

ABERGAVENNY TOWN COUNCIL

MINUTES OF ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE MEETING HELD 26th NOVEMBER 2025 AT 7:00PM ON MS TEAMS & IN THE COMMUNITY ROOM, TOWN HALL, ABERGAVENNY.

Present: Cllr C Holland (Chair)

Cllr M Barnes

Cllr P Bowyer

Cllr S Burch

Cllr D English

Cllr J George

Cllr G Wilde

In attendance:

Sandra Rosser – Principal Officer/RFO

Jay Shipley – Deputy Principal Officer/Deputy RFO

Cllr R Griffiths

Cllr T Hawken – Llantilio Pertholey Community Council presentation

Artist D Farrington – presentation public art

Public session opened with presentation from Cllr Hawken regarding the regular flooding of the Old Ross Road during heavy rain. Foul water drains unable to cope with load spill, water and sewage across the road and into the Gavenny. Monitored since early 2024, Cllr Hawken is seeking ATC support for another approach to Dwr Cymru for remedial action.

- (i) To remediate the foul water spillage
- (ii) To contain the surface water to prevent erosion
- (iii) To channel water away from the Pen y Fal foot bridge preventing erosion of the footings and river-bank.

ATC happy to support petition and stay in touch.

E122/25	Receive and approve apologies for absence. Apologies received from Cllr Jones, Cllr Simcock, A Wilde. All Councillors resolved to accept their reasons for absence.
E123/25	Receive Declarations of Interest for items on the agenda. None
E124/25	To approve the minutes from 29th October 2025. Report received and noted. Cllr Barnes, seconded by Cllr George, proposed the minutes from the meeting on 29 th October 2025 be approved as a true and accurate record. All councillors resolved to accept this proposal.

E125/25	<p>To receive a presentation from local mural artist Danielle Farrington</p> <p>Report exploring the benefits of public art, as a branding tool for the town, was well received by Cllrs who are keen that ATC engage with public art projects across the town. DF sees public art as a method of (i) engaging disenfranchised areas of the town with civic pride. (ii) a way of including young people in projects where they learn skills and develop a sense of ownership/pride in place. (iii) Public engagement art eg the 'Gromits trail' of Bristol. (iv) engaging other artists and other forms of art in developing sense of place. Cllrs requested a further report to include specific potential projects and costings. DF agreed to provide this.</p>
E126/25	<p>To receive a report on the Environment Budget Headings.</p> <p>Cllr Barnes proposed the Finance report be approved, seconded by Cllr G Wilde. All councillors resolved to accept this proposal.</p>
E127/25	<p>To receive and note the Principal Officers update.</p> <p>Report received and noted.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. FLOODING EVENT Liaison with MCC, NRW, Dwr Cymru and town/community councils. MCC has set up a Humanitarian Aid centre at County Hall Usk to provide materials (cleaning equipment/heaters/dehumidifiers to affected Monmouthshire residents and businesses. Funding support from Welsh Government signposted on the MCC website along with application forms. Monmouth (most significantly affected) has a Mayor's Fund offering support on a case-by-case basis. MCC team visiting affected businesses. 31 businesses in Abergavenny affected. Offers of charity funding (eg Masons) being made. Public Service Board Gwent-wide drilling down into environmental data to learn from the event. 2. Give Dog Fouling the Red Card meeting attended. ATC maintain 150 litter bins and 38 dog foul bins. PSPO orders are in place in parks and gardens the issue is that some dog owners (increasingly) are failing to pick up after their dog. Consider enforcement since messaging is not having an effect. Styling a new campaign to encourage residents to report fouling via My Monmouthshire.
128/25	<p>To receive and note the Service Delivery update.</p>

	<p>Report received and noted.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Town Team reduced capacity. One member due for imminent phased return. Will be reducing to 3 days/week which will affect our SLA. We are awaiting costings. Consideration of an apprenticeship scheme should be considered. 2. Municipal planting Contractor suggests more planted barrier baskets around the town rather than the bee-hive. Easier maintenance; greater impact with colour; less vandalism. 3. Planters on Monk Street would be a temporary solution to off-road parking. Principal Officer to explore cost. 4. Flooding at A40 and Frogmore Street major concern. White Horse Lane Toilets retained flood water. Potential to approach MCC for demolition. Cllr Callard to be approached re cost.
E129/25	<p>To receive a report on Abergavenny in Bloom.</p> <p>Report from Deputy Principal Officer received and noted. Five Abergavenny representatives at Brighton Britain in Bloom Awards 31st October 2025.</p> <p>Abergavenny achieved Gold Certificate Recognition for the Second time. Castle Meadows achieved national recognition for their outstanding work supporting the environment.</p>
130/25	<p>To receive a report on the Section 6 – Environment Act report for Abergavenny Town Council.</p> <p>Report received and noted.</p> <p>The Principal Officer has attended training on Section 6 – Environment Act. Expectations of what is reported and how the information is given are high. ATC does deliver over and above the requirements in most areas. The Welsh Government report on 'biodiversity and resilience of systems' [NRAP] to be completed to reflect this, then submitted via OVW by 17th December 2025. This report is due every three years.</p>
131/25	<p>To consider and make recommendations regarding the following planning applications:</p> <p>DM/2025/01441 - Approved</p> <p>DM/2025/01246 to be known as Abergavenny Nursery.</p>

	<p>Abergavenny Town Council discussed this application at their Environment Committee on Wednesday 26th November 2025 under agenda item E131/25.</p> <p>Abergavenny Town Council note that the building sits on the very busy A40 trunk road which runs through the town centre, and its proximity to the carriageway. They note that parking provision is assumed to remain as it currently stands with an onsite provision with pull in and exit on and off site with a restricted site line when exiting the car park. There is a very narrow pavement which takes pedestrians along from the Bus Station and Wellbeing Centre into the town centre, so it is a very busy thoroughfare. The Bus Station Car Park is a matter of meters away. Although unsure of the parent parking spaces available in this MCC car park, we request users of this new service be actively encouraged to safely make use of the parking available at the Bus Station Car Park in order to drop off and collect any children attending the nursery.</p> <p>Abergavenny Town Council would like to recommend approval of this application.</p>
E132/25	<p>To receive reports from Councillors attendance at external bodies which are relevant to this Committee:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Abergavenny and District Tourist Association: Cllrs G Wilde and D Simcock – no report. • CCTV user group: Cllrs George and Jones – no report • Friends of Linda Vista Gardens: Cllrs Wright & Simcock – AGM and meeting to discuss signage have taken place. Friends of Linda Vista working with MCC to have QR codes hosted on MCC site. ATC involved in the project. Nativity play and light up scheduled for 6th December organised by a local church group. • Friends of Bailey Park: Cllrs Bowyer & English – AGM, new chair voted in; Friends are solvent; have revamped their constitution and are planning work for 2026. • Friends of Castle Meadows: Cllrs Simcock & Wright – No report. • Monmouthshire CC Planning Committee: Cllrs Holland & George – no report. • Greener Abergavenny – Cllrs Barnes & A Wilde – thanked ATC for grant towards web-site.

	Cllr Barnes commented that ATC should manage the expectations of Community Groups requesting Grants and Co-operative agreements re: the obligation on the groups to report back on deliverables.
E133/25	To receive reports from County Councillors on matters affecting Abergavenny relevant to Environment Committee. No report – Flooding response dominating. Cllr Barnes requested that official thanks be passed on to the MCC staff for their impressive response.
E134/25	Items for the next meeting on 17th December 2025: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. To have a costings report from local artist DF re: follow-up from public art presentation November 26th. 2. Section 6 Welsh Government, Environment Act report on ‘biodiversity and resilience of systems’. 3. Costing for 4xplanters for Monk Street.

Meeting ended 20:40 pm

APPROVED AS A TRUE RECORD

CHAIR



DATE

17/12/25

