ABERGAVENNY TOWN COUNCIL

PEOPLE AND COMMUNITIES COMMITTEE

WEDNESDAY 19TH JULY 2023

PC43/23: EVENTS 2023/24

1. SUMMER 2023
2. 31st July – Britain in Bloom judging: requires involvement from all Councillors on the 29th and 30th July to get the town ready for judging, and to assist on 31st July with walking ahead of judges to check the route is clean and clear, then back at the Town Hall to assist with refreshments and buffet. A Councillor is requested to take the lead on coordinating volunteers to assist with this event.
3. 20th August 2023 – Picnic in the Park: The Borough Band will be performing between 1pm – 3pm on the Band Stand in Bailey Park on Sunday 20th August 2023 for the community to come along with their picnics and enjoy what we hope will be a relaxing Sunday afternoon’s free entertainment. Volunteers form Friends of Bailey Park will be around to showcase their work in the park, the Band will have collection buckets to raise funds for themselves, and it is hoped surrounding groups such as the Rugby Club and St Johns Ambulance may open to provide additional facilities. No contingency for bad weather, with long range forecasts, if weather looks unpleasant a call will be made in conjunction with the Band on a plan b. Town Council is requested to provide 20 chairs for the Band, and organise stewards to litter pick prior to and after the event to leave the park in a clean and tidy state. Please can a Councillor volunteer to take the lead in coordinating volunteers to help with the following:

* Litter pick rota
* Taking chairs across for musicians
* Removing chairs for musicians

1. AUTUMN/WINTER 2023
2. Abergavenny Food Festival weekend 16th and 17th September 2023
3. Greener Abergavenny Event Sunday 1st October 2023 – stewards will be required to assist with the event on the day. A volunteer is requested from the Town Council to ensure that we have adequate Councillors on hand to support at this event.
4. 12th November 2023: Remembrance Parade

Road Closure request has gone in to MCC, they no longer make the referral to SWTRA or WG so this has been submitted from ourselves. Due to the large turnout last year, a volunteer coordinator is required to organise/manage stewards to assist with:

* Laying out cones to stop parking in layby Saturday 11th November
* Assist with PA set-up including shifting barriers 12th November
* Electric hook-up into Gwagle Offices
* Organise chairs for those unable to stand
* Hand out orders of service to public
* Liaise with MCC Highways for implementation of road closures
* Ensure stewards are lining route for the parade

1. 18th November 2023 – Christmas Light Switch On Event

If Town Council wish to host a similar event to 2022, more stewards are required. A Councillor will be needed to lead on the following:

Steward recruitment

* Pre-event meeting between Y Fenni Business Community and other involved parties
* Recruit entertainers/choirs to sing along route
* Coordination of road closures and siting of choirs/entertainers on the day
* Book Police Cadet attendance for bucket collection along route

1. 2024

Events that we are already aware of for 2024:

* Rotary Steam Rally 26th/27th May 2024
* D-Day landing anniversary – 80 years 6th June 2024 – event likely to happen Saturday 8th June 2024: Veterans are hoping to collaborate with Town Council to hold an event to mark the anniversary. Booklet already circulated to start the ball rolling.
* 22nd or 29th June 2024: Armed Forces Day events?
* Pride – June 2024 – Town Council have been approached by Monmouth Town Council to ask about a coordinated approach to Pride going forward, in the shape of sharing events across the county, considering a flagship event here and smaller events across the other towns in Monmouthshire.
* 13th September 2024: Hosting Wales in Bloom awards ceremony – involves welcoming guests from across the country, providing parking, refreshments, walks to green spaces around town, entertainment, lunch, awards ceremony. This will require a working group to assist with the planning as well as implementation. Town Clerk recommends this be decided as soon as possible in order to be well organised and not have to rush next year. This will assist with any budget requirements we need to consider.