**ABERGAVENNY TOWN COUNCIL**

**MINUTES OF THE ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE MEETING HELD**

**28th FEBRUARY 2024 AT 7PM VIA MS TEAMS &**

**IN THE COMMUNITY ROOM, TOWN HALL, ABERGAVENNY.**

**Present:** Cllr C Holland (Interim Chair)

Cllr M Barnes

Cllr P Bowyer

Cllr K Eldridge

Cllr G Jones

Cllr D Simcock

Cllr G Wilde

**In attendance**: S Rosser – Principal Officer

 J Shipley – Deputy Principal Officer

**Absent** Cllr L.Wright

**Public in attendance:** None

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| E17/24 | **Receive and approve apologies for absence.** None received. |
| E18/24 | **Receive Declarations of Interest** None received. |
| E19/24 | **To receive and approve the minutes from the last meeting on 20th December 2023.**Cllr Bowyer proposed that the minutes be accepted as a true and accurate record, seconded by Cllr G Wilde. All Councillors resolved to accept this proposal.  |
| E20/24 | **Active Travel Routes.**1. **King Henry VIII school** diagrammatic presentation of the routes was appreciated. Work has already begun on the Active Travel Pathways along Pen-y-Pound Cllr Jones stated that residents should have been made aware. General agreement from Councillors present.
2. **Castle Meadows** Cllr Holland reported that Active Travel routes passed in planning; ongoing discussions re: public concern around installation of cattle grids. These did not form part of the material consideration in the application, falling into permitted development.
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| E21/24 | **To receive a report on the town entry signage for Abergavenny**Discussion initiated on style/colour of signage and information given on the signs. Principal Officer to contact Highways to explore process of updating 3 signs at entrances to Abergavenny. Town Team are cleaning, assessing the condition and measuring current signs. Consultation project for formal report at the next Environment Committee. |
| E22/24 | **To receive and note the Principal Officer’s update.**Report received and noted. 1. Abergavenny in Bloom Awards, 13th September 2024, venues booked. Seating is limited. There are 156 seats in total: 24 reserved seats for Abergavenny volunteer teams. Suggested availability/one seat per volunteer group.
2. Planning Aid Wales offer made to set up the on-line training sessions in the Town Hall to allow all councillors to access the training.
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| E23/24 | **To receive and note the Service Delivery update.**Report received and noted.Dog Waste Bin survey of location and condition Cllrs Jones, Holland and DPO to make site visits and record survey to inform Service Delivery Agreement. |
| E24/24 | **Finance**:**Receive an update on the Environment Budget headings**.Cllr G Jones proposed the report be accepted, seconded by Cllr Bowyer. All Councillors resolved to accept the proposal of the report being a true and accurate record.  |
| E25/24 | **To consider and make recommendations regarding the following planning applications.**DM/2024/00118No objections received. Recommend approval.DM/2024/00156 No objections received. Recommend approval.DM/2024/00125 No objections received. Recommend approval. |
| E26/24 | **To review and update on relevant items on the Strategy and Action Plan** No further update from significant updates on ‘Awayday’ meeting. Areas for further updates to be considered at the next meeting. |
| E27/24 | **Report from Town Councillors attendance at external bodies relevant to this Committee:*** Abergavenny and District Tourist Association: Cllr Simcock no meetings, no report.
* CCTV user group: Cllrs George & Jones meeting notes to be circulated.
* Friends of Linda Vista Gardens: Cllrs Wright & Simcock, no meetings
* Friends of Bailey Park: Cllrs Eldridge & Bowyer, no meetings
* Friends of Castle Meadows: Cllrs Simcock & Wright, no report
* Monmouthshire CC Planning Committee: Cllr George, no report
* Y Fenni Business Community: Cllrs Eldridge & Nicholson no meeting, no report
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| E28/24 | **Report from County Councillors on matters affecting Abergavenny relevant to this Committee.**No report. |
| E29/24 | **Items for consideration at the next meeting Wednesday 28th February 2024**1. Request for CEO of Natural Resources Wales to be invited to be invited to address Council on the issues surrounding the River Usk.
2. Update on Town signage
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**MEETING CLOSED AT 19:55pm**

**APPROVED AS A TRUE RECORD**

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