ABERGAVENNY TOWN COUNCIL

ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE

WEDNESDAY 21ST JULY 2023

E74/23: SERVICE DELIVERY UPDATE

1. TOWN TEAM

The team leader for the Town Team has unfortunately ben signed off sick until the end of August. This leaves us with two operatives until further notice. They are still able to carry our basic duties like bin emptying Mon/Wed/Fri, and the ad hoc duties on Tues/Thurs, but of course as we enter holiday season we are not yet sure of the ability for MCC to lend another person to allow the team to operate at two strong for the foreseeable future.

An email has been sent to the Head of Grounds and the Depot Mangers who oversee the team to request a meeting to discuss how we manage the staffing levels in the run up to both Wales and Britain in Bloom.

This will no doubt have an effect on how much they can pick up instantly if and when any issues are reported to the Town Clerk for referral to the Town Team.

One operative has now completed chain saw training, and the other has completed the varnishing of all the benches throughout town. It will be requested that pavement cleaning is undertaken with the machine housed at the Market Hall bunker early morning on the 3rd or 4th July to try make sure as much of the route is clean for Wales in Bloom.

Additional support has been promised by MCC to ensure the town is looking its best for both 5th and 31st July.

1. WATERING CONTRACT

A stand pipe has been hired for 6 months to enable watering to be caried out 3 times a week of all the planters and hanging baskets. There is no capacity for the contractor to do any more than this, so the Town Team would usually pick up any other areas like the parks and car park plantings, so this will need to be discussed as to whether they will have capacity on their ad hoc days.