

ABERGAVENNY TOWN COUNCIL

MINUTES OF ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE MEETING HELD 25th FEBRUARY 2026 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 D English
Cllr Jones
Cllr Simcock
Cllr A Wilde
Cllr G Wilde

In attendance:

Sandra Rosser – Principal Officer/RFO
Jay Shipley – Deputy Principal Officer/Deputy RFO
Cllr R Griffiths

Cllr Holland offered thanks to Cllr G Wilde for concluding last month's meeting, on his behalf.

E16/26	Receive and approve apologies for absence. Apologies received from Cllr S Burch, Cllr J George. All Councillors resolved to accept their reasons for absence.
E17/26	Receive Declarations of Interest for items on the agenda. Deputy Principal Officer – Item E21/26; Cllr Holland - E27/26 Planning Permission pertaining to: DM/2026/00118 and DM/2026/00178
E18/26	To approve the minutes from 28th January 2026. Report received and noted. Cllr English, seconded by Cllr G Wilde, proposed the minutes from the meeting on 28 th January 2026 be approved as a true and accurate record. All councillors resolved to accept this proposal.
E19/26	Finance: receive a report on the Environment Budget Headings. Report received and noted.

	<p>Cllr English queried budget code 4470, with no apparent expenditure: Finance officer to check invoices which may have been paid against budget code 4365.</p> <p>Cllr Jones proposed the Finance Report be approved, seconded by Cllr Bowyer. All councillors resolved to accept this proposal.</p>
E20/26	<p>To consider a Cooperation Agreement with Friends of Bailey Park.</p> <p>The co-operation agreement, as received, was presented by the Principal Officer. Cllr G Wilde noted the amazing work carried out by the volunteers and that the town received fantastic value for money. Cllr Jones enquired about the contribution from MCC. They manage the technical works eg installation of Play Panels and work on the stream. MCC do contribute. The volunteers contribute significantly to ATC's duties under Well-being of Future Generations Act and Section 6 reporting (Welsh Government biodiversity).</p> <p>Cllr English proposed that the Cooperation Agreement be accepted. Seconded by Cllr Bowyer. All Cllrs resolved to accept this proposal.</p>
E21/26	<p>To consider a Cooperation Agreement with Friends of Castle Meadows.</p> <p>The co-operation agreement, as received, was presented by the Principal Officer. Cllr Jones noted that the commitment of the volunteers to enhancing this outstanding and unique area was to be commended. The projects represent excellent value for money. Again, the work of the volunteers contributes significantly to ATC's duties under Well-being of Future Generations Act and Section 6 reporting (Welsh Government biodiversity).</p> <p>Cllr Jones proposed that the Cooperation Agreement be accepted. Seconded by Cllr English. All Cllrs resolved to accept this proposal.</p>
E22/26	<p>To receive a report on CCTV provision for the Sugar Loaf car park.</p>

	<p>The National Trust and Bannau Brycheiniog Park authority have agreed to support the Blue Light CCTV initiative for a third year. The presence of CCTV is a powerful deterrent against anti-social behaviour. MCC acknowledge the success of the project and have requested additional facilities be explored eg e-notices at the lower end of the road, indicating parking availability; monitoring volume of traffic etc.</p> <p>Principal Officer to cost for the 2026 project to run (Easter – October half-term).</p>
E23/26	<p>To receive an update on the Public Art Projects.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Art on the Royal Mail Sorting Office wall could be installed by Easter, if the weather allows. MCC have offered a grant towards the installation. Neighbours consulted and have approved. <p>Proposal by Cllr Jones that the installation be approved to proceed. Seconded by Cllr A Wilde. All Councillors resolved to accept this proposal.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 2. Cantref School are working on a 'Land of My Fathers' Public Art Project with a local artist. Suggested that ATC Cllr(s) attend school meeting before Easter to hear presentation and offer help/support.
E24/26	<p>To receive and note the Principal Officer's update.</p> <p>Report received and noted.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Planning Aid Wales – Flood Risk training online offered. 2. Joint course OVW and Planning Aid Wales training on line. Case studies on Place Planning offered. Could inform obligations and responses to MCC Planning in line with the new Planning Bill (Wales). 3. Play Park Union Road. Resident has reported that the play park is a forgotten corner of Abergavenny. Local residents are interested in restoring it to a pleasant and inviting area. Requested assistance from ATC. Cllr Jones to meet with residents. 4. Town of Culture consultation meetings have taken place. Last in initial series Saturday 28th Feb. Would welcome Cllr

	<p>attendance. Online form generating support and interesting ideas.</p> <p>5. Cllr English requested that parks and play-parks – not just those with Friends groups - become an agenda item for regular discussion.</p>
E25/26	<p>To receive and note the Service Delivery update.</p> <p>Report received and noted.</p> <p>1. Principal Officer in discussion with Grounds to arrange future proofing, and consistent work force.</p>
E26/26	<p>To receive a report on Abergavenny in Bloom.</p> <p>Report from Deputy Principal Officer received and noted.</p> <p>Entry fee paid. Currently 25 entries for IYN. Encouraging schools to enter the RHS judging. Local hotel has entered. Meeting for IYN groups to explore portfolio entries, booked for Monday 9th March. Interesting suggestion to take forward: Offering the Abergavenny in Bloom judging route as a visitor attraction: short leaflet and map in TIC was a suggestion. (Post judging).</p>
E27/26	<p>To consider and make recommendations regarding the following planning applications:</p> <p>DM/2025/01421 - Approval</p> <p>DM/2026/00118 - Approval</p> <p>DM/2026/00071 - Approval</p> <p>DM/2026/00157 - Approval</p> <p>DM/2026/00169 - Approval</p> <p>DM/2026/00178 - Approval</p>
E28/26	<p>To receive reports from Town Councillors attendance at external bodies relevant to this Committee:</p> <p>Chair left the meeting. Vice Chair took the remaining 3 agenda items.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Abergavenny and District Tourist Association: Cllrs G Wilde and D Simcock – Moving to new online provider

	<p>for socials and online presence. 2026/27 brochure about to be launched.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • CCTV user group: Cllrs George and Jones – Report from Cllr James. One camera out of order. Serious incident not captured. Shows value of CCTV and need for regular maintenance checks. • Friends of Linda Vista Gardens: Cllrs Wright & Simcock – MCC work continuing trees felled; signage proposals now in print stage; Rockery path under construction. • Friends of Bailey Park: Cllrs Bowyer & English – no report • Friends of Castle Meadows: Cllrs Simcock & Wright – no report • Monmouthshire CC Planning Committee: Cllrs Holland & George – no report. • Greener Abergavenny – Cllrs Barnes & A Wilde – Bi-annual Fair 18th October 2026. Website good addition
E29/26	<p>Report from County Councillors on matters affecting Abergavenny relevant to this Committee.</p> <p>No report.</p>
E30/26	<p>Items for the next meeting on 25th March 2026:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Cllr English: Green spaces/playparks in Abergavenny – to become an agenda item. 2. CCTV project on the Sugarloaf.

Meeting ended 20:10 pm

APPROVED AS A TRUE RECORD

CHAIR 

DATE 25 / 03 / 2026

