported that the lights on a section of the Reindeer light display was not working on Wednesday 1st December 2021. SparkX were informed, and the engineer that attended site on Thursday 2nd December found that a wire had been cut. Due to the deliberate nature of the damage, ATC have now been invoiced for £462 from SparkX for the call out, engineer time, fuel, and repair work. Whilst the engineer was in town he also repaired two globe lights and a lamp post motif, all of which had stopped working since the high winds and stormy weather over the weekend. We have been advised by SparkX that due to the nature of the damage to the reindeer, the fix they have carried out may not hold up for the duration of the month. Should further damage occur, or the repair become unsafe, we will need to consider the lighting installation be removed. Further repairs will incur similar costs if the damage is deemed to be deliberate.

3. RECOMMENDATION

- 3.1 Report to be noted