

ABERGAVENTNY TOWN COUNCIL

MINUTES OF PEOPLE AND COMMUNITIES COMMITTEE MEETING HELD 17th JULY 2024 AT 7PM ON MS TEAMS & IN THE COMMUNITY ROOM, TOWN HALL, ABERGAVENTNY

Present: Cllr G Jones (Chair)
Cllr S Burch
Cllr D Simcock
Cllr A Wilde
Cllr G Wilde

Absent without apologies: None

In attendance: S Rosser – Principal Officer/RFO
J Shipley – Deputy Principal Officer/Deputy RFO

Public in attendance:
Keiran Gething

PC40/24	Receive and approve apologies for absence. Cllrs George, Eldridge, Barnes, Nicholson and Powell. All Councillors resolved to accept the reasons for absence.
PC41/24	Receive Declarations of Interest. No declarations of interest were received.
PC42/24	To receive and approve the minutes from the last meeting on 1st May 2024. Cllr A Wilde proposed the minutes from the meeting on 1st May 2024 should be accepted as a true and accurate record, seconded by Cllr Simcock. All councillors resolved to accept this proposal. Minutes were signed by Cllr Jones.
PC43/24	To receive an update on neighbourhood policing review: Cllr Jones provided an overview: Officers are maintaining an increased presence and working closely with police from other areas to dissuade anti-social behaviours by visiting youths. With regard to rough sleepers/beggars/tent in Bailey Park: the police are working to assist the persons. Crime figures are presented across the wards. The previous month's figures can be presented alongside new month figures.

PC44/24	<p>To receive a presentation from MonLife on cultural facilities in Abergavenny:</p> <p>Apologies from guest speaker. New date for presentation at Full Council 11th September 2024. To be noted for Full Council, the presentation is likely to require more than the 15 minutes.</p>
PC45/24	<p>To receive a grant application from Abergavenny Royal British Legion.</p> <p>Cllr G Wilde proposed the Grant Application for partial funding be accepted Cllr Burch seconded. All councillors resolved to accept this proposal. Point to note: the new standard will be on parade at the Royal Albert Hall for the Remembrance Service as its first official engagement.</p>
PC46/24	<p>To receive an update on the Events to be held in Abergavenny in 2024</p> <p>2024 EVENT LIST:</p> <p>Picnic in the Park – 26th August 2024</p> <p>Abergavenny Carnival – 7th September 2024</p> <p>Wales in Bloom Ceremony – Friday 13th September 2024</p> <p>Abergavenny Food Festival – 21st & 22nd September 2024</p> <p>Wall to Wall Jazz Festival – 27th – 29th September 2024</p> <p>Greener Abergavenny – Sunday 20th October 2024</p> <p>Abergavenny Town Council's 125 years – 1st November 2024</p> <p>Round Table Fireworks – Tuesday 5th November 2024</p> <p>Remembrance Parade 2024 – 10th November 2024</p> <p>Christmas Light Switch On – 16th November 2024</p> <p>Following the success of the D-Day event, request from the Veteran's Association for VE event in May 2025.</p> <p>Stewards required for Road Closures for the Carnival; Stewards required throughout the day for Wales in Bloom Event; road closure for Wall to Wall Jazz, stewards required for closure at 10am; Stewards required as per last year for Remembrance Day Parade, road closure 10:45 – 11:30 and Christmas Light switch-on.</p> <p>Mayor's Civic Ceremony date agreed.</p>
PC47/24	<p>To receive and note the Principal Officer's update.</p> <p>Report linked to PC46/24 received and noted.</p>

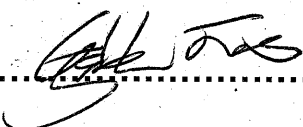
PC48/24	<p>Finance:</p> <p>(a) to receive and approve the budget report for specific budgets allocated to this committee.</p> <p>NB Additional unforeseen cost: emergency callout because of a live cable brought down in the High Street requiring making safe.</p> <p>Cllr A Wilde proposed the Finance Report be accepted. Seconded by Cllr Jones. All councillors resolved to accept this proposal.</p>
PC49/24	<p>To receive any updates from Councillors for the Strategy and Action Plan:</p> <p>Updates postponed until Awayday meeting.</p>
PC50/24	<p>Report from Councillors attendance at external bodies relevant to this Committee:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Abergavenny Community Trust – Cllrs Barnes and G.Wilde: attended meeting; playworker training has taken place financially Trust is in a healthy position. • Abergavenny Eisteddfod – Cllrs Simcock and Jones: Successful event, nothing further to report. • Abergavenny Relief In Need Charity – Cllrs Simcock and A Wilde: ATC have received a grant application letter; investments used for projects to support people in need; support for food-bank; the charity is currently receiving applications from people requesting help to pay off personal debt. Cllr Burch suggested using careful advertising to promote criteria for applying to charity. • Abergavenny Community Enterprise (ACE) – Cllrs Jones and English: Poster to the annual playday 15th August. Open invitation to councillors to attend 11-2pm. Deputy Principal Officer is also in regular contact – transfer of donated products. • Mind in Gwent – Cllrs G Wilde and A Wilde Tata Steel redundancies are a concern.
PC51/24	<p>Report from County Councillors on matters affecting Abergavenny relevant to this Committee:</p> <p>Cllr Burch reported Monmouthshire County Council will be holding formal consultations on changing qualifications (reverting to statutory requirements) to be eligible for School Transport. There will be a by election in Monmouth in due course following the election of a new MP. Cllr Burch offered to write on behalf of the Royal British Legion Veterans re proposal to hold the Armed Forces Day 2025 at Caldicot Castle.</p>
PC52/24	<p>Items for consideration at the next meeting 4th September 2024.</p> <p>(i) Royal British Legion Veterans re proposal to hold the Armed Forces Day 2025 at Caldicot Castle, Veterans have requested an event in Abergavenny.</p>

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	(ii) Engage the new MP with concerns affecting visitors and residents of Abergavenny. Send new MP list of Abergavenny events so that dates can be diarised. (iii) MonLife update on updating plans for room hire in the Town Hall.
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Meeting ended at 20:06 pm

APPROVED AS A TRUE RECORD

CHAIR.......... DATE 04/09/2024.....