

ABERGAVENNY TOWN COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE COUNCIL MEETING HELD IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBER, TOWN HALL, ABERGAVENNY ON WEDNESDAY 13th JUNE 2018 AT 7.00PM

Present:

Chairman - Cllr T Davies (Mayor)
Cllr M Hickman,
Cllr G Jones,
Cllr N Tatam,
Cllr F Morgan,
Cllr S Dodd
Cllr T Thomas
Cllr D Simcock
Cllr P Simcock
Cllr M Groucutt
Cllr L Van de Vyver
Cllr M Harris
Cllr R Harris
Cllr M Lewis

In attendance:

J Lee (Town Clerk)

The Mayor welcomed new Councillor Morgan Lewis.

18/18	1. Apologies Apologies for absence were received from Cllr T Konieczny
19/18	2. Declarations of Interest To be declared during the meeting.
20/18	3. Minutes of Council held on Wednesday 16th May 2018 The Minutes of Council held on 16th May were received and adopted as a correct record Proposed Cllr Groucutt, Seconded Cllr D Simcock. 1 vote against, vote carried. 4. Matters Arising <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Noted that Cllr Van de Vyver is also on the Market Hall User Group• Noted that list on the website of Councillors on External Bodies needs updating

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Agreed that facilitated session should be on a Saturday. Names of local facilitators to be sent to the Town Clerk asap • Terms of Reference of Committees should be reviewed during facilitated session
21/18	<p>5. Minutes of Planning Committee held on Wednesday 11th April 2018</p> <p>The Minutes of the Planning Committee held on Wednesday 11th April were received and adopted as a correct record.</p> <p>6. Matters Arising</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mark Hand to attend the July Planning Committee • To contact Planning Aid Wales for a cost of delivering training - outstanding
22/18	<p>7. Minutes of Projects Committee held on Thursday 24th May 2018</p> <p>The minutes of the Projects Committee held on Thursday 24th May were received and adopted as a correct record.</p> <p>The following recommendations were considered and voted on as below:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Following a vote which was carried with the Chair's casting vote, £6000 will be awarded to PEAK for the Food Festival Installations. The offer letter will state that this funding is a one-off and does not set a precedent for future years, any future application will need to be submitted to the Town Council in April 2019 to allow sufficient time for consideration and the issue of ownership of the sculptures is to be clarified in any future application together with where the proceeds from the sale of sculptures goes. • It was agreed to grant £5000 to the Abergavenny Cycling Festival • The Council agreed to a waiver to financial regulations to enable the Council to accept a two year extension to the Christmas lights contract with City Illuminations. • The Council approved £10,000 to the TIC with the understanding that the Town Council is an equal partner and is fully involved in future decisions on the TIC's future. A further breakdown of costs on running the TIC was made available to Councillors. • The date of Projects Committee has moved from the last Thursday in the month to last Wednesday in the month, the next meeting will therefore be 27th June.

	<p>8. Matters Arising</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The Town Clerk reported that MCC has been undertaking a deep clean of the town centre streets together with the removal of chewing gum. 																																						
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	<p>Merlin Waste (Dog bin emptying June) £465.00</p> <p>Office Costs (including staff costs) £3070.93</p> <p>NR & CA Bailey (Restocking Mayor's Parlour) £81.44</p> <p>b) & c) Deferred to a Special Council on 27th June before Projects Committee</p> <p>d) Month 1 & 2 report were noted. Town Clerk explained that the reports are different to those previously received as it shows percentage of the budget spent and also committed.</p>
24/18	<p>10. To agree the composition, chairmanship and composition of Finance Committee</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Councillor P Simcock was proposed as Chair of Finance Committee, vote carried. • Councillor M Lewis was proposed as a member of Finance Committee, vote unanimously carried. • A later start time of 7pm was proposed and the vote carried.
25/18	<p>11. Events Update Report</p> <p>The following councillors agreed to be present and assist with the Circus Skills Event on 23rd June – Cllrs Thomas, D Simcock, Jones</p> <p>It was agreed to underwrite the WWI Community Play to a maximum of £1550. Councillors requested that the costings are revisited</p>
26/18	<p>12. Draft Annual Report</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Town Clerk reminded Councillors to submit information required for the Annual Report. • The Town Clerk will send a reminder to all Councillors. • It was proposed and agreed that the Annual Report should be delivered to all households.
27/18	<p>13. To receive and approve details of the NALC Pay Award</p> <p>A report setting out the nationally agreed pay rises for the Town Clerk and Admin Assistant was considered and agreed.</p>
28/18	<p>14. To receive the nomination of Keith Davies for the Honours Board</p>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Cllr D Simcock proposed that Keith Davies should be considered for inclusion on the Honours Board for his extensive fundraising for local charities. Vote carried.
29/18	<p>15. Questions from Town Councillors to County Councillors</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Cllr Jones asked Cllr Thomas for feedback from the Aneurin Bevan Health Board seminar on 24th May. Cllr Thomas informed Council that the new facility at Llanfrechfa would open in approx. 2 years and will be the main trauma unit for the area. Neville Hall hospital will remain open as will Royal Gwent. • Cllr Morgan asked for further clarification on MCC's policy on charging for planters and outside seating. Cllr Groucutt informed Council that MCC Strong Communities Committee will be considering the policy on licencing of outside seating at the meeting on 12th July. The Town Clerk informed Councillors that MCC are not charging for placing of planters outside shops. • After discussion it was agreed that the Town Council should prepare a statement in advance of the Strong Communities Committee> Cllr Davies agreed to do this.
30/18	<p>16. Members Reports (relating to representation on external bodies)</p> <p>Cllr Morgan – No report Cllr R Harris _ - No report Cllr Hickman – KHS Charitable Trust Cllr Lewis – No report Cllr Dodd – No report Cllr Jones – Beaupreau Twinning Visit. Cllr M Harris - CCTV working Group. Cllr Groucutt – KHS Governor meeting Cllr P Simcock – Bryn y Cwm Committee reported that Network Rail attended to provide an update on accessibility issues. Also reported that £1.2 million has been awarded for Rural Transport issues and that a pilot community transport scheme is operating from Mardy Community Centre Cllr D Simcock – Beaupreau Twinning Visit Cllr Van de Vyver – No report Cllr Thomas – Attended Ysgol Gymraeg Y Fenni Governor's meeting. New head Sarah Mc Guinness has been appointed Cllr Tatam – Team Abergavenny Cllr Davies – Beaupreau Twinning Visit, Abergavenny Borough Band Concert, Steam Rally, KHS Sports Day and Fairtrade Football Launch.</p>
31/18	<p>17. Any Other Business</p> <p>No AOB</p>

There being no other business the meeting ended at 8.45pm

ACTION LIST FROM JUNE COUNCIL MEETING

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1. Noted that list on the website of Councillors on External Bodies needs updating	JL
2. Agreed that facilitated session should be on a Saturday. Names of local facilitators to be sent to the Town Clerk asap	All
3. Terms of Reference of Committees should be reviewed during facilitated session	All