

ABERGAVENTNY TOWN COUNCIL

Minutes of the Council Meeting held on Wednesday 14th December 2016 at 7pm in the Council Chamber, Town Hall, Abergavenny.

Present: Cllr C Woodhouse (Mayor)

Cllrs S Horrell, S Woodhouse, D Edwards, Ms S Dodd, J L Prosser, T Thomas, R P Jordan M Toombs and N Tatam.

Apologies: Cllrs M Hickman, M Harris, R Harris, M Powell, D Simcock.

In attendance: Town Clerk - Jacqueline Humphries

The Mayor welcomed all present.

1891. Apologies were received from Cllrs Hickman, M Powell, R Harris, M Harris and D Simcock.

1892. No declarations of interest were made.

1893. The Minutes of the Council Meeting held on 9th November were received and adopted.

Cllr Edwards informed all that there was a County Council meeting on Thursday 15th December regarding the town toilets.

1894. Minutes of the Planning Committee held on 9th November.
Minutes were received and adopted.

1895. Matters Arising

Cllr Edwards gave an update on the Chamber of Trade resurrection – A meeting is going to be held for interested parties on 10th January at 6pm in the Angel Hotel. Andrew Powell and Lucy Hywels are organising the meeting. Unfortunately of the 107 letters sent to local businesses only 7 replies were received, it is proposed to send another letter to all businesses which gives details of the meeting. William Griffiths of the Angel Hotel is interested in the proposal.

Councillors decided that each councillor would be given a small selection of the letters to deliver by hand to the local businesses and speak to them about the meeting at the same time. Draft letter will be sent to the clerk and copies printed to be distributed. Councillor Prosser asked for copies of all the replies. Cllr Edwards has also been in touch with the Chairman of the Chamber of Commerce to inform him of the situation.

1896. Minutes of the Project Committee held on the 24th November were received and adopted as a correct record.

1897. Minutes of the Special Meeting held on 7th December were received and adopted as a correct record.

1898. Matters Arising.

The council have written to Bill Owen to inform him about the Bryn Y Cwm grant. Team Abergavenny – we have funded their web hosting charges this year need to decide if this will be an on-going payment or not.

Cancel January 4th Finance meeting until after the Joint Scrutiny Budget meeting on 31st January – date to be confirmed.

Cllr Edwards informed all of Section 137 – which will need further investigation by the clerk – it is based on a letter from Welsh Government, Clerk to send a copy to all councillors when it is received.

1898. Finance Report.

Cllr S Woodhouse asked the council to approve the November and current December payments from the council budget.

a) The following payments were authorised and approved.

Kings Arms Hotel	Community Toilet Scheme 3rd Quarter Payment	£250.00
Tithe Barn	Community Toilet Scheme 3rd Quarter Payment	£250.00
J Humphries	Salary	£1,161.85
G M James	Salary	£236.86
Mr M Knight	Honorarium	£450.00
Mr G Harris	Annual Salary	£1,040.00
Mr M Herring	Salary Christmas Tree Installation	£448.80
Mr R Fury	Salary Christmas Trees Installation	£543.20 4000
Hilary's Floral Designs	Flowers for Mrs Gethin Jones	£18.95
Ella Grundy	Best Dressed Christmas Bike Winner	£50.00
Jack Thurston	Best Dressed Christmas Bike Winner	£50.00
Mr Peter Johns	Wages adjustment	£32.30
HMRC	Tax & National Insurance	£1,404.83
Joshua James	Best Dressed Christmas Bike Winner	£50.00
Mr C Woodhouse	Christmas Cards / Entertainment Christmas dinner	£145.00
Tudor Thomas	Expenses	£36.00
The Kings Arms	Christmas Dinner	£1,079.50
Ricoh	Photocopier	£87.02
Thomas Fattorini Ltd	Sterling Silver Mace Brooch	£208.66
Abergavenny Chronicle	Advertising Christmas Celebrations / events	£348.00
City Illumination	Replacement Light for Christmas decorations	£540.00
Cable news	Newspapers for Abergavenny Library.	£39.20
Merlin Waste	Dog Waste Bins	£406.80
NR & CA Bailey	Replenishment of Mayors Parlour	£59.88
Viking 743598	Stationary for office	£61.72
Andrew Jones	PAT Testing & Repair of Christmas trees	£415.00
C Woodhouse	Twinning Gifts/postage. Staff Xmas Thank you	£28.96

1899. Month 8 Finance Reports were agreed.

1900. Computer needs

The clerk informed all of the need to purchase Office 365 as a matter of urgency because the computers in the office are not compatible. Cllr S Woodhouse asked council to agree for the clerk to purchase small essential items for the office when necessary, all agreed.

Council asked the clerk to look at all the necessary computer equipment needed to bring the office up to the required standard.

Clerk to prepare a report by January.

1901. Meeting Dates 2017

Clerk to update all councillors who are not present about cancelled meeting in January.

1902. Reports

a) Mayor informed councillors of a seminar in the Forest of Dean on January – he will ask the TIC to attend for the council.

b) A letter has been received from the borough Band regarding the booking of the Borough Theatre - they were refused a booking for Christmas this year, then the requested dates were later given to another - seems to be no consistency with the booking process. We will write to the manager of the theatre asking them to address this.

1903. Team Abergavenny.

Cllr Tatam reported that the public consultation went well, it was well organised and they had a lot of attendees, the shortening of the current list continues and should be completed by January. The Mayor stated that all Councillors will need to be proactive to get the desired results. Cllr Thomas felt it was very difficult to involve younger people; the Mayor informed all that a comprehensive survey was completed by KHS students at the beginning of the plan to ensure young people's voices are heard.

1904. CCTV

No updates this month

1905. Nominations for the Honours Board - Update

The Mayor informed all that Charles and Patricia Lester and Mrs Jeanette Massocchi had accepted the kind offer of the Council and would be honoured to be added to the Honours Board.

1906. Questions from Town Councillors to County Councillors on local issues.

Cllr Horrell asked when work would start on the new Morrison's store. Cllr Prosser informed all that the work is currently out to tender with a possible January start and October opening. The Mayor informed all of a problem with trucks from Pontrilas sawmills using the road through Mardy, which has been an on-going problem for a long time. Cllr Jordan thinks the matter should be referred to SWTRA (South Wales Trunk Road Agency) as they decide where trucks can go.

1907. Members Reports

Cllr Tatam attended Team Abergavenny meeting, Public Consultation on the 5 Year plan, Armistice Day, Remembrance Parade and Winter Food Fair.

Cllr Thomas attended two minutes' silence at the War memorial and Dedication of Plaque in Bailey Park. Remembrance Service, Christmas Lights switch on, Town Team meetings and Winter Food Fair.

Cllr Prosser attended Armistice Day, Remembrance Parade, 5 Year Plan consultations, Pylis in Greece as part of the Agri Urban project – he has sent a summary of the trip to all councillors

Cllr Dodd attended the Brecon Beacons Awards Dinner, Remembrance Service, Tourist Information Service meeting. Christmas Light switch on, Foundation Governors, Winter Food Fair and ADTA meeting.

Cllr Jordan

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Cllr S Woodhouse attended Memorial Service at King Henry V111 School, Memorial Service at War Memorial, Dedication of Memorial Quilt, One Stop Shop Window. Plaque unveiling re Heritage, Cross Ash School Open Day, KHS Former pupils Dinner, Liz Davies production of Davy and the Bad Boys, Borough Theatre, Remembrance Sunday parade, Coffee Morning at FR Ball re. Yorkshire Building Society's Charity Cheque presentation, Gwent Bach Concert, Abergavenny Symphony Orchestra concert, Speaking at Llanfoist History Society Dinner, Highway Issues Meeting at Town Hall, Switch on of Christmas Lights. KHS School Foundation Governors Meeting, Light up a Life Service for St. David's Foundation, Monmouthshire Multi Agency Centre Launch, People First Christmas Party at Dance Blast, Bryn Yemm's Concert for the Children of Aleppo, Order of St. John Carol Service, Winter Toy Fair in the Market Hall, Town Plan Consultation Meeting, Town Council Annual Christmas Dinner, Cross Ash School Nativity Play, Borough Youth Band playing Carols outside the Library, Abergavenny Flower Arrangement Society Annual Show, Tenovus Concert, Mayor's Charity Coffee Morning, Crafty Women's Christmas Party, Presentation of Prizes to 'Christmas Santa Parade' Winners. Hosting Coffee Morning for all One Stop Shop, Library, Theatre and MCC Staff in Mayor's Parlour.

Cllr Edwards attended the 5 Year Plan meeting

Cllr Toombs attended the Remembrance Service and Christmas light switch on.

Cllr Horrell attended the Remembrance Service.

The Mayor had attended Town Plan Meeting, Memorial Service at King Henry V111 School, Memorial Service at War Memorial, Dedication of Memorial Quilt, One Stop Shop Window. Plaque unveiling re Heritage, Cross Ash School Open Day, KHS Former pupils Dinner, Liz Davies production of Davy and the Bad Boys, Borough Theatre, Remembrance Sunday Parade, Coffee Morning at FR Ball re. Yorkshire Building Society's Charity Cheque

presentation. Town Plan Meeting, TIC Meeting, Mrs. Mavis Jones (former Mayoress) 100th Birthday Party at Priory Centre, Gwent Bach Concert, Abergavenny Symphony Orchestra Concert, Town Plan Conference, Speaking at Llanfoist History Society Dinner, Highway Issues Meeting at Town Hall, Switch on of Christmas Lights. Town Plan Meeting with. Aneurin Bevan Health Board, KHS School Foundation Governors Meeting, Light up a Life Service for St. David's Foundation, Monmouthshire Multi Agency Centre Launch, People First Christmas Party at Dance Blast, Bryn Yemm's Concert for the Children of Aleppo, Order of St. John Carol Service, Winter Toy Fair in the Market Hall, Town Plan Consultation Meeting, County Hall Planning Meeting, Town Council Annual Christmas Dinner, Cross Ash School Nativity Play, Borough Youth Band playing Carols outside the Library, Abergavenny Flower Arrangement Society Annual Show, Town Plan Meeting, Tenovus Concert, Mayor's Charity Coffee Morning, Crafty Women's Christmas Party, Presentation of Prizes to 'Christmas Santa Parade' Winners. Hosting Coffee Morning for all One Stop Shop, Library, Theatre and MCC Staff in Mayor's Parlour. Action 50+ Christmas Party in Trinity Hall

1908. AOB

Cllr Edwards reported that the burger bar that had parked in St Johns Square had been informed that they cannot park there again it was a mistake and has been rectified, won't happen again.

Cllr Toombs reported that the Scouts Executive Committee had stated that they could not hear anything at the Remembrance Service and would it be possible for them to be nearer the front next year.

The Mayor informed all that the Council do not arrange the parade and advised speaking to Tony King or Ron Oliver from the British Legion who arranges the parade. If ideas could be passed to Cllr Hickman, he would be able to take your concerns to the legion.

The meeting ended at 20.45