

## ABERGAVENNY TOWN COUNCIL

### MINUTES OF ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE MEETING HELD 26<sup>th</sup> JUNE 2024 AT 7:00PM ON MS TEAMS & IN THE COMMUNITY ROOM, TOWN HALL, ABERGAVENNY.

**Present:** Cllr A Wilde (Chair)  
Cllr P Bowyer  
Cllr C Holland (Vice Chair)  
Cllr G Jones  
Cllr G Wilde

**Absent:**

**In attendance:**

Sandra Rosser – Principal Officer / RFO  
Jay Shipley – Deputy Principal Officer / Deputy RFO  
Aled Thompson – Community Policing

Report	There is to be a review so that issues affecting areas and crime statistics across the town are reported rather than by ward. (They may initially seem higher as a larger area is involved). In May 2024 there were some issues. Increase in anti-social behaviour as youths from out of area are causing problems. Calls about youths on roofs increasing. Strike letters issued. Lansdown area potential eviction order following anti-social behaviour. Be aware that alcohol and weapons are being hidden in Bailey Park flower beds by minors. Traffic parking issue with double yellow lines bottom of Frogmore Street and A40. Shoplifting arrest made. New Station opened 29/5/24 huge improvement in ease of deployment of officers. Cllr Holland requested Police link with Blue Light Control Room re help to identify vehicle used in local break-ins. Cllr G Wilde raised speeding on Old Hereford Road as an issue. Cllrs thanked the officer for an informative report.
E64/24	<b>Receive and approve apologies for absence.</b> Cllr L Wright, Cllr J George, Cllr M Barnes, Cllr K Eldridge, Cllr D Simcock. All Councillors resolved to accept the reasons for apologies.
E65/24	<b>Receive Declarations of Interest for items on the agenda.</b> None

E66/24	<p><b>To approve the minutes from 29<sup>th</sup> May 2024.</b>  Cllr Holland proposed the minutes from the meeting on 29<sup>th</sup> May, be approved as a true and accurate record, seconded by Cllr G Wilde. All councillors resolved to accept this proposal.</p>
E67/24	<p><b>To receive and note the Deputy Principal Officer's update.</b>  Report received and noted.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Gwent Green Grid Project Car Park Green Space Proposal Concept design public consultation 14<sup>th</sup> June 2024</li> <li>2. Town Signage - no further update</li> <li>3. Tourism maps and display boards - Local business volunteers, giving back to the town, have been carrying out maintenance painting map cases; bollards; lamp-posts to smarten them for summer. Cllr Holland thanked the volunteers for a super job.</li> <li>4. Green Wall at Morrisons has been dismantled. The watering system installed was faulty (in all stores) and is not cost effective to repair.</li> <li>5. Presentation on Abergavenny River Corridor – waiting for confirmation of alternative dates 11<sup>th</sup> or 25<sup>th</sup> September 2024.</li> <li>6. Abergavenny Placemaking Steering Group meeting July 18<sup>th</sup> 2024. Cllr Bowyer to chair the steering group. There will be a consultation process and wider working group formed.</li> <li>7. Theatre light outside main door is now working. Requires cleaning.</li> </ol>
E68/24	<p><b>To receive and note the Service Delivery Update.</b>  Report received and noted.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. TOILETS  Ongoing: The Service Level Agreement is underway, it has been difficult to arrange a meeting with MCC to negotiate the finer details of the agreement. Bus Station Health and Safety Sharps issue. Deputy Principal Officer to pursue and resolve the issue as urgent. No feedback regarding costs for opening Bailey Park Toilets form 20<sup>th</sup> July – 1<sup>st</sup> September.</li> <li>2. BUS STATION BEDS  The two volunteers have completed the stone-work. Greenfinch have planted the larger bed. Other beds are being planted Wednesday 26<sup>th</sup>/Thursday 27<sup>th</sup> ready for Abergavenny in Bloom. Town Team have provided exceptional support. 1 Tonne Topsoil/soil improver was moved by the Media.Agency and Town Council Staff. Cllr Holland extended a vote of thanks.</li> </ol>

	<p>3. <b>PLANTERS</b>  Russell Walker from The Willows has installed beehive &amp; barrier planters &amp; installed hanging baskets on businesses. Summer watering (three times a week) to include the Bus Station beds. Greenfinch have started planting summer schemes in the planters they maintain.</p> <p>4. <b>TOWN TEAM</b>  The team have suffered intermittent staff issues due to sickness. ATC hope to address this when looking at the new service level agreement with MCC. The new grass cutting schedule has started though this has been affected by staff levels and prioritising workloads. The Grounds team are assisting with town wide clean-up for the In Bloom judging, as well as any remedial works in the last week of June to ensure the route and any 'It's Your Neighbourhood' areas are presented favourably.</p> <p>5. <b>ABERGAVENNY IN BLOOM</b>  Judging Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> July, It's Your Neighbourhood areas Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> and Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> July. The Judge is Peter Barton-Price who is CEO of Wales in Bloom. Submission of the portfolio has been delayed with the agreement of Peter Barton-Smith.</p> <p>Cllr Holland proposed a vote of thanks to the Principal Officer and Deputy Principal Officer for the work on these projects.</p>
E69/24	<p><b>Finance:</b></p> <p>(a) Receive a report on the Environment Budget headings.  (b) Receive a report on replacement planters for Frogmore Street.</p> <p>a) Cllr Jones proposed the finance report be accepted seconded by Cllr Holland; all Cllrs resolved to accept this proposal.</p>
E70/24	<p><b>To consider and make recommendations regarding the following planning applications:</b>  DM/2024/00741 - Councillors voted to recommend approval.</p>
E71/24	<p><b>To receive updates from Councillors on the Strategy and Action Plan.</b>  None – defer updates to Awayday Meeting</p>

E72/24	<p><b>To receive reports from Councillors attendance at external bodies which are relevant to this Committee:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Abergavenny and District Tourist Association: Cllrs A Wilde and D Simcock – None</li> <li>• CCTV user group: Cllrs George &amp; Jones – lots of positive feedback re: tracking capabilities. Tech Teams are repairing faults in cameras in Bailey Park. Very good communications.</li> <li>• Friends of Linda Vista Gardens: Cllrs Wright &amp; Simcock – no report</li> <li>• Friends of Bailey Park: Cllrs Bowyer &amp; English –</li> <li>• Friends of Castle Meadows: Cllrs Simcock &amp; Wright – no report</li> <li>• Monmouthshire CC Planning Committee: Cllrs Holland &amp; George – no report</li> <li>• Greener Abergavenny – Cllrs Barnes &amp; A Wilde AGM next week. Report to follow</li> </ul>
E73/24	<p><b>To receive reports from County Councillors on matters affecting Abergavenny relevant to Policy and Resources Committee.</b></p> <p>None</p>
E74/24	<p><b>Items for the next meeting on 31<sup>st</sup> July 2024</b></p> <p>Presentation by Jane Clark River Gavenny Corridor – confirm date</p>

Meeting ended 20:27pm

APPROVED AS A TRUE RECORD

CHAIR ..... *A Wilde* ..... DATE ..... *31/7/2024* .....