

ABERGAVENNY TOWN COUNCIL

MINUTES OF FULL COUNCIL MEETING HELD 8TH JULY 2026 AT 7:00PM ON MS TEAMS & IN THE COMMUNITY ROOM, TOWN HALL, ABERGAVENNY

Present: Cllr P Bowyer
Cllr M Barnes
Cllr S Burch
Cllr B Callard
Cllr R Griffiths
Cllr J George
Cllr M Groucutt
Cllr C Holland
Cllr B Nicholson
Cllr D Simcock
Cllr A Wilde
Cllr G Wilde
Cllr L Wright

In attendance:

Sandra Rosser – Principal Officer/RFO
Rachel Lacey – Deputy Principal Officer/Deputy RFO
Ben Morris & Mia Morris

FC 27/26	Apologies for Absence received from: Cllr MA Brocklesby, Cllr D English, Cllr G Jones and Cllr M Powell. It was resolved to accept the apologies for absence.
FC 28/26	Receive Declarations of Interest for items on the agenda: None.
FC 29/26	To approve the minutes from the Extraordinary Full Council meeting held on 10th June 2026. Minutes not yet available.
FC 30/26	To approve the minutes from the AGM held on 13th May 2026:

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	Cllr Bowyer proposed the minutes from the meeting on the 13th May 2026 be accepted as a true and accurate record seconded by Cllr G Wilde. Resolved by all Councillors to accept this proposal.
FC 31/26	To receive the Mayor's / Deputy Mayor's report: This is a new agenda item. Mayor Cllr Nicholson updated Councillors on the events she has attended: • Abergavenny Pride • Armed Forces Day at The Bridge • Abergavenny Symphony Orchestra Cllr G Wilde updated Councillors on the events he has attended: • Flying a flag for Armed Forces Day in Usk • Welcomed a Tractor – driven down from Caernarfon supporting Cancer Research • Abergavenny Pride • Abergavenny Eisteddford • Blaenavon Male Voice Choir • One Voice Wales Conference and Award Presentation • Welsh Chamber Orchestra • Shire Horse Show
FC 32/26	To receive a report on plans for the Mayoral Year for Cllr Nicholson: The Civic Ceremony will be on the 30th August 2026. This year it will be open to the public and tickets will be available through the Borough Theatre. A link for tickets will be circulated to local Community groups, and to Councillors to share with the community and their networks. The organisations being supported by the Mayor this year are Town of Sanctuary, DanceBlast Abergavenny and Squeezing and their Drive for Ukraine. Squeezing buy a vehicle and fill it with supplies donated by the town, it drives to Ukraine to drop off supplies and then it drives into 'no man's land' and picks up wounded soldiers and brings them back into Ukrainian territory. Maryna from Squeezing has a

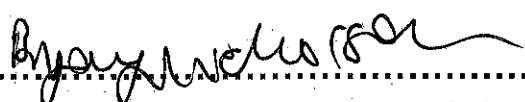
	campaign at the moment for items to be donated by the end of July. All the groups will be attending the Civic Ceremony and will be presenting and/or performing. There is some amazing collaboration happening between the three groups around Schools of Sanctuary, Maryna talking to schools about what it is like to be a refugee and to come from a war zone, and possibilities of teaching Ukrainian Dance at DanceBlast. It was lovely to hear all the ideas between the groups.
FC 33/26	To receive reports from Councillors attendance at external bodies which are relevant to Full Council: • Governor of Cantref School: Cllr B Callard; Cllr Callard's term of office has ended – has been a governor for 5 years and would like to see if anyone else would be interested in the role. School is doing very well. It has been challenging delivery the education programme during the extreme heat. Cllr Barnes would like to discuss the role with Cllr Callard and come back in September with a proposal. • Governor of Our Lady & St Michael School: Cllr S Burch; Thriving school, working on their garden, they are the most diverse school in Monmouthshire and should be happy to be involved in Schools of Sanctuary. Also struggling with the extreme heat. • Governor of Ysgol Y Fenni: Cllr G Jones; No report • King Henry VIII Foundation: Cllrs B Nicholson & D English; the Foundation meets twice a year. It gives grants to young people in education going on to further education. The Foundation cannot support anything that Monmouthshire County Council pays for. They are going to be funding an extra-curricular art club. • Rachel Herbert Alms houses: Cllrs P Bowyer & B Nicholson; The Principal Officer has an email asking

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	the Town Council to support Cllr Bowyer becoming a Trustee. Cllr A Wilde proposed to support Cllr Boywer becoming a Trustee seconded by Cllr Wright. Resolved by all Councillors to accept this proposal. Abergavenny Twinning Association: Mayor Cllr Nicholson; No report.
FC 34/26	To receive reports from County Councillors on matters affecting Abergavenny relevant to Full Council: No report.
FC 35/26	Items for consideration at the next meeting on 9th September 2026: - To approve the minutes from the Extraordinary Full Council meeting held on 10th June 2026. - To approve to put forward a Governor for Cantref School.

Meeting ended 20:56PM

APPROVED AS A TRUE RECORD

CHAIR  **DATE** 09/09/2026