

## **ABERGAVENNY TOWN COUNCIL**

### **Minutes of a meeting of the Council held on Wednesday 13 July 2016 at 7.00pm in the Council Chamber, Town Hall, Abergavenny.**

Present: Cllr C. Woodhouse (Mayor)

Cllrs R Harris, Mrs M Harris, S Horrell, Miss M Toombs, Mrs S Woodhouse, Ms S Dodd, J L Prosser, N Tatam, Mrs. M. Powell, Mrs. S. Woodhouse. T. Thomas. M. Hickman.

In attendance: The Town Clerk

The Mayor introduced and welcomed newly elected Councillor for Priory Ward Tudor Thomas to the meeting.

1840. Apologies for absence were received from Cllrs D.Simcock, and P. Jordan.

1841. Declarations of interest would be made as and when necessary.

1842. The following Minutes were received and adopted as a correct record:

a). Planning Committee Meeting held on 11<sup>th</sup> May 2016

b). Full Council Meeting held on 22<sup>nd</sup> June 2016 subject to the following points of accuracy being made:

**1829: 2.** *To be inserted at the end of the paragraph--'One executive to attend and the meetings will be held 2 or 3 times per annum'.*

**Any other business: 4. line 2,** *reference to 2<sup>nd</sup> Monday , should read 2<sup>nd</sup> Wednesday.*

c). Projects Meeting held on 22<sup>nd</sup> June 2016

d). Full Council Meeting held on 29<sup>th</sup> of June 2016 subject to the following points of accuracy being made:

**Page 1 - Present:** *Councillor Whitehouse be changed to Councillor Woodhouse.*

*Correction to the spelling of Councillor Tatam's surname - Tatam not Tatum,*

also

**1839: any other business second paragraph:** *Councillor Whitehouse be changed to Councillor Woodhouse.*

e). Planning Committee Meeting held on 29<sup>th</sup> June 2016 subject to the following points of accuracy being made:

**Present:** *Councillor M. Powell was not present, and Councillor Tatam' name was spelt incorrectly.*

f). Finance Committee Meeting held on 7<sup>th</sup> July 2016

1843. Finance: the following recommendations of the Committee were agreed.

a). A grant of £1,000 be made to Visions in Glass Theatre Company to support their forthcoming Junior Production of 'Into the Woods'.

b). A grant of £725.00 be made to Abergavenny Youth and Community Centre in support of their Summer workshop and cooking sessions.

- c). A4B Acting for the Borough, to sponsor once again an Abergavenny Town Council award of £500.00.
- d). A grant of £100.00 in support of 'The Summer Reading Challenge' at Abergavenny Library
- e). The new community and town council financial regulations, received on 30<sup>th</sup> June 2016 be formally adopted.
- f). The 2016 – 2018 National Salary Award NALC/SLCC be formally adopted.

#### 1844. Finance Report.

- a) Authorise payments: None presented at this meeting.
- b) Month 2 figures were received and noted.

The Town Clerk advised the meeting that he has not been able to finalise/reconcile figures for month 3 due to non receipt of Bank Statements, he has requested they be sent to him at the Town Clerk's Office in the Town Hall and is awaiting confirmation from Barclay Bank that the mandate has been received and actioned to this effect.

#### 1845. Correspondence.

There was no correspondence.

#### 1846. Notice of motion by Cllr. D. Edwards:

'We are proud to live in a diverse and tolerant society. Racism xenophobia and hate crimes have no place in our country. Our council condemns racism, xenophobia and hate crime unequivocally. We will not allow hate to become acceptable. We will work to ensure local bodies and programmes have the support and resources they need to fight and prevent racism and xenophobia. We reassure all people living in this area that they are valued members of our community'.

Discussion ensued with members fully supporting this motion followed by a unanimous vote.

#### 1847. Reports

##### a). National Eisteddfod update

The Mayor gave members an update about the forthcoming Eisteddfod plans were going well, everything was on target.

##### b). Formal Opening of the newly refurbished Town Centre.

The Mayor invited members invited to a ceremony to mark the opening of the newly refurbished Town Centre at 11:00am on the 28<sup>th</sup> of July 2016.

##### c.) New Town Guides.

Amendment were to be made in Welsh, thanks to Councillor Thomas, and it will be available prior to the Eisteddfod.

##### d). Welsh Water Plans for redevelopment of the Llanfoist site.

Cllr Tatam gave a detailed report expressing concern from those present as to why waste previously used in Rural Abergavenny will be transported for processing in Cardiff, and answer from Welsh Water is expected.

e). Abergavenny Agri Urban Projects:

Cllr Prosser reported that good progress is being made several projects have been suggested and further meetings are planned. There will be a conference in Holland in September which Cllr. Prosser will attend. He is also attempting to obtain a noticeboard in the proximity of the Market Hall to keep the public informed, such information should also go on the Town Council's website.

f). Cibi Walk and Bailey Park Toilets.

The Mayor reported good news regarding Cibi Walk however due to business confidentiality further information will be available in September.

1848. Questions to County Councillors

There were no questions to County Councillors.

1849. Members reports.

Cllr Tatam attended a Welsh Water meeting and Primary Sports at King Henry VIII (twice).

Cllr. Toombs had attended Abergavenny Relief in Need

The Mayor and Mayoress attended: Welsh Water meeting, Primary School Sports at King Henry School, Elvis Charity Concert, Rotary Hand over Lunch, Open day at Community and Education Centre, escorted Wales in Bloom Judge (Mayoress only), Judged Eisteddfod Photographic Competition (Mayor only), Evensong at St. Mary's re. Centenary of the start of Battle of the Somme, Mardy Park Open day, Live Music at the Castle, Evensong at Christchurch, KHS PTA raffle, Service of dedication of the Jeremy Winston memorial Jesse Window by Bishop Richard, at St. Mary's in the presence of HRH Prince Charles, KHS production of Les Miserables at the Borough Theatre, Elvis Eisteddfod fundraising concert at the Castle

There being no other business the meeting closed at 8.45pm.