

# ABERGAVENNY TOWN COUNCIL

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**Minutes** of the full council meeting held on Wednesday, June 29, 2016, in the Council Chamber, Town Hall, Abergavenny.

**Present:** Cllr C Woodhouse Mayor)

Cllrs S Woodhouse; N Tatam; P Jordan; J Prosser; D Edwards; S Horrell; M Powell; M Hickman; M Harris and R Harris.

1835: Apologies for absence were received from Cllrs S Dodd; D Simcock and M Toombs.

1836: Declarations of interest. None declared.

1837: Statutory Review of Internal Auditor. Retaining the current internal auditor (Stuart Bees) was proposed by Cllr Prosser and seconded by Cllr Hickman. No objections.

1838: Finance: to receive Internal Audit Report 2015/16 and approve Annual Return prior to despatch to External Auditor. The internal audit report (2015/16) and the annual return was approved for despatch to the external auditor. There was a request from Cllr Edwards for a future breakdown of reserves. This was agreed and will be supplied in Month 4.

1839: Any Other Business

Cllr Edwards raised the issue of parking charges, particularly free parking after 4pm a decision on which has been delayed: 'Which is disappointing'.

Cllr Woodhouse raised the issue of an answerphone or voicemail system in the Town Council offices.

- This is being addressed as an action by the Town Clerk to ensure there is either a voicemail service or forwarding service in the near future.

Cllr Prosser and other councillors raised the issue of the impending election in Priory Ward and concerns

that eligible voters were unaware of the election. Cllr Prosser expressed: 'Shock to learn that the Town Council needed to request polling cards' and that he would take this up with Democratic Services. Cllr R Harris said that MCC should not be blamed. It was agreed this was an emergency situation and that Democratic Services should be asked to supply polling cards immediately. Cllrs Prosser and Edwards said they will pursue this on 30.06.16. An authorisation letter from the Town Clerk will be supplied to support the application.

Cllr Woodhouse outlined a series of events

- School sports day events are still on, despite the inclement weather
- A wreath will be laid to mark the beginning of the Battle of the Somme on Friday (July 1)
- 24<sup>th</sup> July, civic function
- 28<sup>th</sup> July opening of the High Street after refurbishment. 11 am.

There being no further business, the meeting closed at 7.55pm