

ABERGAVENNY TOWN COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE COUNCIL MEETING HELD IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBER, TOWN HALL, ABERGAVENNY ON WEDNESDAY 14th FEBRUARY 2018 AT 7.00PM

Present:

Chairman - Cllr D Simcock (Mayor)
Cllr M Groucutt,
Cllr R Harris,
Cllr M Hickman,
Cllr T Konieczny,
Cllr G Jones,
Cllr N Tatam,
Cllr P Simcock,
Cllr F Morgan,
Cllr S Dodd

In attendance:

J Lee (Town Clerk)

2123	Apologies Apologies for absence were received from Cllrs T Davies, S Head, M Harris, L Van de Vyver, T Thomas
2124	Declarations of Interest There were no declarations of interest
2125	Minutes of Council Meeting The Minutes of the Council Meeting held on Wednesday 10 th January 2018 were received and adopted as a correct record with a note of the incorrect spelling of Cllr Tatam's surname on Page 6. Proposed by Cllr R Harris, Seconded Cllr Konieczny Matters arising: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• JL reported that a response has not yet been received from MCC to the Town Council's requests regarding the public toilets. JL to chase MCC for a response. Concerns were voiced regarding the cleanliness of the toilets particularly White Horse Lane toilets.• MCC Planning notified of the revised decision re 47 Cross Street• MCC have confirmed that the Bailey Park toilets are open and cleaned on weekends and also open when there are events in the park. JL to request confirmation from Roger Hoggins that this is correct as this is not the understanding of all councillors.

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Response on the LDP Review Report submitted • JL has been in contact with the Trussell Trust and a brief report will be prepared for Projects Committee • Letters have been sent to Network Rail and Welsh Government regarding the accessibility issues at the railway stations. Two officers from NR will be attending the Council meeting on 14th March and a response has been received from WG stating that they support improved access to rail (no specific mention of Abergavenny) and that WG officials will work with WG when the next Rail Control Period opens to progress schemes such as the one at Abergavenny 						
2126	<p>Minutes of Planning Committee</p> <p>The Minutes of the Planning Committee held on 10th January 2018 were received and adopted as a correct record. Proposed Cllr Tatam, Seconded Cllr Morgan</p>						
2127	<p>Minutes of Projects Committee</p> <p>The Minutes of the Projects Committee held on 25th January 2018 were received and adopted as a correct record with the addition under agenda item 8 that Cllr Jones proposed and Cllr Tatam seconded the purchase of an additional dog bin in the Grofield Ward. Proposed by Cllr Hickman, seconded by Cllr Tatam.</p> <p>Matters arising:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A letter has been sent to SWTRA regarding a crossing by Plas Derwen public House. Under the terms of the agreement between SWTRA and WG, WG will respond to this correspondence not SWTRA. • Cllr Konieczny reported that the Neighbourhood Watch group had purchased a dog bin for the Ysbytty Fields site so there will not be any cost to the Council for the purchase of the bin • Cllr Dodd reported that a Keep Abergavenny Tidy event has been arranged for 4th March as part of the Keep Wales Tidy Spring Clean campaign. This is in conjunction with the Abergavenny Womens Network. Details to follow on the location of the clean up and volunteers needed. 						
2128	<p>Finance Report</p> <p>a) The following payments were authorised:</p> <table> <tr> <td>Kings Arms Hotel (Balance owing for Community Toilets Scheme up to termination on 10 April 2018)</td> <td style="text-align: right;">£777.78</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Tithe Barn (Balance owing for Community Toilets Scheme up to termination on 10 April 2018)</td> <td style="text-align: right;">£777.78</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Staff Salary</td> <td style="text-align: right;">£1996.53</td> </tr> </table>	Kings Arms Hotel (Balance owing for Community Toilets Scheme up to termination on 10 April 2018)	£777.78	Tithe Barn (Balance owing for Community Toilets Scheme up to termination on 10 April 2018)	£777.78	Staff Salary	£1996.53
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	<p>Staff Salary £185.22</p> <p>HMRC & NI £654.97</p> <p>Local Government Pension Scheme £808.06</p> <p>Monmouthshire CAB £10000</p> <p>City Illuminations (supply, install, dismantle Christmas Lights) £27000</p> <p>Berwyn Slate (Slate and delivery charge, Eisteddfod Legacy Mon) £192</p> <p>MCC CCTV Q4 contribution £3200</p> <p>Planning Aid Wales (2 places at Community Housing Event) £40</p> <p>Cable News (library papers) £78.40</p> <p>Wales in Bloom (Entry fee for Abergavenny Town) £150</p> <p>NR & CR Bailey Ltd (Stamps & Restocking Parlour) £33.07</p> <p>Merlin Waste (dog waste bin emptying February 2018) £406.80</p> <p>HMRC (Underpayment of NI Month 8 & 9) £358.27</p> <p>b) The month 10 budget reports were received and noted.</p> <p>The Clerk drew attention to the entries for the CAB. The entry as a minus figure is as a result of the original cheque having to be cancelled as there was an error with the payee name.</p>
2129	<p>Response to the Independent Review Panel into Community & Town Councils</p> <p>The draft response to this Review Panel was considered and unanimously agreed.</p> <p>ACTION: JL to send the Town Council response to the Review Panel secretariat</p>
2130	<p>Review of Community Boundaries and Electoral Arrangements</p> <p>Report noted</p>
2131	<p>Twinning Events</p>

	<p>Future twinning events were discussed and Cllrs Morgan, Jones, D Simcock and Konieczny expressed an interest in attending the twinning event in Beaupreau in June.</p> <p>Representatives are also required for the Ostringen visit in July.</p>
2132	<p>Assessment of Risk Management</p> <p>The Clerk presented the draft risk register for 2018/19 which sets out the potential risks to the Town Council and mitigating actions currently in place or to be put in place to lower the risk. It was unanimously agreed to adopt the 2018/19 Risk Register.</p>
2133	<p>Renewal of CCTV Memorandum of Understanding</p> <p>The 3 year MoU is to be renewed from April 2018. It was unanimously agreed to sign the new agreement at annual cost of £13,056</p> <p>The Town Council is entitled to send two councillors to the CCTV User Group meetings. Cllr M Harris is a representative and it was agreed that Cllr Jones will be the second representative. As the meetings are during the day it was also agreed that Cllr D Simcock would attend if Cllr Jones was unable to do so.</p>
2134	<p>Election of a Mayor for 2018/19</p> <p>Cllr Groucutt proposed Cllr T Davies, seconded by Cllr R Harris. Vote was taken with 8 voting in favour.</p> <p>Councillor Fred Morgan left at 7.55pm</p>
	<p>Questions from Town Councillors to County Councillors</p> <p>None</p>
2135	<p>Members Reports</p> <p>Cllr R Harris – Attended the funeral of Ray Hill Cllr M Groucutt – Attended the funeral of Ray Hill Cllr T Konieczny – Attended the funeral of Ray Hill Cllr G Jones – No update Cllr N Tatam – Attended the funeral of Ray Hill, OVW Area Committee, OVW Larger Councils, Planning Aid Wales Community-led Housing Workshop</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Cllr Tatam gave a short report back from the Planning Aid Wales workshop explaining that there are different models for community organisations/Town councils to progress affordable housing – co-operative housing and community land trusts. There is no easy route and the examples given at the workshop highlight some of the issues to be overcome. <p>Cllr P Simcock – Attended the funeral of Ray Hill, Bryn Y Cwm Area Committee, Team Abergavenny Spread the Word meeting, A4B Awards, Love Zimbabwe event at the Senedd, Borough Band Dinner and Town Sanctuary meeting</p>

	<p>Cllr S Dodd – Attended the funeral of Ray Hill, Ostringen twinning Association and Love Zimbabwe meeting.</p> <p>Cllr D Simcock - Attended the funeral of Ray Hill, A4B Awards, Love Zimbabwe event at the Senedd, Borough Band Dinner</p> <p>Cllr M Hickman – Attended the funeral of Ray Hill</p>
2136	<p>Any Other Business</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Cllr Konieczny proposed setting up an Events Committee as there will be a number of significant events in 2018/19. Seconded by Cllr Groucutt. The following Councillors agreed to be part of the Events Committee: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Cllr P Simcock ○ Cllr S Dodd ○ Cllr T Konieczny ○ Cllr M Groucutt ○ Cllr M Hickman ○ Cllr D Simcock (as Mayor) ○ Cllr F Morgan – to be asked as Cllr Morgan had left the meeting • Cllr Konieczny presented the Town Council with a copy of the Abergavenny & District Civic Society publication ‘Exploring Abergavenny 2012-16’ This is a survey of all Abergavenny detailing the character of the different areas of the town. The information is also available on the Civic Society website • Cllr Tatam raised the issue of paving directly outside a number of shops eg Oxfam located within the Public Realm Phase 2. This paving is within the confines of the shop boundary and currently outside the public works. It was felt that not including these areas within the works would detract from the overall impact of the finished scheme. <p>ACTION: JL to write to Roger Hoggins at MCC to request that the current specification of works is amended to include these areas.</p> • Cllr P Simcock brought to the Council’s attention that a campaign leaflet for having an improved footbridge and lift at the railway station is being prepared and that funding is sought. This item is to be considered by the Finance Committee.

. There being no other business the meeting ended at 8:25pm

ACTION LIST FROM FEBRUARY COUNCIL MEETING

Action	Name
1. Contact Roger Hoggins regarding arrangements for toilets in 2018/19 and clarification on Bailey Park toilets	JL

2. To submit the Town Council response to the Independent Review Panel	JL
3. To write to Roger Hoggins MCC re Public Realm specification and inclusion of private shop fronts	JL
4. To arrange an Events Committee	JL