**ABERGAVENNY TOWN COUNCIL**

**MINUTES OF FULL COUNCIL MEETING HELD 17TH JANUARY 2024 AT 7:53 PM ON MS TEAMS & IN THE COMMUNITY ROOM,**

**TOWN HALL, ABERGAVENNY**

**Present:** Cllr A Wilde (Chair)

Cllr B Callard (Vice Chair)

Cllr P Bowyer

Cllr M Barnes

Cllr M Brocklesby

Cllr S Burch

Cllr B Callard

Cllr K Eldridge

Cllr D English

Cllr J George

Cllr M Groucutt

Cllr C Holland

Cllr M Powell

Cllr D Simcock

Cllr G Wilde

Cllr Wright

**Absent without apologies:** None.

**In attendance**:

Sandra Rosser – Principal Officer

Jay Shipley – Deputy Principal Officer

**Public: None**

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| FC01/24. | **Receive and approve apologies for absence.**  Apologies were received from Cllrs Jones and Nicholson and it was resolved to accept their apologies for absence. |
| FC02/24. | **Receive Declarations of Interest for items on the agenda.**  Cllrs Powell and Burch Planning; Cllrs G Wilde and Barnes CAB |
| FC03/24. | **To receive and approve the minutes of the last meeting held on 13th September 2023.**  Cllr G Wilde proposed the minutes of the last meeting as a true and accurate record, seconded by Cllr Holland. Resolved by all Councillors to accept this proposal. |
| FC04/24 | **To receive a report to ratify and approve the budget proposals for 2024/25**.  The report was received and noted by Councillors. Cllr Bowyer proposed the budget for 2024/25 be accepted, seconded by Cllr George. Unanimously approved by all Councillors: Resolution to accept the 24/25 budget proposals. |
| FC05/24  FC06/24  FC07/24  FC08/24 | **To receive and approve the Annual Report for 22/23 for circulation**.  The report was received and noted. Cllr Simcock proposed the Annual report for 2022/23 be accepted, seconded by Cllr Powell. Unanimously approved by all Councillors to accept this report and requested that the printed report be distributed as soon as possible. Discussion around electronic version also being available on the website this year – analytics if available re: popularity requested to inform a sustainability and cost saving option for 2023/24 - e-copy on website with 250 printed copies rather than 5000 printed copies. Suggestion met with general approval.  **To receive and approve proposed AGM and Meeting Dates for 2024/2025.**  Noted and approved. Cllr Holland proposed the meeting dates be accepted, seconded by Cllr George. Unanimously approved by all Councillors. Cllr George requested that the Principal Officer (as usual) provide electronic diary markers for councillors. Agreed.  **To receive and note the Winter newsletter from King Henry VIII 3-19 School.**  The report was received and noted by Councillors.  **To receive reports from Councillors attendance at external bodies which are relevant to Full Council:**   * Armed Forces Champion: Cllr M Powell**:** attended Cardiff conference 16th November 2023.Focus: Helping ex-forces personnel with housing; into work; supporting veterans’ families with initiatives such as Transport for Wales offering reduced cost transport. MCC are to update the covenant with the Armed Forces. Should ATC update their covenant? Royal British Legion breakfast held 2nd Saturday of the Month. * Governor of Cantref School: Cllr B Callard, none received. * Governor of Deri View Primary School: Cllr G Jones, none received. * Governor of Our Lady & St Michael School: Cllr K Eldridge. Met with Headteacher, has started Governor’s Training, attended the school carol concert and is in receipt of school newsletters. * Governor of Ysgol Y Fenni: Cllr G Jones, none received. * North Monmouthshire Area Committee: Mayor and Town Clerk - Cllr Groucutt : Area Committee not in existence * North Monmouthshire Liaison Committee: Mayor and Town Clerk – Cllr Groucutt : Liaison Committee not in existence. * Governor of King Henry VIII School (KH VIII): Should be an appointed LEA governor Cllr Groucutt pointed out that ATC should not be appointing governors to Secondary schools. Following on: * King Henry VIII Foundation: Cllr B Nicholson and Cllr B Callard? – can ATC appoint Cllrs to the new school since it is an ‘all-through’ school? ATC does have a governor at Deri View so, should the governor move to the primary section of the new KH VIII? Can Will McClean be approached for a view on 3-19 schools. Can a minor authority appointment a governor to a High School? |
| FC09/24  FC10/24 | **To receive reports from County Councillors on matters affecting Abergavenny relevant to Full Council.**  Cllrs Brocklesby, Burch, Callard, Groucutt, Powell: Given time is short the MCC draft budget consultations 2024/25 are being targeted at Councils. Series of hybrid meetings at County Hall beginning Monday 5th February 2024 inviting scrutiny from residents.  **To consider the following planning applications:**  DM/2024/00002 Side extension to create through floor lift and ensuite.16 Knoll Road, Abergavenny, NP7 7AN.  Approval proposed Cllr George, seconded Cllr G Wilde. Unanimously approved. |
| **FC11/24** | **To consider items for the agenda of the next Full Council Meeting to be held on 13th March 2024.**  Request a comprehensive report on CCLA. |

**Meeting ended 8:34 pm**

**APPROVED AS A TRUE RECORD**

**CHAIR …………………………………DATE ……………………………**