

ABERGAVENTNY TOWN COUNCIL

Minutes of the Council Meeting held on Wednesday 17th May 2017 at 7pm in the Council Chamber, Town Hall, Abergavenny.

Present: Cllr C Woodhouse (Mayor)

Cllrs T Davies, S Dodd, M Groucutt, M Harris, R Harris, S Head, M Hickman, G Jones, T Konieczny, F Morgan, D Simcock, P Simcock, N Tatam, T Thomas, L Van de Vyver.

In attendance: Town Clerk - Jacqueline Humphries

1987. Election of New Mayor

The outgoing Mayor wished the new council all the best for the future.

Cllr David Simcock was nominated for the position of Mayor, this was seconded, and all members were in agreement. Motion passed.

Mayor Simcock then took charge of the meeting; he thanked Cllrs Chris & Sheila Woodhouse for their contribution to the council over the years they were given a heartfelt round of applause, then they left the meeting.

1988. Signing of Declaration of Office

The new Mayor David Simcock then officially signed the Declaration of Office.

1989. Election of Deputy Mayor

Councillor Margaret Harris was nominated at Deputy Mayor with Stephen Head nominated as consort – nominations was seconded and passed.

1990. Appointment of Members to Committees

Councillor's appointment to various committees was then discussed; members for each committee were proposed, seconded and passed by council. The full lists of members to committees are:-

Finance Committee – Councillors P Simcock, D Simcock, T Davies, S Head, G Jones, N Tatam and F Morgan.

Planning Committee – All councillors

Projects Committee – All councillors

Artefacts Committee – Councillors T Thomas, T Konieczny, G Jones, S Dodd.

Town Clerk Advisory Committee – Councillors M Groucutt, T Thomas, P Simcock, R Harris, N Tatam, S Dodd.

1991. Review representation on to outside bodies for the coming year, to either formally adopt or make changes.

Councillor's appointment to various outside bodies was then discussed; members for each body were proposed, seconded and passed by council. The full list of members to outside bodies is as follows:-

Patron – Beaupreau Twin Town Association	The Mayor
Patron – Oestringen Twin Town Association	The Mayor
Abergavenny in Bloom Committee	T Konieczny
Abergavenny and District Tourist Association	S Dodd
Beaupreau Twinning Association	S Dodd

Oestringen Twinning Association	S Dodd
Governor of Cantref School	T Davies
Governor of Deri View School	M Groucutt
Governor of Our Lady and St Michael School	T Konieczny
King Henry V111 Charity Trust	M Groucutt, M Hickman, Fred Morgan
Abergavenny Relief in Need Charity	P Simcock
National Parks	N Tatam, G Jones
Borough Theatre A4B	D Simcock
Monmouthshire C C Planning Committee	T Konieczny
N Monmouthshire Liaison Committee	P Simcock
Deputies -	N Tatam
Crime Prevention Committee (ADPAC)	T Konieczny
CSAT	M Harris
Market Hall User Group/Development Committee	S Head
Bryn y Cwm Area Forum	P Simcock
One Voice Wales Representative	N Tatam
Governor to Ysgol Y Fenni	T Thomas
Armed Forces Champion	M Hickman
Agri-Urban	T Thomas
Friends of Bailey Park	T Thomas, T Davies, L Van de Vyver
Friends of Linda Vista	D Simcock, N Tatam
Team Abergavenny	N Tatam

Councillors discussed the 5 Year Plan, felt time is needed to view finished article before accepting plan. Will defer decision on accepting the plan until a committee can be set up to review it. Councillors felt that the 5 year plan must be achievable, realistic and workable; also the financial cost to the council should be known.

Clerk to write to David Straker to request copies for councillors to review. Council proposed committee for 5 year Plan this was seconded and passed by council, 1 member abstained. Committee members to be:- D Simcock, T Konieczny, P Simcock and R Harris.

Councillors discussed the need for a Market Hall representative with the development of the hub, should consist of a cross party selection of people. Decision to be deferred to the next meeting – all councillors agreed.

1992. Formally adopt the Model Code of Conduct
All members adopted and signed the Formal Code of Conduct.

1993. Agree for the Town Clerk to remain RFO officer.
Council proposed, seconded and passed a motion to allow the Town Clerk to remain RFO Officer for the Town Council.
AGM meeting completed.

The normal council meeting is opened by the new Mayor Cllr D Simcock.

1994. Apologies for Absence
No Apologies

1995. Declarations of Interest.
All Councillors filled out the declaration of interest forms for new councillors, no interest was declared for this meeting.

1996. To receive and if appropriate to adopt the minutes of the Town Council held on Wednesday 12th April 2017
Minutes were received as a true record, proposed, seconded and passed by council.

1997. Matters Arising.
No matter arising

1998. To receive and if appropriate to adopt the minutes of the Planning Committee held on Wednesday 12th April 2017
Minutes were received as a true record, proposed, seconded and passed by council.

1999. Matter Arising

2000. Finance Report

Finance report was presented to Council for month 1. Council was then asked to authorise the following payments:-

08/03/2017	Tithe Barn	Community Toilet Scheme 1st quarter	£250.00
08/03/2017	Kings Arms	Community Toilet Scheme 1st quarter	£250.00
19/04/2017	C Woodhouse	Reimburse new visitors Book for Mayors Parlour	£17.93
19/04/2017	Viking Ltd	Office Supplies	£36.91
19/04/2017	Jems Catering	Honours Board Function	£200.00
24/04/2017	ACE	Abergavenny Community Enterprise Grant	£2,000.00
24/04/2017	Abergavenny & District	Tourist Association	£3,000.00
24/04/2017	Black Mountain	Jazz	£1,500.00
24/04/2017	Ysgol Gymraeg Y Fenni		£380.00
24/04/2017	The Bridges to Cross	Charitable Trust	£1,000.00
27/04/2017	Staff	Salary & Expenses	£210.57
27/04/2017	Staff	Salary & Expenses	£1,194.31
27/04/2017	Staff	Pension Fund	£384.89
27/04/2017	HMRC	Tax & National Insurance	£360.29
27/04/2017	G M James	Reimbursement for Ink Cartridges	£23.00
27/04/2017	J Humphries	Reimbursement for Ink Cartridges	£56.69
27/04/2017	MCC	CCTV Charges 1st Quarter	£3,200.00
27/04/2017	Zurich Municipal	Annual Insurance premium	£960.18
16/05/2017	Viking Ltd	Stationary	£98.33
16/05/2017	Cable News	Library Papers	£54.50
16/05/2017	NR & CA Bailey	Replenish Mayors Parlour	£50.04
16/05/2017	Merlin Waste	Empty Dog Bins	£508.50

16/05/2017	JEMS Catering	Honours Board Reception	£175.00
16/05/2017	SLCC	Agenda & Minute Training	£114.00
16/05/2017	Charles Thomas	Honours Board Plates supply & fit	£141.75
16/05/2017	J Humphries	Travel & Expenses (hard drive)	£105.89
16/05/2017	Staff	Salary & Expenses Payment	£1,222.08
16/05/2017	Staff	Salary & Expenses Payment	£236.86
16/05/2017	HMRC	Tax & National Insurance	£387.47
16/05/2017	Greater Gwent Torfaen Pension	Contributions	£396.55

All payments were passed by council.

Receive and Adopt Standing Orders for 2017/18
Standing Orders were received and adopted by Council

Receive the annual attendance record for Councillors
Annual attendance record was received by Councillors, Councillor Thomas asked for it to be updated to show he was not in office until July – duly noted.

Bank Mandate

Clerk asked council to consider all Councillors being added to the bank mandate as cheque signatories.

Council proposed, seconded - motion was passed.

2001. A grant application was considered by Council:-

A late grant application was considered by Council by from the Abergavenny British Filipino society. Councillors were not happy with the late application of the grant forms and felt that in future they would need more notice of grants, Councillor Dodd explained the context of the grant application and informed council that the association is something that we have supported in the past.

Grant was awarded of £250, proposed, seconded and passed by council. Clerk to inform Filipino association that they need to put in their application earlier next year or it will not be considered.

2002. Questions to County Councillors on issues directly relevant to the Town.

Councillors requested update on the Morrison's Store. Planning for the building has been passed and they have stated that they will be open by Christmas.

2003. Members Reports.

Cllr Thomas – Mons day Parade, Town team.

Cllr S Dodd – Mons Day Service, Mayors Cheque Presentation.

Cllr Tatam – Team Abergavenny, Town Team

Cllr Hickman – Mond Day Parade, Mayors Cheque Presentation.

Cllr M Harris – Mons Day Parade

Cllr R Harris – Mons Day Parade.

2004 . Any other business agreed by the Mayor to be urgent and of which he has received notice before the meeting.

No other business.

The meeting ended at 8.30pm