**ABERGAVENNY TOWN COUNCIL**

**MINUTES OF FULL COUNCIL MEETING HELD 13TH MARCH 2024 AT 19:43 PM ON MS TEAMS & IN THE COMMUNITY ROOM,**

**TOWN HALL, ABERGAVENNY**

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

Cllr M Barnes

Cllr P Bowyer

Cllr S Burch

Cllr K Eldridge

Cllr J George

Cllr M Groucutt

Cllr C Holland

Cllr G Jones

Cllr M Powell

Cllr D Simcock

Cllr G Wilde

**Absent without apologies:** Cllr L Wright.

**In attendance**:

Sandra Rosser – Principal Officer/RFO

Jay Shipley – Deputy Principal Officer/Deputy RFO

**Public:** none present

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| FC12 /24 | **Apologies for Absence received from:**  Cllr M A Brocklesby, Cllr B Callard, Cllr D English, Cllr B Nicholson. It was resolved to accept their apologies for absence. |
| FC13/24 | **Declarations of interest for items on the agenda**  Cllrs Burch and Powell MCC Planning Committee(FC21/24); Cllr George Post Office Building Planning Application (FC21/24); Cllr A.Wilde - Good Citizen Award (FC18/24) |
| FC 14/24 | **To receive and approve the minutes of the last meeting held on 17th January 2024**  Cllr G Wilde proposed the minutes of the last meeting as a true and accurate record with request for grammatical amendments, seconded by Cllr Holland. Resolved by all Councillors to accept this proposal. |
| FC 15/24 | **To consider a response to the Local Food Strategy consultation.**  Report received and noted. Cllr Jones proposed that Abergavenny Town Council (ATC) advise of projects important to Abergavenny to add to it. Cllr Bowyer seconded the proposal. |
| FC 16/24 | **To receive a report on purchasing items for community events**  Report from Deputy Principal Officer received. Proposal to purchase mugs, branded with the Town Council Logo, that could be used by the council and community groups for functions/fundraising events. Cllr Jones proposal to agree purchase of 108 branded mugs from local supplier, seconded Cllr Bowyer. |
| FC 17/24 | **To receive a report on the formulation of the Community Growing Spaces and Allotment working group.**  Cllr Burch outlined the rationale for reviving a Community Growing Spaces/Allotment working group comprised of councillors and interested parties to explore the possible availability of land to meet demand. Resource implications. Cllr Barnes voiced that it would be important to involve the community from the outset and agreed with Cllr Bowyer that such a working party should liaise with interested parties, seek possible sites and explore possible funding opportunities. Limited authority: no powers to make promises on behalf of Abergavenny Town Council nor offer funding. Cllr Burch to report progress made to Environment Committee within 6 months. Proposed Cllr Jones seconded Cllr Bowyer. All approved. |
| FC 18/24 | **To consider and decide upon the nominations for the Good Citizens Awards 25th April 2024.**  Proposed Cllr George seconded Cllr Jones that nominations be accepted en masse and that people who made the nominations be invited to the dinner. All approved. |
| FC 19/24 | **To receive reports from Councillors attendance at external bodies which are relevant to Full Council:**   * Armed Forces Champion: Cllr M Powell. Report on the proposed D-Day celebrations . * Governor of Cantref School: Cllr B Callard - no report * Governor of Deri View Primary School: Cllr G Jones - no report. * Governor of Our Lady & St Michael School: Cllr K Eldridge - no report. * Governor of Ysgol Y Fenni: Cllr G Jones - no report. * King Henry VIII Foundation: Cllr B Nicholson and Cllr B Callard - no report. * North Monmouthshire Area Committee: Mayor and Principal Officer ­- no report. Committee does not meet therefore proposal to remove from reports at AGM * North Monmouthshire Liaison Committee: Mayor and Principal Officer - no report. Committee does not meet therefore proposal to remove from reports at AGM |
| FC 20/24 | **To receive reports from County Councillors on matters affecting Abergavenny relevant to Full Council.**  Nothing further to report see minutes from Policy and Resources Committee 13th March 2024. |
| FC 21/24 | **To consider the following planning applications:**  DM/2023/01736 Change of Use of the former Post Office ground floor sales counter from Class A1 (Shops, Post Offices) to B8 (Storage or Distribution). Approval proposed Cllr Bowyer, seconded Cllr G Wilde. Unanimously approved.  DM/2023/01049 Erection of feather board timber fence to front and left-hand side elevation. Approval proposed Cllr George, seconded Cllr Bowyer. Unanimously approved.  DM/2023/01348 Proposed parking area 3.5m x 5.5m. 3 St Helen's Road. Approval proposed Cllr Jones, seconded Cllr Simcock. Unanimously approved. |
| FC 22/24 | **To note the AGM will be held on 8th May 2024, and to consider items for the agenda of the next Full Council Meeting to be held on 12th June 2024.**  Request update on Placemaking. Tender out for consultants to oversee the work. D. Fordham offered apologies for not responding sooner. More information will be forthcoming as it becomes available. |

**Meeting ended 20:27pm**

**APPROVED AS A TRUE RECORD**

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