

ABERGAVENNY TOWN COUNCIL

MINUTES OF ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE MEETING HELD 24th JUNE 2026 AT 7:00PM ON MS TEAMS & IN THE COMMUNITY ROOM, TOWN HALL, ABERGAVENNY.

Present: Cllr C Holland
Cllr M Barnes
Cllr P Bowyer
Cllr R Griffiths
Cllr G Jones
Cllr D Simcock
Cllr A Wilde
Cllr G Wilde (Vice Chair)

Absent: Cllr S Burch

In attendance:

Sandra Rosser – Principal Officer/RFO

Jay Shipley – Deputy Principal Officer/DRFO

E74/26	Receive and approve apologies for absence. Apologies received from Cllr J George All Councillors resolved to accept the reason for absence.
E75/26	Receive Declarations of Interest for items on the agenda. None
E76/26	To approve the minutes from 27th May 2026. Cllr G. Wilde chaired the meeting. Minutes received and noted. Cllr G Jones, seconded by Cllr A. Wilde, proposed the minutes from the meeting on 27 th May 2026, with 2 amendments, be approved as a true and accurate record. All councillors resolved to accept this proposal.
E77/26	Finance: Receive a report on the Environment Budget headings. Report received and noted. Cllr Barnes queried the 93% spend under the Environmental Groups budget heading. This is due to two Co-operation Agreements. Discussion about monies to be discussed at Policy and Resources if need to vire funds. Regarding the BBNPA,



	an SLA would keep the visitor information centre in the building, BBNPA keen to stay in Abergavenny. Cllr Jones, seconded by Cllr Griffiths, proposed the Finance Report be approved. All councillors resolved to accept this proposal.
E78/26:	To formally adopt the amendments to the Service Level Agreements for the Town Team. Cllr A Wilde, seconded by Cllr Bowyer, proposed the format and amendments to the Town Team SLA be formally be adopted and passed to MCC. All councillors resolved to accept this proposal.
E79/26	To receive an update on the Public Art Projects Report received and noted. i) Cantref Artwork well received. An invitation from the football club has been received. The Pen y Pound site has room for two additional murals. ii) Money from the Mayor's Fund has been paid to the Scouts. It was suggested that the funds could go towards painting a mural on the Bailey Park wall. Discussions ongoing. iii) Monmouthshire Youth Service working with a local artist have formally requested funds for a skate park, public art activity. The project engaging local children in much the same way as the Cantref project. Cllr Jones, seconded by Cllr Bowyer, proposed the funding request be approved. All councillors resolved to accept this proposal.
E80/26	To receive reports on play parks and parks: • Union Road Playpark Group – Cllr G Jones remains in contact with the group. They are still very active and are raising funds to improve the play park. Committee agreed to offer a letter of support enabling the play park group to seek grant funding. • Belgrave Park – No report. • Swan Meadows – Cllr G Wilde – no change from last month.
E81/26	To receive an update on the Llanfoist-Castle Meadows Active Travel Bridge work. A letter from the contractors has gone out to local residents to update them on the works.

E82/26	To receive a report on the Active Travel and Road Safety 'Streets for All' project. On-line consultation on the Active Travel Network routes is open until 30th August.
E83/26	To receive an update on 'Report It' mechanisms. After 6 months the system is averaging 15 reports a week. Potholes, litter and dog fouling head the concerns. These are passed on to MCC. MCC have employed two enforcement officers to address litter and dog-fouling. Cllr Jones suggested feed-back that ATC is very pleased with the interaction so far.
E84/26	To receive an update on the Frogmore Street Memorial Garden. Various groups of volunteers have offered to improve the garden. The walls and railings are reported to be in an unsafe state and needs to be assessed. It would be wonderful to effect a transformation on the war memorial garden. Cllr G Wilde proposed we keep this on the agenda and that the Deputy Principal Officer explore the situation further. Cllr Barnes very impressed with the work already completed by the 'Green Fingers' group. He suggested that the group might be best placed to renovate the space - retired veterans and the growing capacity of 'Green Fingers' initiative.
E85/26	To receive and note the Principal Officer's update. Report received and noted. 1 Notice board at the bus station-no suitable solution has presented itself for a stand alone pinboard for notices and posters. Recommend returning to MCC. 2 Invite Dŵr Cymru to a future ATC meeting. 3 Enforcement team manager to attend future meeting. 4 Castle Meadows pollution incidents. Awaiting the outcome of site visit for next steps. 5 National Emergency Briefing film showing Monday 6th July at The Kings Arms Hotel 7pm - 9pm.

E86/26	To receive and note the Service Delivery update. Report received and noted. 1. Town Team New position. Interviews early July. Two operatives undertook the Traffic Management Qualification enabling more scope for cover of road closures. 2. Toilets Principal Officer had a lengthy discussion with the current operative covering the town centre provision. He explained the level of stress caused by people not using these in a respectful manner. On behalf of the town council thanks were extended for the high standard he strives to maintain. A thank you from a member of the public was received Monday 22nd June and shared with the teams as they expressed how impressed they were with the town: 3. CCTV As the walk about has been postponed due to the weather warning.
E87/26	To receive a report on Abergavenny in Bloom. Report received and noted. The focus of the 2026 prospectus will place emphasis on IYN groups. Two judges here for three days. Monday and Wednesday will be the IYN groups. Tuesday the town route, hotel and schools. Thanks and special mention for KAT, Town Team and MCC Grounds who have worked tirelessly to present Abergavenny at its best.
E88/26	To consider and make recommendations regarding the following planning applications: DM/2026/00670 – Approval It was noted that this was an excellent initiative and will be the first defibrillator and bleed kit in the town centre.
E89/26	To receive reports from Town Councillors attendance at external bodies relevant to this Committee: • Abergavenny and District Tourist Association: Cllrs G Wilde and D Simcock – No report.

	• CCTV user group: Cllrs George and Jones – no report. Walkabout scheduled to look at 'hotspots' and possible CCTV locations. • Friends of Linda Vista Gardens: Cllrs Wright & Simcock – Gardens looking very good, very welcoming space. • Friends of Bailey Park: Cllr Bowyer & English – No report, struggling to keep plants watered in drought conditions. • Friends of Castle Meadows: Cllrs Simcock & Wright – no report. • Monmouthshire CC Planning Committee: Cllrs Holland & George – nothing on current agenda. • Greener Abergavenny – Cllrs Barnes & A Wilde – Initiative to bring greener hire car to Abergavenny. Charging station at Fairfield. TridaNi Car Clubs, community-owned electric car sharing service across Wales. (i) Question raised by Cllr G Wilde regarding public liability insurance on outdoor spaces, should a member of the public have an accident. (ii) Cllr Barnes raised the profile of the 'National Emergency Briefing' film and requested ATC organise a showing and debate.
E90/26	Report from County Councillors on matters affecting Abergavenny relevant to this Committee. No report
E91/26	Items for the next meeting on 29th July 2026: 1. Dŵr Cymru – Agenda Item? 2. Parking Enforcement 3. Next agenda will have 3 community groups added to the report: 'external bodes relevant to this committee'. KAT; Abergavenny in Bloom; Abergavenny Community Orchard. 4. Frogmore Street Memorial Garden update.

Meeting ended 20:34 pm

APPROVED AS A TRUE RECORD

CHAIR



DATE

29/7/26