ABERGAVENNY TOWN COUNCIL

WEDNESDAY 4TH SEPTEMBER 2024

PEOPLE AND COMMUNITIES COMMITTEE

PC59/24: EVENTS UPDATE

1. PICNIC IN THE PARK 26TH AUGUST 2024

A successful event was held Monday 26th August 1pm – 4pm. Performances from Tenovus Choir, The Abergavenny Borough Band, and Choirs for Good. There was an information stand for Tenovus Cancer Care, and Friends of Bailey Park had a stand to recruit new volunteers. Volunteers did litter picks both before and after the event. St Johns Ambulance Hall opened selling cakes, teas, coffees, and Pimms, with the Monmouthshire Veterans Support Hub showing off their new branded gazebo which was purchased with grant money from the town council.

Around 200 people attended, bringing picnics, blankets and chairs.

Friends of Bailey Park would like to repeat the event next year, but have the addition of trade stand and street food.

1. ABERGAVENNY CARNIVAL 7TH SEPTEMBER 2024

Parade on Saturday starts at midday from Baker Street. Any councillors wishing to take part can collect their robes form the Parlour anytime in the morning. 2 Stewards are needed for the route to assist the Principal Officer and 4 Veterans assisting.

1. WALES IN BLOOM AWARDS 13TH SEPTEMBER 2024

Abergavenny in Bloom volunteers will need additional support on Friday 13th September 2024 to help facilitate and host the Wales in Bloom Awards. Stewards are needed to help with car parking, walking tours, reception and refreshments, and setting up information stands. The town itself will need a spruce up prior to the day to ensure the town is presented in the same light as the week of judging, so again volunteers to carry out weeding, litter-picking and general street clearing in everyone’s local vicinity would be appreciated.

1. WALL2WALL JAZZ FESTIVAL COMMUNITY DAY 29TH SEPTEMBER 2024

As part of our support for Black Mountain Jazz, the Council have been asked to assist with a Sunday Road closure to facilitate the open air ‘street performances’ which will be popping up around town on Sunday 29th September. The closure will reflect the usual 10am – 4pm closure and be along the exact same route, so volunteers simply need to facilitate the closure at 10am and reopening of the area again at 4pm. Some additional help may be asked for to help set up the street performances, which we will have more information on at the next meeting. The walking bands will be leaving Amos at 1pm, and The Angel, parading through town. Assistance needed at Nevill Street/St Johns Square to close the road for 15 minutes to allow both bands to safely pass this area.

1. REMEMBRANCE PARADE SUNDAY 10TH NOVEMBER 2024

The ESAG form has been submitted alongside the road closure request. Permission has been requested for the use of the Town Hall 10am – 1pm which will incur a charge. Refreshments are to be provided after the parade in the library like last year. Assistance setting this up and clearing up afterwards will be needed. To help this run smoothly it would benefit from having people making the drinks and giving them out rather than self-serve as it caused a bottle-neck last year.

1. CHRISTMAS LIGHT SWITCH ON EVENT 16TH NOVEMBER 2024

The ESAG form and road closure requests have been submitted to MCC. Choirs for good have been booked to perform on Frogmore Street, and the Borough Band have agreed to perform again on St Johns Square. A request has been sent to the Round Table to ask if we can use their Santa Sleigh for the parade, and also their polar Express as a selfie spot for the day on St Johns Square. We need 20 stewards for this event. A calendar request has already gone out to all Councillors, requesting assistance. Any help from early on is appreciated, but the main event 3pm – 6pm is our biggest concern, so please can all Councillors make every effort to assist in some way.

1. EVENT LIST 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 125 years – 1st November 2024

Round Table Fireworks – Tuesday 5th November 2024

Remembrance Parade 2024 – 10th November 2024

Christmas Light Switch On – 16th November 2024

1. EVENT LIST 2025

Abergavenny Children’s Eisteddfod – March/April 2025 TBC

Abergavenny Writing Festival – 4th and 5th April 2025

ATC Community Dinner – Thursday 1st May 2025

Monmouthshire Markets Toy Fair – Monday 5th May 2025

Abergavenny Rotary Steam Rally – 25th and 26th May 2025

(VE Day 8th May 2025)

(Mons Day 8th May 2025)

Abergavenny Art Festival – Saturday 14th June 2025 TBC

Abergavenny Pride – Saturday 21st June 2025 TBC

Abergavenny Adult Eisteddfod – 21st or 28th June 2025 TBC

National Armed Forces Day (hosted in Monmouthshire) – Saturday 28th June 2025

Wales in Bloom judging – first week July 2025

7Corners IYE Festival - 12th July 2025 TBC

Open Air Concerts – summer dates and venues TBC:

Picnic in the Park – Monday 25th August 2025

Abergavenny Food Festival – 20th and 21st September 2025

Wall to Wall Jazz Festival – 26th to 28th September 2025

Greener Abergavenny – October 2025 TBC

Remembrance Parade – 9th November 2025 TBC.

Christmas Light Switch On – 15th or 22nd November 2025 TBC