

ABERGAVENNY TOWN COUNCIL

MINUTES OF PEOPLE AND COMMUNITIES COMMITTEE MEETING HELD 1st JULY 2026 AT 7PM ON MS TEAMS & IN THE COMMUNITY ROOM, TOWN HALL, ABERGAVENNY

Present:

Cllr A Wilde (Chair)
Cllr G Jones
Cllr B Nicholson
Cllr D Simcock
Cllr G Wilde

In attendance:

Sandra Rosser – Principal Officer/RFO
Jay Shipley – Deputy Principal Officer/Deputy RFO

PC35/26	Receive and approve apologies for absence. Apologies received from, Cllr M Barnes, Cllr J George, Cllr R Griffiths, Cllr M Powell, Cllr L Wright. All Councillors unanimously resolved to accept the reasons for absence.
PC36/26	Receive Declarations of Interest. None received
PC37/26	To receive and approve the minutes from the last meeting on 20th May 2026. Request that ALBA (Abergavenny Ladies Business Association) and other abbreviations, be written in full in Minutes. Cllr G Wilde proposed the minutes from the meeting on 20th May 2026, should be accepted as a true and accurate record, seconded by Cllr Jones. All councillors resolved to accept this proposal.
PC38/26	Finance: (a) To receive and approve the budget report for specific budgets allocated to this committee. Proposed by Cllr G Wilde, seconded by Cllr Jones that the Finance Report be accepted. All Cllrs resolved to accept this proposal. (b) To receive an update on the grant awarded to

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	(Abergavenny Community Enterprise) ACE. ACE have received additional grant funding and have significantly reduced the finance requested from ATC. Proposed by Cllr Jones, seconded by Cllr Simcock that the ACE Grant request be accepted. All Cllrs resolved to accept this proposal.
PC39/26	To receive an update on the Tourism and Heritage agreement with Blaenavon Town Council. Received and noted. Planned co-chairing of on-line events meeting. Next event – a mayor swap. ATC Away-day planned 18th July 2026.
PC40/26	To receive an update on Town of Culture 2028. Received and noted. Most recent task: Postcard from Abergavenny turn round time 48 hours. Note of thanks given to the Principal Officer, and our media contractor, for all the work undertaken in creating the bid and the dedication and professionalism demonstrated in responding to the ongoing demands of the Department for Culture, Media and Sport (DCMS).
PC41/26	To receive a report on Monmouthshire Destination Partnership Stakeholder meeting held 18th June 2026. Report received and noted. Meeting held at County Hall Usk – ‘Visit Monmouthshire’ – plans to Promote Monmouthshire as a tourist destination. Tourism and Heritage initiative with Blaenavon well received. Principal Officer to send the ‘Delivering the Plan’ link to Cllrs. Cllrs from this committee requested to attend next meeting of Stakeholders.
PC42/27	To receive and note the Principal Officer’s update. Report received and noted. 1 One Voice Wales Awards: recognition in all 3 entries

	a, Digital Engagement (Pod casts) – Commended b, Community Engagement (Bloom) – Highly Commended c, Youth Engagement (work with schools) – WON 2 Social Media Policy to be reviewed and updated. Duty of care to protect staff, Cllrs, Contractors from on-line harassment/trolling. The recent Pride, Town of Sanctuary and Town of Culture events generated significant inappropriate and abusive comments on-line. It is totally inappropriate that staff, Cllrs, Contractors are subjected to abuse. Further discussion at the Awayday.
PC43/26	To receive an update on the Events to be held in Abergavenny in 2026 Report received and noted. Events page on the town council website now being regularly populated with event information from across Abergavenny and the wider area. Road Closures for Remembrance Day, Xmas Light Switch on applied for. ESAG paperwork with the Events Company Be mindful that Events are getting bigger and attracting bigger audiences. Proposal from Cllr Jones seconded by Cllr Nicholson that ATC request the events company to present at the September meeting on how they can assist us. All Cllrs in agreement. Picnic in the Park event 31st August 2026. Choirs and Bands approached. Civic Ceremony 30th August invitations have gone out.
PC44/26	Report from Councillors attendance at external bodies relevant to this Committee: • Abergavenny Community Trust – Cllrs Barnes and G. Wilde: no report. • Abergavenny Eisteddfod – Cllrs Burch and Groucutt: event showcased outstanding performances. • Abergavenny Relief in Need - Cllrs Simcock and A Wilde: no report.

	• Abergavenny Community Enterprise (ACE) – Cllrs Jones and English: Better lines of communication have been established. • Mind in Gwent – Cllrs G Wilde & A Wilde: Funding in place to continue staffing, Cllr G Wilde concerned that focus is not on Monmouthshire especially given the proposed uplift in funds. • 7 Corners – Cllrs A Wilde & Jones. Report circulated sharing situation – new trustees and staffing in place. • Writing Festival – Cllr B Nicholson: no report. • Food Festival – Cllr G Wilde – 20th/21st September, greater emphasis on town and building community engagement – discounted tickets for NP7 postcodes. Volunteer stewards are being recruited. • Arts Festival – no report • Black Mountain Jazz – Cllr G Wilde – Planning events alongside Food Festival. • Plas Gunter Mansion Trust – Cllrs B Nicholson & B Callard – no report. • Tithe Barn – Cllrs G Wilde and R Griffiths – no report. • Armed Forces Champion – Cllrs Powell and Wright – Armed Forces Day was well attended.
PC45/26	Report from County Councillors on matters affecting Abergavenny relevant to this Committee: No report.
PC46/26	Items for consideration at the next meeting 2nd September 2026. 1 Invite representative from 7 Corners to present to Committee. 2 Invite Events Contractor to present to Committee.

Meeting ended at 20:45pm

APPROVED AS A TRUE RECORD

CHAIR.....*A Wilde*..... **DATE** ...*2/9/2026*.....