ABERGAVENNY TOWN COUNCIL

WEDNESDAY 26TH JUNE 2024

ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE

E68/24: SERVICE DELIVERY UPDATE

1. TOILETS

Ongoing: The Service Level Agreement is underway, but due to staff shortages it has been difficult to arrange a meeting with the management from MCC to negotiate the finer details of the agreement. Bus Station Health and Safety Sharps issue: to exchange the bins in the disabled toilet is at a one-off cost of £143.43.

No feedback as yet regarding request for costs for opening Bailey Park Toilets form 20th July – 1st September. An email re: the lights left on in the Bailey Park toilet block, has resulted in the lights being off when the toilets are not in use.

1. BUS STATION BEDS

The two volunteers have completed the stone-work. Greenfinch have planted the larger bed. Two other beds are being planted Wednesday 26th and Thursday 27th mornings ready for Abergavenny in Bloom. Town Team have provided exceptional support as and when they can. Morgan Sindal did not provide the promised volunteers on 6th June. 1 Tonne Topsoil/soil improver was moved by the Media.Agency and Town Council Staff.

1. PLANTERS

Russell Walker from The Willows has installed the beehive and barrier planters and installed hanging baskets on businesses which have ordered them. He has started the summer watering (three times a week) at this point. Josie and Keri from Greenfinch have started planting summer schemes in the planters they maintain.

1. TOWN TEAM

The team have suffered intermittent staff issues due to sickness, and this is something we hope to address 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 as good as they can be.

1. ABERGAVENNY IN BLOOM

Judging has been announced for Tuesday 2nd July, with the judge assessing further It’s Your Neighbourhood areas not included on the Abergavenny in Bloom route, on Wednesday 3rd and Thursday 4th 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.

KAT have already agreed to assist with litter picking Sunday-Tuesday am the bulk of the

A meeting for Businesses was held on Thursday 30th May at 6:30pm well received and increased participation with hanging baskets. Still looking for sponsorship.

The revised route for Abergavenny in Bloom judging will be:

Town Hall – Neville Street, St John’s Square, Castle Street Car Park raised beds – Angel Hotel Courtyard.

Monk Street to St Mary’s Priory Courtyard to Bus Station

Bus Station – Mill Street – Community Orchard (IYN)

Community Orchard – Dipping Pond Castle Meadows

Castle Meadows – Linda Vista Gardens (IYN)

Linda Vista Gardens – Abergavenny Community Centre (IYN)

Abergavenny Community Centre – Merthyr Road Front Garden - Our Lady and St Michaels School (School Entry)

OLSM – Bailey Park (IYN)

Bailey Park – Civic Society Beds - Cibi Walk – Lewis’ Lane, Lion Street – planters and proposed Greener Gwent development Morrisons,

Market Street - Town Hall

Each ‘It’s Your Neighbourhood’ entry (IYN) gets half hour for judging, and the school get one hour. These take place 2nd/3rd/4th June. The judge will stop the clock at each IYN location to carry out their assessments. The route itself is 3 hours allowance, so a second walk was undertaken Friday 21st June to re-assess timings and revise the route.