ABERGAVENNY TOWN COUNCIL

WEDNESDAY 31ST JULY 2024

ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE

EC79/24: TOWN TEAM SERVICE LEVEL AGREEMENT

1. PURPOSE
   1. To consider the renewal and continuation of the service level agreement with Monmouthshire County Council for the provision of a Town Team.
2. BACKGROUND
   1. In 2021 an agreement was signed between Monmouthshire County Council and Abergavenny Town Council to establish a Town Team to carry out duties previously covered by Grounds and Street Cleaning services at Monmouthshire County Council.
   2. Continuation of the agreement is subject to both Councils agreeing to the renewed terms for a further three years until May 2027.
3. PROPOSAL
   1. A final draft renewal has been agreed upon between Monmouthshire County Council and Abergavenny Town Council officers. Points to note:
   2. Clause 15.1.6: Staff cover to be clarified, as current wording states ‘in exceptional circumstances’. With one off long term sick and one about to go on holiday, the remaining staff member is unable to drive the van so it leaves a large number of bins that will go uncollected for over a week.
   3. In clause 5.6, there is provision for monthly sundries costs to be included in the invoice for the service to allow the team to have better control over the expenditure of the provision for projects. Previously it was invoiced in one lump in March annually.
   4. Clause 16.1 states assets, including vans and equipment, will remain the sole property of Abergavenny Town Council. The van has always been leased by Monmouthshire County Council through their fleet agreement and managed by them, so the word ‘van’ has been removed from the agreement.
   5. Up to date figures to be completed and submitted for final ratification by September 2024.
4. RECOMMENDATION
   1. To agree to the updates and changes to the agreement.
   2. To agree to adopting the new three year agreement with a view to an automatic extension for a further three years in May 2027 once the salary figures have been confirmed.
   3. To note the power to make the expenditure under the following regualtions:

Community Infrastructure Levy regulations 2010: Support the development if the local council’s area, or any part of that area, by funding – (a) the provision, improvement, replacement, operation or maintenance of infrastructure; and Local Government (Wales) Measure 2011 (Local government Act 2000, ss1-5): Power to incur expenditure to improve the economic, social and environmental well-being or a community/town.