

## ABERGAVENNY TOWN COUNCIL

### MINUTES OF POLICY AND RESOURCES COMMITTEE MEETING HELD 10<sup>th</sup> DECEMBER 2025 AT 7PM ON MS TEAMS & IN THE COMMUNITY ROOM, TOWN HALL, ABERGAVENNY.

**Present:** Cllr P Bowyer (Chair)  
Cllr M Barnes (Vice-Chair)  
Cllr MA Brocklesby  
Cllr S Burch  
Cllr B Callard  
Cllr D English  
Cllr J George  
Cllr R Griffiths  
Cllr M Groucott  
Cllr C Holland  
Cllr D Simcock  
Cllr G Wilde

#### **In attendance:**

Sandra Rosser – Principal Officer/RFO  
Community Police Liaison Officers  
Pat Smail & Patrick Hannay - Neville Hall Nature Spaces

<b>PR 130/25</b>	<b>Receive and approve apologies for absence:</b> Cllr G Jones, Cllr B Nicholson, Cllr M Powell, Cllr A Wilde, Cllr L Wright It was resolved to accept the apologies for absence.
<b>PR 131/25</b>	<b>Receive Declarations of Interest for items on the agenda:</b> Cllr Barnes – CAB item PR138/25 Cllr G Wilde – Planning item PR141/25
<b>PR 132/25</b>	<b>To approve the minutes from 19<sup>th</sup> November 2025:</b> Cllr English proposed the minutes from the meeting on 19th November 2025, be accepted as a true and accurate record seconded by Cllr Griffiths. Resolved by all Councillors to accept this proposal.
<b>PR 133/25</b>	<b>To receive a report from Gwent Police:</b> The chair welcomed the officers and thanked the police for their reports and continued efforts to engage with ATC and residents eg presence at the Remembrance Parade; 'Living in

	<p>the Light' 7 Corners/Bailey Park event; Mobile police station - educating youths on knife crime; speed monitoring. Re the crime figures: Criminal damage incidents show an increase however it's linked to a limited event (youths throwing stones at multiple properties. Strike letters issued. Monmouthshire housing also conducted reassurance visits to residents). Shoplifters appear to target the same national chains. Increased officers – plain clothes and community police create presence to dissuade/apprehend shoplifters. Other thefts include theft of fuel. CCTV footage of rogue motorcyclist driving in pedestrianised area, now in the hands of the police.</p>
<b>PR 134/25</b>	<p><b>Finance:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(a) To receive and approve Month 8 Reconciliation Report</li> <li>(b) To receive and approve Month 8 Cashbook Report and Trial Balance Reports</li> <li>(c) To receive and approve Month 8 Bank statements</li> </ul> <p>Vote of thanks to the Finance Officer for creating spreadsheets that offer a clear picture of what has been budgeted; what is still left available to spend.</p> <p>Cllr Holland proposed the finance reports (a-c) be accepted as a whole, rather than in parts. Seconded by Cllr English. Resolved by all Councillors to approve this proposal and approve the reports.</p>
<b>PR 135/25</b>	<p><b>Grant Applications:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(a) To consider an application from Nevill Hall Nature Spaces (NHNS)</li> </ul> <p>Presentation to Council explaining the project's long-term aims and objectives to develop biodiversity on the Neville Hall Hospital site; work with people and support well-being. Key consideration is that the project seeks to work with local organisations and Aneurin Bevan Health Trust supporting the project to rejuvenate and improve the grounds. MCC gives access to Places for Nature funding. Plan to create another publicly accessible space and, long-term, encourage schools to use the green space. Principal Officer commented that in application highlighted deliverables in each area of the Well-being of Future Generations Act.</p> <p>Proposed the application be approved by Cllr English and seconded by Cllr Holland. All Cllrs in favour.</p>

	<p>(b) To consider an application from Abergavenny Meghala Malayali Association (AMMA)</p> <p>Reports in application noted. Application supported by GAVO. Cllr G Wilde requested a clearer breakdown of proposed costs. Cllr Barnes requested a clearer focus for the grant – eg £500 towards costs of performers for cultural enhancement of the celebration. Principal Officer to request this information of AMMA. In principle ATC would like to support the application however require clarification on these points. The application plus clarification to be returned to Environment Committee for decision as there a swift turn around is required given the date of the event.</p> <p>Proposed by Cllr Barnes and seconded by Cllr G Wilde. All Cllrs in favour.</p>
<b>PR 136/25</b>	<p><b>To receive a report on the draft budget proposals for 2026/27</b></p> <p>Report received and noted as the current update.</p>
<b>PR 137/25</b>	<p><b>To receive a report on earmarked reserves and future projects.</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Cost code 313 request Finance Officer review requirements against current requirements under the Finance Act. Chair's recommendation EMR 313 to be at least doubled.</li> <li>• Cost code 315 to be closed and funds returned to general fund.</li> <li>• Cost code 318 amount to be increased to support Placemaking projects.</li> <li>• Cost code 324 Town Hall Clock. Positive public response to project to suggest moving forward with this and seek match funding and public funding through an on-line funding platform.</li> <li>• Cost code 325 contractor has requested revamping the municipal offering eg new and additional lamp-post/barrier baskets. EMR to be spent this year.</li> <li>• Cost code 326 £20k as match funding for Linda Vista signage branding with a view to rolling out the style across the town. Top up accessibility Audit and add funds for signage around town.</li> </ul>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Other EMRs to remain pending project commencement.</li> <li>• White Horse Lane public toilet debate.</li> <li>• New EMR to support Public Art.</li> </ul> <p>Proposed by Cllr Barnes seconded by Cllr English that ATC formally adopt the 4 recommendations. Resolved by all Councillors to accept this proposal.</p>
<b>PR 138/25</b>	<p><b>To receive a report from Monmouthshire Citizens Advice and consider an uplift request to their funding.</b></p> <p>Proposed by Cllr Bowyer seconded by Cllr Barnes that ATC bring the item back to the next meeting following a review of effect on ATC budget in offering an uplift of £25k or £30k would have. All Cllrs in agreement.</p>
<b>PR 139/25</b>	<p><b>To receive and note the latest report from Abergavenny Community Enterprise (ACE).</b></p> <p>Third payment of co-operation agreement has been paid. Cllrs note the report.</p>
<b>PR 140/25</b>	<p><b>To receive a report from the Principal Officer</b></p> <p>Noted: Monmouthshire Destination Management Plan circulated.</p>
<b>PR 141/25</b>	<p><b>To consider the following planning applications:</b></p> <p>DM/2025/01354 - Approve      DM/2025/01313 - Approve      DM/2025/01487 - Approve      DM/2025/01508 - Approve      DM/2025/01509 - Approve</p>
<b>PR142/25</b>	<p><b>To receive reports from Councillors attendance at external bodies which are relevant to this Committee:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Borough Theatre Cllr Groucott and Nicholson – no report</li> <li>• Melville CftA CIC Board – Cllrs Barnes and A. Wilde – no report</li> <li>• One Voice Wales: Cllrs Bowyer and G Wilde – no report</li> <li>• Abergavenny Citizens Advice Bureau – Cllrs A Wilde and Wright –No report</li> </ul>

PR 143/25	<p><b>To receive reports from County Councillors on matters affecting Abergavenny relevant to Policy and Resources Committee.</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Monmouthshire Destination Management Plan circulated.</li> <li>• Cultural Strategy Consultation – Let's Talk Monmouthshire</li> <li>• Cabinet approved Place Making Plans.</li> <li>• Pride in Place monies coming from UK Government to add to the placemaking plans to increase monies available.</li> <li>• Welsh Government County Budgets increased.</li> </ul>
PR 144/25	<p><b>To consider items for the next meeting on 14<sup>th</sup> January 2026.</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• CAB Funding</li> <li>• Accept the Budget for 2026/27</li> <li>• Update on HR/Employment Law</li> <li>• Request presentation from GAVO move to February 2026</li> </ul>

Meeting ended 20.59 pm

**APPROVED AS A TRUE RECORD**

CHAIR



DATE

14/01/26