

ABERGAVENNY TOWN COUNCIL

Minutes of the Council Meeting held on Wednesday 11 March 2015 at 7pm in the Council Chamber, Town Hall, Abergavenny.

Present: The Mayor, Cllr M J Hickman, JP,

Cllrs C Woodhouse, R Harris and Mrs M Harris (for part of the meeting), Mrs M Powell, S Horrell, D Edwards, Mrs S Woodhouse, JL Prosser, P Wadsworth (for part of the meeting), P Woodley and N Tatam.

In attendance: The Town Clerk

The Mayor welcome PCSO Amanda Yung who had come as the Police representative. The new Inspector, Hugh Jones, is reinstating regular visits to local councils.

She reported changes in the arrangements for local wards with PCSO L Parker covering Lansdown and PCSOs R Moyse and A Yung covering the other four town wards. Sgt D Seymour was now the local sergeant. This was all the information she had to tell members on this occasion, so the Mayor thanked PCSO Yung for coming and she left at this point.

1668. Apologies for absence were received from Cllrs Ms S Dodd, P Jordan and Miss M Toombs.

1669. Declarations of interest would be made as and when necessary during the meeting.

1670. The Minutes of the Council Meeting held on 11 February 2015 were received and adopted as a correct record.

1671. Matters arising.

Cllr Tatam pointed out that Cllr Mrs S Woodhouse had been omitted from the recorded vote on the precept at the Special Council Meeting on 4 February. This would be corrected.

1672. The following minutes were received and adopted as correct records:

- a) Planning Committee held on 11 February 2015.
- b) Projects Committee held on 26 February 2015
- c) Finance Committee held on 4 March 2015.

1673. Matters arising:

- a) From the Projects Committee it was noted that the Clerk is meeting Mr C Jones on Monday to resolve the issue of a declaration concerning the BID and he will agree that with The Mayor.
- b) Regarding the White paper, there is information available from a report by the County Chief

Executive and the Clerk is attending a local councils seminar on 19 March. After that a meeting can be held to make comments. It was agreed that this should be held after Finance Committee on 1 April.

c) From the Finance Committee the following recommendations were agreed

1. A grant of £900 be made to the Toy Fair subject to an application form being provided.
2. The Castle Meadows grant be deferred for more information.
3. A grant of £5000 be made to the Cycling Festival
4. A grant of £1000 be made to the Eisteddfod with a request for a breakdown of their costs estimate. Cllr Edwards noted that this would probably be very similar to their outgoings statement.(He also declared an interest in this matter and took no part in the decision)
5. Automatic Pension enrolment be progressed to meet the official deadline and an estimate of cost for next year be prepared..
6. The Gateway Credit Union investment be continued for a further year and be reviewed again next year. The Clerk will get a copy of their annual report and circulate it to members.
7. Standing Orders be adjusted to comply with the £1000 purchase limit. The current year`s arrangement for supplies for the Civic Functions Budget and handyman services be approved in line with this.
“38.5 Arrangements for supplies or minor works purchased during the year from designated suppliers/contractors will be agreed by council, if the total for the year exceeds the £1000 limit which can be agreed between the Mayor and the RFO.”
8. £300 be set aside as a possible support budget for the Town Team subject to expenditure being agreed between the Mayor and The Clerk.
9. The Clerk will progress the valuation of Civic Regalia.

1674. Finance Report

a) The following accounts were authorised for payment:

I Deal Design (Toy Fair)	270.00
Award Picture Framing (Honours certificates)	60.82
Monmouthshire CC (Bailey Park Toilets)	4707.00
Monmouthshire CC White Horse Lane Toilets)	10,800.00
ADTA Grant	3,000.00
ADTA (Toy Fair)	20.00
City Illuminations (Christmas lights)	25,792.80
HMRC tax and NI	635.51
G M James salary	206.38
Jems Catering (2 Reception buffets)	130.00

Charles Thomas (Honours plates)	75.00
Cablenews	62.40
P Johns expenses	24.41
NR and CA Bailey	360.52
Wales in Bloom entry fee	140.00
Eisteddfod prizes	£1185

b) The Month 11 Finance Reports were received and approved. The Clerk noted that in conversation with Cllr Mrs Woodhouse he had made an error in allocating Bailey Park toilets which he would correct and so far this year only £660 had been spent on the Toy Fair, from this and last year's grant.

1675. Correspondence. The following items were considered:

1. Consultation on Community Infrastructure Levy; Preliminary Draft Charging Schedule. It was noted that 15% of the CIL would come to the Town Council. There was a query where the S106 money is going and Cllr Prosser would follow this up. Any comments would be passed to The Clerk for collation and submission.
2. Kidney Wales Foundation Walk For Life. Received
3. Community Council Precept 2015/16. Received
4. Consultation on Draft Supplementary Planning Guidance Documents and Draft Planning Advice Note. Received. Any comments would be passed to The Clerk for submission to MCC.
5. Play for Wales news. Received
6. Auditors for 2015. Noted and received.

1676. Reports.

- a) Town Team notes were received and noted.
- b) Abergavenny in Bloom Minutes were received and noted.

1677. Agenda Item.

- a) CSAT issues for Cllr Wadsworth.

Reference was made to the travellers in the Priory Car Park. It is understood that due process is in place and is being pursued. It was also commented that the Police have powers to move them on but are reluctant to use them.

1678. Questions to County Councillors. Apart from the issue of S106 money which Cllr Prosser had agreed to pursue, there were no other questions.

1679. Members Reports.

Cllr Tatam had attended the Honours Reception, Synergy Concert, Larger Local Councils, Town Team Meetings and meeting with Kellie Beirne.

Cllr Woodley had attended the Honours Reception, Kellie Beirne meeting.

Cllr Wadsworth had attended an MCC Road Safety event at Cantref School, Eisteddfod Awards, Flood meeting at Magor, Cantref Governors

Cllr Mrs Woodhouse had attended the Beaupreau Twinning AGM, Honours Reception, and St David's Day Concert.

Cllr Edwards had attended the Honours Reception, Kellie Beirne Workshop, Park Street opening. He thanked Cllr Hickman for judging the competition entries, which had been good. They would be taken to King Henry School on Friday for the event on Saturday.

Cllr Horrell had attended the Honours Reception, Town Team.

Cllr Powell had attended the Honours Reception and the Kellie Beirne Workshop and the YFC Pantomime competition.

Cllr R Harris attended the Honours Reception and the Kellie Beirne Workshop.

Cllr C Woodhouse had attended the Beaupreau Twinning AGM, Honours Reception and St David's Day Concert and School Governors meeting.

The Mayor had attended the Honours reception, Museum and Castle, Commonwealth FlagRaising at County Hall, Park Street School, Gwent Music Concert, the Pantomime, St David's Day Concert and handed out kerbside certificates at Llanfoist.

There being no other business the meeting ended at 7:50pm.