NORTH MONMOUTHSHIRE LIAISON COMMITTEE - REPORT to AREA COMMITTEE

The NMLC met on 24th June 2019 & 9th September 2019.

The Liaison Committee would request formal responses from the North Mon Area Committee on the following matter:

1. An update on the status of the Stagecoach bus stops in Abergavenny Town Centre and timescale for resolution of a new stop for westbound services on Park Road.

Ongoing activity

All Community & Town Councils in North Monmouthshire are addressing the following matters:

 Preparation of a report showing how they are meeting the duty of Section 6 of the Environment Act (Wales) in relation to biodiversity. The report must be published by the end of 2019 and then every three years after this date

Section 6 duty requires that public authorities must seek to maintain and enhance biodiversity so far as consistent with the proper exercise of their functions and in so doing promote the resilience of ecosystems

- Compliance where appropriate with the new website accessibility requirements 'The Public Sector Bodies Accessibility (website and mobile applications)(no 2) Regulations 2018
- Evidence gathering to inform future discussions re dog fouling bin emptying

Reports from individual councils

Abergavenny TC

Wales in Bloom Ceremony is taking place on Friday 13th September. Abergavenny is entered in the Town category.

A new Committee structure has been introduced from September 2019. New Committees with executive powers have been set up - these are Policy & Resources, People & Communities and Environment. These new committees are aligned to the action tables in the Strategy & Action Plan.

Abergavenny Town Council has gone live with the redesigned website.

The Annual Report 2018-19 has been produced and delivered to all households within the five town wards. A copy of the document can be found here

Llanfoist Fawr CC

Councillor Vacancy - a casual vacancy for the Llanfoist Ward remains.

New play equipment and picnic tables have been installed at the Govilon Recreation Ground and have been well received.

A scheme of new village signage is well advanced with 10 new signs to be installed across the Wards of Govilon, Llanfoist and Llanellen.

An application to the Brecon Beacons National Park Sustainable Development Fund to part fund a major refurbishment of the Salisbury Community Hall in Govilon has been successful. The building is to be reclad in larch. A planning application has been submitted.

Goetre Fawr CC

S.106 Monies – Mon CC is still to make a decision regarding the distribution of circa £200k of S.106 monies. Goetre Fawr CC has made a bid for £130k for a MUGA

Public Conveniences - the lighting in the public conveniences has been upgraded to provide sensor controlled LED's.

Electric Car Point – consideration being given to the installation of an electric car charging point in the village, however legally community council may not have the power for this

Separate Planning Committee has been set up.

Aiming to prepare a Place Plan, considering using consultants to gather information

Llanover CC

Digitisation of village halls proceeding and free courses being offered eg digital photography. Registering website villagehallsabergavenny which will contain details of the facilities offered in the halls

Lianelly Hill CC

Redevelopment of community centre nearing completion; the library and OSS will have new space, a new kitchen is being installed and the space vacated by the library will be used as 2 meeting rooms

New fingerposts have been installed around the Gilwern and 4 memorial benches have been installed in Gilwern, Llanelly Hill, Clydach North and Clydach South

Community led plan nearing approval at Council

A465 legacy project proposals that have been submitted are to be assessed shortly

Gilfest held on 1st Sept attracted 1000 people

New footpath from Ty Mawr estate to the school constructed by MCC although needs to be completed

BBNPA planning officers has offered support should the Community Council decide to prepare a Place Plan