



**REPORT TO NORTH MONMOUTHSHIRE AREA COMMITTEE
ON WEDNESDAY 15th MAY 2019**

ABERGAVENNY TOWN COUNCIL TOWN STRATEGY & ACTION PLAN

1. Background

- 1.0 The North Monmouthshire Area Committee received a report in January 2019, providing details of the draft strategy and action plan.
- 1.1 Following a period of consultation, the Town Council approved the strategy in April 2019. The proposed changes to the committee structure and delegation of authority are not part of the approved strategy and will be reviewed in due course. The final document is included in the papers.

2. Town Council Strategy

- 2.1 The strategy and action plan are based around the four Monmouthshire PSB Well-being objectives - Children & Young People, Challenges of Demographic Change, Environment and Climate Change and Economically Thriving Communities. In addition, there is an objective and related actions focusing on creating a more responsive town council.
- 2.2 The action plan will be a standing agenda item on the Town Council's Full Committee agenda to ensure that progress against the actions is monitored.
- 2.3 Good progress is already being made:

Children & Young People

- A play event is being organised in north Abergavenny on Sunday 19th May
- Funding is being made available to support the summer playscheme and to enable MCC Youth Service to provide a programme of activities for young people (11years plus) during the summer holidays
- Initial discussions have taken place with young people regarding new provision within the skate park boundary

Challenges of Demographic Change

- Working with our partners the Town Council is funding activities seeking to reduce social isolation such as lunch clubs and coffee mornings
- A successful Community Choir event was held on April 19th with over 200 people attending the concert in the Market Hall.

Protect & Enhance the Environment

- The Town Council is leading on the promotion of Refill Abergavenny
- The Town Council is co-ordinating the Abergavenny in Bloom activities involving many community organisations
- In addition to paying for the emptying of dog waste bins, the Town Council is raising awareness of the nuisance of dog fouling and recently held an awareness event on Castle Meadows with the launch of some new posters

Economically Thriving Town

- Discussions are progressing with MCC regarding the future of public toilet provision in the town
- Bunting has been put up in the town again for 2019
- The Town Council continues to work with Y Fenni Business Community and Abergavenny & District Tourism Association

More Responsive Town Council

- Work is underway to redesign the Town Council's website
- The Town Council is working proactively with a number of organisations including many departments within MCC, SWTRA, NRW and voluntary organisations.

3.0 Future reporting to NMAC

- 3.1 A decision is required as to whether the NMAC wishes to receive twice yearly reports on progress against the action plan.