ABERGAVENNY TOWN COUNCIL

WEDNESDAY 6TH MARCH 2024

PEOPLE AND COMMUNITIES COMMITTEE

PC19/24: EVENTS UPDATE

1. TRAFFIC MANAGEMENT FOR COMMUNITY EVENTS

The Principal Officer has completed the above training and now has a 5 year certification to be able to write traffic management plans for any events which require road signs of any kind. It is a nationally recognised qualification and is necessary for anyone who is implementing a road closure for any purpose. This qualification should be held by anyone who implements these, so more volunteers will need to gain this as soon as possible if all the events planned for the town are to be safely carried out. The course was £170 + vat. Currently there are only 8 people qualified to deliver the course hence the difficulty in being able to get on to one of these courses.

1. ONLINE EVENTS MEETING 22ND FEBRUARY 2024

The online Events Meeting was attended by 19 participants, from a wide spectrum of groups holding events this year in Abergavenny. Cllr Bryony Nicholson hosted the meeting and ran through the list available to us for events that had been confirmed to that point. A new list has now been created and is below for information.

Form the meeting, it was decided a collective learning and development meeting may be useful for event organisers to know things like who can put up posters/korex boards, where they can be displayed, in what format if digital, and requirements for Event Safety Advisory Group at Monmouthshire County Council, how to deal with licencing and temporary traffic regulation orders, plus any additional tips from South Wales Fire and Rescue and Gwent Police. Another meeting can then be hosted for events later in the year to share their information and ask for any assistance they may need, be it publicity or volunteers.

The Y Fenni Business Community requested the Christmas Light Switch On Event be booked for Saturday 16th November to allow a good lead in for Christmas Trading, as the event on 18th November 2023 worked very well.

1. D-DAY 80TH ANNIVERSARY EVENT 6TH JUNE 2024

The next planning meeting for this will be held Thursday 7th March 2024 at 12:30pm in the Mayors Parlour and is open to anyone who wishes to attend in person. The proposal is to host an event 5pm – 9.15pm to mark the 80th Anniversary. Community Theatre groups are planning to put on small sketches and performances in keeping with the theme of the event, with the Market Hall being transformed into an immersive performance space with appropriate lighting and sound. The Veterans have some speakers who can talk about various historical events linking Abergavenny to the D-Day landings, and this will lead into the theatrical and musical performances. There will be tables and chairs for people to sit at to enjoy the evening, and street food trucks out on Brewery Yard, though it will be National Fish and Chip Day so Market Street will be informed of the plans as well. The evening will finish with a reading outside in front of the Clock Tower and this will be properly lit up as our Beacon, or Lamp Light for Peace, as is being encouraged nationally, at 9.15pm on Thursday 6th June 2024. In addition, The Chronicle and King Henry VIII 3-19 School are working on supporting students interviewing veterans and care home residents to gather stories and memories from 80 years ago, and these will feature in the paper in the week leading up to the event, with some hopefully being read out on the evening itself.

1. DAY FOR UKRAINE EVENT PROPOSAL

As circulated, this has been brought to Town Council to consider assisting supporting in some way if possible.

1. 2024 EVENT LIST

Spring Food Fair – Saturday 9th March 2024

Abergavenny Symphony Orchestra Spring Concert – 17th March 2024

Charity auction and music night – 22nd March 2024

Y Fenni Business Community Easter Egg Hunt – last week March 24

Abergavenny Writing Festival – 19th & 20th April 2024

Abergavenny Childrens Eisteddfod – Saturday 20th April 2024

ATC Community Dinner – Thursday 25th April 2024

AM Fest – Sunday 5th May 2024

Monmouthshire Markets Toy Fair – Monday 6th May 2024

Rotary Canal Walk – 12th May 2024

Abergavenny Rotary Steam Rally – 26th & 27th May 2024

D-Day Anniversary – Thursday 6th June 2024

Abergavenny Art Festival – Saturday 15th June 2024

Rotary concert St Marys Priory – 22nd June 2024

Abergavenny Symphony Orchestra Summer Concert – 23rd June 2024

Abergavenny Pride – Saturday 29th June 2024

Wales in Bloom judging – first week July 2024 TBC

7Corners IYE Festival - 13th July 2024

Long Walk Home Bailey Park – end July/beginning August 2024

Open Air Concerts – summer dates and venues TBC

Wales in Bloom Ceremony – Friday 13th September 2024

Abergavenny Food Festival – 21st & 22nd September 2024

Wall to Wall Jazz Festival – 27th – 29th September 2024

Greener Abergavenny – Sunday 20th October 2024

Abergavenny Town Council’s 125th Birthday – 1st November 2024

Round Table Fireworks - TBC

Remembrance Parade 2024 – 10th November 2024

Christmas Light Switch On – 16th November 2024