ABERGAVENNY TOWN COUNCIL

PEOPLE AND COMMUNITIES COMMITTEE

WEDNESDAY 1ST NOVEMBER 2023

PC68/23: PRINCIPAL OFFICER’S UPDATE

1. EVENTS MEETING

We are already getting confirmation of events planned for 2024, and so another online meeting would be beneficial to gather together everyone looking at hosting or helping at events across the year. Date and time to be decided, so the online invite can be set up and circulated with plenty of notice.

1. CHRISTMAS AUGMENTED REALITY TRAIL

Venues for the 10 QR codes have been found and uploaded, and will be made available online via High Street Safari, as well as on our website and social media. Short video to show how it works and where some are located will be produced to encourage support and participation across the 6 weeks it will be ‘live’ 20th November – 31st December 2023.

1. CHRISTMAS MARKET 9TH DECEMBER 2023

The Nevill Street Quarter are once again hosting a Christmas Event on St Johns Square, Nevill Street and beyond, on Saturday 9th December. This coincides with the Monmouthshire Market’s Craft Market in the hall. Frogmore Street will have 4 stalls, and The Angel Hotel hope to set something up outside on Cross Street. Support will be needed – stewards throughout the day, plus set up and take down. Please contact Chris Jones to let him know if you can volunteer/support in any way.

1. CHRISTMAS TOY DRIVE

ACE will be hosting their Christmas Party on 5th December, and to support this, traders across town have offered to host collection points for toys to be donated. A poster and details will be circulated shortly to explain what can be donated and where. ‘Elves’ may be required to collect these all in on 1st December, and to assist with wrapping prior to the event at ACE.

1. 2024 EVENTS

Looking towards 2024, there are lots of things to plan and prepare for.

* Schools Theatre Performance – after the success of the event in March this year, Borough Theatre is looking to find another suitable performance to do a matinee performance for Yr6 students from the local primary schools. Aim to have this before Easter in March, and look to ask Rotary and Round Tabel to see if they would like to sponsor this again alongside the town council.
* Community Dinner – date to be decided for April 2024. Venue to be found, and caterers. Guest list then to be looked at by Mayor.
* Community Concerts – after the success of the concert at Bailey Park in August 2023, it is suggested a working party look at what can be held where and when, and for what cost, at various locations across town throughout summer next year.
* 125th Anniversary of Abergavenny Town Council - 1st November 1899 saw the formation of the Town Council. It would be good to commemorate such a milestone in some way, so it is recommended a group be set up to look at hosting a suitable event.