ABERGAVENNY TOWN COUNCIL

ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE

WEDNESDAY 24TH MAY 2023

E56/23: To receive and note an update from the Town Clerk.

1. CCTV TOWN COUNCIL WALKING MEETING

In conjunction with MCC ASB officer John Crandon and Gwent Police Officer Nathan Ford, a walk round hot spot areas in the town centre took place to assess roof areas being accessed by youth both sides of the High Street via bins and low walls resulting in them being on the roof of either Mountain Warehouse or B&M Bargains. PC Ford asked us to encourage those living and working around these spots to report all incidents to the Police so a case can be put together to work with businesses to discourage people from climbing up. White Horse Lane toilet block was also looked at, and another request is being sent to MCC Property services to ask for permission to remove the railings and apply anti-climb paint around the roof. In Fairfield Car Park, a lamp post which is rusting and broken has been reported and Neil Rosser from MCC Enforcement Team has passed this on to Street Lighting for assessment. The gate to close Fairfield car park has been reinstated after the fair was there earlier this month. In Bailey Park, a discussion around constant ASB and plant left/vandalism lead to MCC informing Councillors that because of the tree coverage the CCTV in and around the park has no way of picking any of this up. MCC and Gwent Police would be supportive of private security patrols being investigated, for a trial period, over weekend evenings over the summer. A meeting is to be arranged between ATC, MCC, Gwent Police and a security firm to look at this possibility.

After the meeting it was suggested that a quarterly walking meeting be arranged, to take in other areas around the whole of Abergavenny.

2. ORCHARD COOPERATION AGREEMENT

Following on from the proposal last month, a meeting is to be arranged o finalise and sign the agreement. Abergavenny Rainbows have been in touch asking for an environmental project as they can access grant funding, so they are hoping to work with the Orchard on their new Community Growing Project.