

**Chepstow
Town
Council**



**Annual Report
2019—2020**



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Welcome from the Mayor 2019/20

Welcome to the Chepstow Town Council Annual Report for 2019/2020. I hope that you will enjoy reading about the work of that Chepstow Town Council has carried out and facilitated on behalf of the people of Chepstow.

May I first thank my fellow Councillors and our hard working office staff for their unwavering work and support over the last 17 months. Can I also thank all the organisations, groups and individuals who have brought their expertise and support to the Council, for the improvement and well-being of the communities of Chepstow.

It was with great pleasure that my fellow Councillors elected me as Mayor for the year 2019/2020 at its Annual Meeting in May 2019. After having lived in Chepstow for my whole life I feel very proud to be an ambassador for this town that has given me so much. This is my first time as Mayor in my 15 years as a Town Councillor, although I have been Deputy Mayor for the previous 2 years. This has given me time to learn the ropes and understand what it takes to listen to all voices, and bring different people together over the table as Chairman.

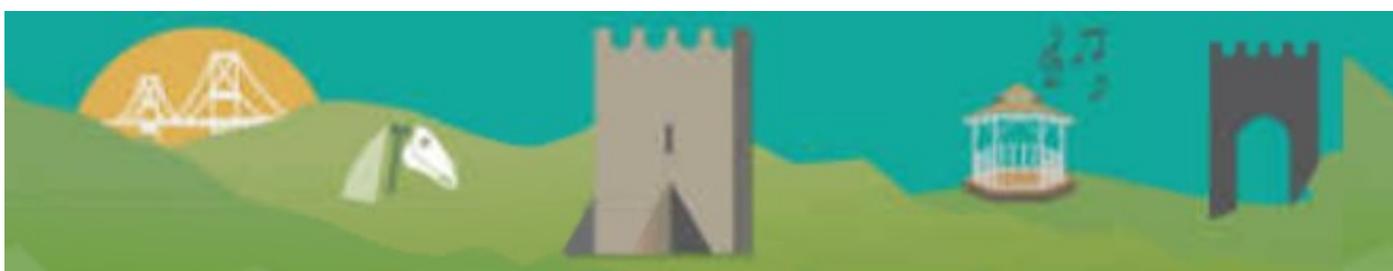
One of my aims during my term in office is to bring more environmental and well-being goals to fruition and make Chepstow a green and environmentally friendly place to be. I have worked with our Community Projects Officer to reintroduce water fountains to the town. Although it is still in the planning stages, we hope to reinstate the beautiful old water fountain, situated in the Dell park, in the near future. We also hope to introduce a green screen along the A48 corridor to help with pollution and create a green corridor for bugs and wildlife. These are just a few of the things I hope to achieve along with my fellow Councillors.

The beginning of my 2019 term saw me attending many events and getting to meet many amazing people and characters that make Chepstow and its surrounding areas a vibrant and colourful place to live and grow up in.

The following is just a taste of some of the events I have attended in my term as Mayor.



My first civic duty in June 2019 involved me meeting a South Korean delegation from the islands of Ulleungdo and Dokdo . They were visiting Chepstow to learn more about our Plastic Free status, that was bestowed upon us by the Surfers against Sewage organisation earlier in the Year. We had tea and were able to share our towns best practices, along with Graham Eels from Plastic Free Chepstow. Graham was able to show the work our fantastic volunteer groups achieve when passionate people work together to get things done.



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On 8th June I attended a thought provoking presentation about the Gwent Levels and its history at the RSPB Wetlands centre in Newport where a bronze relief model was unveiled to a small group of dignitaries and members of a number of organisations across South Wales. I got to meet and chat with BBC presenter and RSPB President Miranda Krestovnikoff about the amazing work the volunteers and staff do at their centres on a daily basis. The work they do for the natural environment, and to aid the public's enjoyment, are second to none.



In what was a busy month I had the privilege to present the certificates for the CAMRA Gwent Town and Rural Pub of the Year award to Glen Ellis who runs The Queens Heat Micro pub. I can't think of a nicer person to win and am thankful for the community he has built around his business.

Through this early part of the year I attended multiple Civic Ceremonies for Caldicot, Usk and Monmouthshire County Council. I'm glad I could represent Chepstow at these important events and wear the mayoral chain with honour.

In August I attended a fantastically organised unveiling of a hand carved oak bench by craftsmen Chris Woods. Now situated in Chepstow Castle this bench was commissioned by the wonderful Chepstow - Cormeilles Twinning Association following the 950th anniversary of the Castle in 2017. This group has a wonderful mix of people and is expertly led by Chairmen Isabelle Roberts.



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In August I also attended the long running Chepstow Agricultural Show. In between the downpours of rain I was able to witness some of the fabulous local farm animals on show, along with the wonderful craft, food and produce tents. It was a wonderful day that was very well organised by all involved, it's just a shame we couldn't control the abysmal weather. During the day I also got to meet and chat with the then Mayor of Newport, Cllr William J Routley.



One of the many groups I am proud to support and help on a regular basis is Chepstow Fairtrade. The work Tanya White and her team at Fairtrade Chepstow do is unbelievable. I have attended many events this year with Tanya. Presenting awards and certificates to schools and many local businesses is truly a privilege and Tanya's optimism is infectious.

On October the 5th I attended the Chepstow U3A open day at the Palmer Centre. I got a tour of all the wonderful groups and got to talk to some amazingly passionate people who facilitate and participate in this wonderful organisation. A fun packed day was had by all. It's heartening to see that in a time when life can be lonely for so many people I got to witness new friendships being made and new skills being learned.



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Myself and my deputy Cllr Dale Rooke attended the community fireworks show that was held on the 3rd of November. Sadly it was raining and blowing a gale but this did not dampen the spirits of the Chepstow Round Table who organised it or the wonderful members of the community who attended and had great fun watching the fireworks. I'm proud of the support Chepstow Town Council has given to this event to allow it to stay free. Chepstow Round Table do so much for Chepstow and I can't thank them enough.

Also in November another important event in Chepstow is the Town's Remembrance Day parade for which I had the honour of leading. The parade was extremely well attended by civic guests, organisations and veterans, as well as the Brownies, Scouts, 1st Battalion Rifles and a large number of the general public.

Now, sadly, the latter part of my term has been consumed by the COVID 19 pandemic. This has meant that the attending of functions and events has become complicated and laden with rules, or in some cases cancelled altogether.

I have not let this hinder the councils ability to fulfil its duties. We have been holding online video meetings in accordance with Welsh Government legislation, and have continued to do what we can, alongside Monmouthshire County Council, to support both our local businesses and residents in this troubling time. This has involved working tirelessly with Welsh Government by attending many online meetings with councillors and officers from MCC to try and reopen the town centre of both Chepstow and Bulwark safely for the public and for the benefit of local businesses. The Town Council has funded posters and signage for the town and helped cover cost of PPE equipment where it can.

Can I say many thanks to Helen Child Villiers and her team who have created the 'Chepstow Covid 19 Helping Group' to make sure nobody got left behind during the lockdown. It's so heart-warming to see such compassion and care for other members of the community who are struggling.



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One project I am so proud of being a part of during lockdown is the Wye Valley Producers Click and Collect which was the brainchild of Matt and Kit Newell of Wye Valley Meadery. The group consists of up to 20 artisan food and drink producers based around the Wye Valley and has been a beacon of hope, and a sign that business can endure through this terrible pandemic, when they think outside the box. I have attended and helped at many of their collections, giving my time freely for this wonderful group. I have also helped them find a home at the Drill Hall Chepstow where their Click and Collect happens every Friday. They have put Chepstow on the map and been on BBC Country file a number of times.



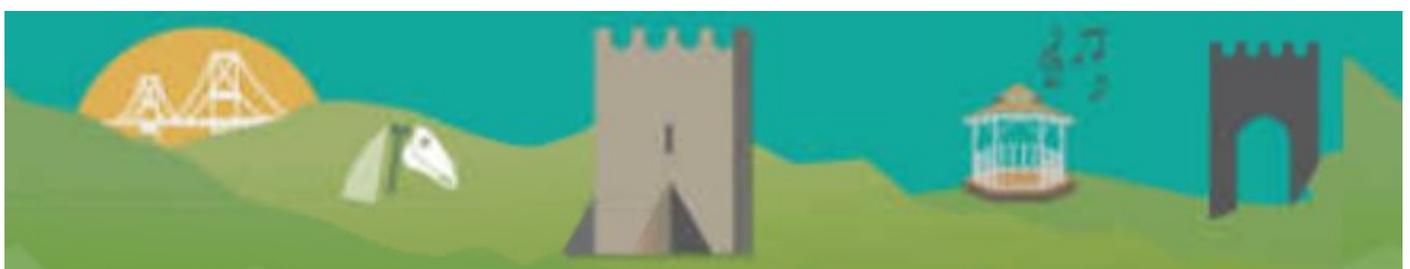
All in all another year of special events and community contribution, good times and hard times due to Covid 19. My thoughts are with anyone who has struggled during this time and those who have lost loved ones. I thank all who help to continue to make Chepstow a vibrant and diverse place to live. I am humbled by many of the people and organisations I have met and look forward to meeting many more as things hopefully get closer to a new normal.

Please stay safe and look after each other.

Finally I would like to dedicate my time as Mayor to my late father Brian Clifford Kirton. Sadly he passed away before I became a Town Councillor. I hope he would be proud of me becoming Mayor of Chepstow, a town he loved.

Clr Tom Kirton

Chepstow Town Mayor 2019/20



The Council

Background

Chepstow Town Council was created in 1974 following local government reorganisation and the cessation of Chepstow Urban District Council. It is one of 735 Town and Community Council in Wales.

In order to act and carry out duties as a member of a community or town council all persons are required to make a formal declaration of acceptance of office. Following this declaration, members of community or town councils are then holders of elected office and occupy a role that is part of the Welsh local government structure.

Your Council

The Town Council is the grass roots voice of Local Government and is therefore closest to the people. It comprises of 15 elected members, with three councillors representing each of the five wards of St Kingsmark, St Marys, St Christopher's, Thornwell and Larkfield. The present councillors were elected in May 2017 to serve a five year term of office and together they serve a population of 12,350 at the 2011 Census.

The Mayor and Deputy Town Mayor are elected each year by the council at the annual meeting in May, although this year due to the Coronavirus pandemic this was delayed until September.

Remuneration

Individuals who have accepted office as a member of a community or town council are entitled to receive payments as determined by the Independent Remuneration Panel for Wales and whilst Councillors hold elected office and give their time voluntarily it is generally without remuneration, although certain expenses may be re-claimed. The Independent Remuneration Panel for Wales determines allowances and mandates some allowances each year although Councillors may opt-out of the payment if they wish.

A payment of £150 is mandated as a contribution to costs and expenses for members of all community and town councils and, in accordance with Section 151 of the Local Government Measure 2011, Community and Town Councils must publish within their authority area the remuneration received by their members by 30th September following the end of the year to which the payment relates. for more information. This information is available via our website at www.chepstow.co.uk.

Meetings

Councils conduct their business through meetings which are formal events with a clear purpose of making decisions following appropriate focused debate. As well as Full Council, where all members are required to attend, the Council, at their annual meeting, appoints Councillors to four main committees.

Planning and Administration Committee

Environment and Amenities Committee

Finance, Policy and Audit Committee

Personnel Committee



The Councillors

The Town Council aims to provide effective and efficient services that give value for money and improve the quality of life for the residents of the town. The Town Council represents the community it services at local, county and national levels to ensure that Chepstow continues to be a desirable place to live, work, shop and visit. To achieve this, the Council will encourage and participate in partnership working with Monmouthshire County Council, community stakeholders and voluntary groups.

The Town Council strives to create a socially inclusive community and supports all voluntary groups who seek to develop the same and aims to encourage a more sustainable, safe and clean environment.

Elected Member Responsibilities as Individuals

A Councillor has an active interest in their local community and plays a vital role in representing the interest of the community in which they serve by improving the quality of life and local environment.

Councillors must act within the law and must sign a declaration to say they agree to work within the Code of Conduct. They are able to suggest ideas, engage in constructive debate, represent constituents and respond to the needs and views of the local community.

Councillors are the voice of their local community and can work to influence other tiers of Local Government and help make collective decisions which form the policy of the Council.

Town Mayor

The Town Mayor presides at meetings and is responsible for ensuring meetings are conducted properly with effective debate, producing clear, lawful decisions.

The Mayor encourages participation amongst members and ensures that views are expressed freely, whilst maintaining focus which is fair and balanced. The Mayor signs the minutes of meetings, which are a legal record of decisions made by Chepstow Town Council.

The Mayor undertakes civic duties and represents the Council at events and can appoint a charity for the year of service.

Administration Support

Services provided by the Town Council are managed and delivered by a team of six part-time employees, comprising of three in administration and three mobile hygiene and asset maintenance operatives. This small team, based at The Gatehouse, is led by the Town Clerk who ensures that the correct procedures and policies are in place and followed in order to deliver services to a high standard.

Details of the elected members and how to contact them are available at www.chepstow.co.uk where meeting dates, agenda's and minutes can also be viewed.



Attendance Details 2019/20

All meetings of the Town Council are open to the public unless excluded by a resolution of the meeting for a particular item which is of a confidential nature or prejudicial to public interest.

Councillor	Council	Planning	Finance, Policy & Audit	Environment & Amenities	Personnel	Complaints
	16	23	4	6	6	3
CLlr Hilary Beach	16		2	3		
CLlr Jez Becker	5			3	1	
CLlr Martin Brady	16	21				
CLlr Alan Braund*	9	6				
CLlr Jenni Brews**	8			2		
CLlr David Dovey	14					
CLlr Caroline Duchet***	11		3	2	0	
CLlr Yvonne Havard	13	16	1	3	3	3
CLlr Ned Heywood MBE	13		1			
CLlr Phyl Hobson	6		4			2
CLlr Tom Kirton****	15	9		2		1
CLlr Paul Pavia*****	14		3	4	2	
CLlr Tony Redhead	14	17	3	4	4	2
CLlr Dale Rooke*****	15	21	4	5	4	3
CLlr Armand Watts	11					

* *Joined Council December 2019*

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**** *Town Mayor and ex-officio at all meetings*

***** *Deputy Town Mayor and ex-officio at all meetings*

***** *Joined Personnel in October 2019*



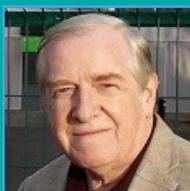
Meet the Council

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Finance

Chepstow Town Council is funded by a precept which is an additional amount added to the Council Tax for Monmouthshire County Council based on the requirements of the Town Council.

In October the Finance, Policy and Audit Committee calculates the money the Council needs to raise in order to provide for its services and fund any projects planned. It then deducts any income that it expects to receive leaving a net amount known as the precept.

The precept for 2020/21 is £657,533 costing the average Band D council tax payer £119.35.

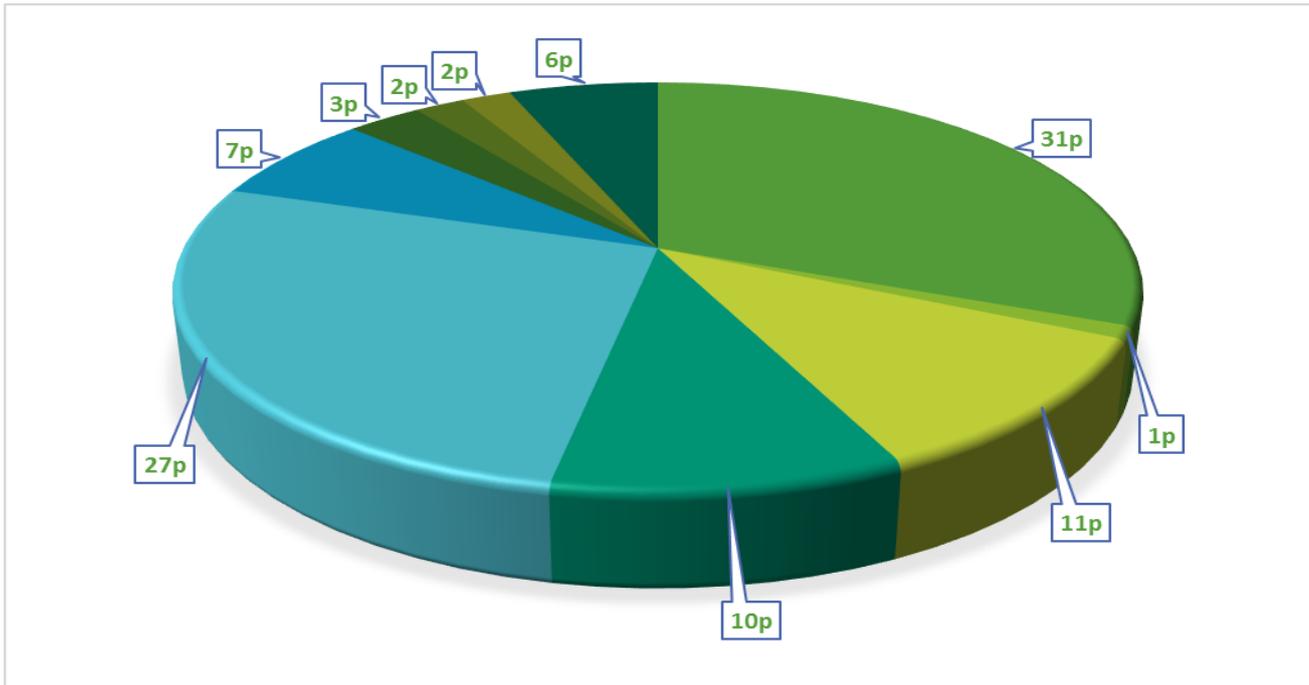
The Accounts and Audit (Wales) Regulations 2014 require town and community councils to have adequate and effective arrangements in place for an internal audit of their accounting records and their systems of internal control. This is carried out on a half yearly basis by an independent internal auditor.

Members and officers are responsible for the spending of public money and are subject to the Councils Financial Regulations and are conscious of its responsibility towards maintaining services and ensuring best value for its precept payers. Accountability and transparency are key to members and officers for the spending of public money.

Any further information detailing this, including the annual accounts can be found at www.chepstow.co.uk.



For every £1 spent



- ◆ 31p on staffing costs, national insurance, pension contributions, answering public enquiries, managing and facilitating the Council projects and resources, responding to the consultation, servicing and administering of Council Meetings, training, insurance, member remuneration, office costs, HR and H&S services
- ◆ 1p will contribute to Civic Events and Mayoralty
- ◆ 11p will meet net premise running and maintenance costs for The Gatehouse inc heating, water & water & business rates and will meet the loan repayments for the purchase and ongoing maintenance.
- ◆ 10p will pay for Community Grants incl. Citizens Advice, TIC, Chepstow Museum, SARA, Festivals, Chepstow Town Band, Chepstow Walkers are Welcome, Chepstow Fairtrade, Community Events.
- ◆ 27p will pay for War Memorial Maintenance, litter picking, dog waste disposal, roadside benches, community notice boards, servicing and maintaining the Riverbank, Bank Street and Thomas St Public Conveniences, 7 days a week Town Crew street cleansing team,
- ◆ 7p will be spent on Summer Floral Displays, Community Orchards, Apple Day and Christmas Lighting.
- ◆ 3p will be spent on Playschemes for local children
- ◆ 2p will pay for recruitment advertising, community publications, Chepstow What's On Guide, website, promoting Chepstow and Town Markets.
- ◆ 2p on the Towns CCTV
- ◆ 6p on Bulwark Community Centre and The Drill Hall.

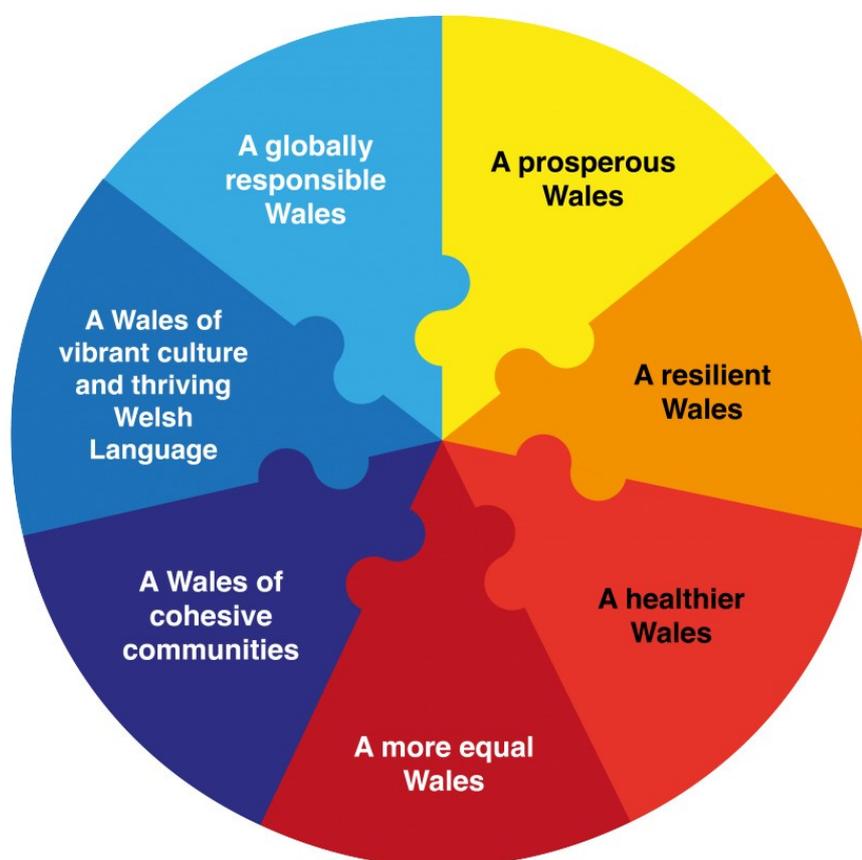


The Well-Being of Future Generations (Wales) Act

Wales is facing a number of challenges in the future and as a means to tackle these head on the Welsh Government created the Wellbeing of Future Generations Act. The aim of the Act is to improve the social, economic, environmental and cultural wellbeing of Wales.

The Act established statutory Public Service Boards and placed a duty on these bodies to define and deliver wellbeing objectives.

The Town Council, as one of the larger Town and Community Councils in Wales, is required by law to prepare an annual report showing how the Council is taking “reasonable steps” to meet the objectives set out in the Monmouthshire Public Services Board Well-being Plan. The full report is available via our website at www.chepstow.co.uk however the following section provides a brief summary of what the Town Council has achieved in the financial year against the objectives.





Well-being Objective

Provide children and young people with the best possible start in life

Objective

1. To increase funding to provide for additional provision within the current summer playscheme, working to ensure that schools and services for children focus on well-being and a more rounded approach than purely academic results.
2. To tackle the issues surrounding Holiday Hunger.

Action

Progress

To provide summer activities for 5 to 11 year olds	Complete. Increased the funding support up to £20,000 towards the delivery of open access playschemes at Thornwell Primary School and Bulwark Community Centre during the school summer holidays in 2019. Both provisions ran for 19 weekdays between Monday 29th July and Thursday 22nd August.
To tackle the concerns regarding holiday hunger	Completed. The Thornwell provision was run as a SHEP (School Holiday Enrichment Programme) scheme, which provided a free healthy breakfast and a free healthy lunch for the children attending on a daily basis.
Supporting the Inter School Gardening Competition	Completed. Funded
Supporting the Chepstow Library Summer Reading Challenge	Completed. Grant funding agreed towards the summer challenge
Councillors as School Governor's	Ongoing. Councillors take on this role giving their time, skills and expertise in a voluntary capacity to help their schools provide children with the best possible education.
CCTV	Completed. CCTV installed at the skate park in Piggy's Hill
Community Events	Ongoing. Supports community events and encourages engagement with young people
Funding support sport and fitness	Ongoing. Match funding of £12,500 given to Chepstow Boxing Club to allow a refurbishment of out of date premises.





Well-being Objective

Respond to the challenges associated with demographic change

Objective

1. Exploring the potential to develop good relationships between people of different ages
2. Focusing on well-being and looking after each other rather than just formal care provision
3. Developing networks for all ages that support people's well-being in their local communities
4. Ensuring suitable and affordable housing is available to people of all ages
5. Promoting active citizenship like volunteering and time-banking

Action

Progress

To ensure easy access community defibrillators across the five wards of Chepstow

Ongoing. Adoption of phone boxes in Denbigh Drive and Beaufort Square to install public access defibrillators. Funding to support installation of a unit at the Drill Hall.

Financially supporting the Drill Hall and Bulwark Community Centre which are seen as local hubs of community activity where people can be active and supported

Completed. Both Centres received £8,000 in funding in 19/20 with members representing the Council at meetings.

Ongoing. Financially supporting Bulwark Community Centre with the refurbishment to DDA standards.

Financial support provided to a number of organisations supporting older people.

Ongoing. Grant funding provided to organisations with the priority of supporting older people as a focus.

Continued support to the Chepstow Citizens Advice Bureau

Ongoing. Enabling residents of all ages to obtain free advice and support on a wide range of matters .

Representatives on committees

Ongoing. Provide Council representation of the Palmer Centre Trust and the Senior Citizens Welfare Trust.

Partnership working MIND Monmouthshire

Ongoing. Partnership agreement to commence May 2020 agreed with MIND Monmouthshire to provide wellbeing and resilience sessions to adult individuals which will support families to build resilience and support families to cope with life's challenges

Whole Place Plan for Chepstow

Ongoing. This will act as Supplementary Planning Guidance in the County Council Local Development Plan allowing the community to positively influence the type of future developments in Chepstow. It will also act as a vehicle through which the Town Council can engage with the local community to discover the needs and aspirations of the residents and use this evidence based approach to understand how best to fulfil projects within the community to align with the Councils responsibilities under the Wellbeing of Future Generations Act.





Well-being Objective

Protect and enhance the resilience of our natural environment whilst mitigating and adapting to the impact of climate change

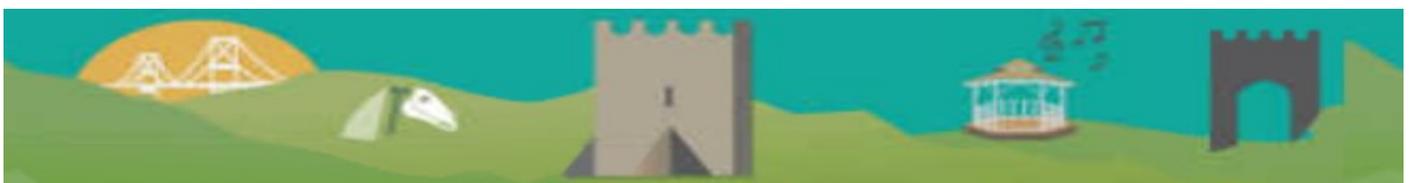
Objective

1. To declare a climate emergency and “act now” on ideas and recommendations
2. Street Cleansing Partnership Agreement
3. Support local organisations with an interest in protecting and enhancing the environment
4. Dog Fouling reduction

Action

Progress

Climate emergency	Ongoing. In October 2019 the Town Council voted to declare a climate emergency and to consider ways of reducing carbon dioxide emissions to net zero by 2030. A number of initiatives are being investigated.
Biodiversity	Ongoing. The Town Council has secured grant funding to access a ‘butterfly garden’ package in partnership with Keep Wales Tidy for planting at Chepstow Bus Station. Its s hoped to plant this up in conjunction with local primary schools and Transition Chepstow when Covid 19 restrictions allow.
Street Cleansing	Ongoing. The Town Council are working in partnership with Monmouthshire County Council to provide a full street cleansing service to Chepstow. This includes cleaning the Town, emptying waste bins, grounds maintenance, bench maintenance and replacement and any other ad-hoc duties which are required,
Transition / Plastic Free Chepstow	Ongoing. Continue to financially support both of these groups.
Litter Picks	Ongoing. The Town Council support and promote the litter picks which take place across the town
Monmouthshire County Council’s “Give Dog Fouling the Red Card” initiative	Ongoing. The Town Council are currently responsible for the emptying of 35 dog waste bins across Chepstow and work with the County Council in educating residents about the risk of dog waste
Chewing Gum Littering	Ongoing. Town Council is working in partnership with Monmouthshire County Council to increase signage around town to reduce gum littering and is investigating installing ‘gum ball’ bins which encourage the public to reduce gum littering in a way that encourages a circular economy
Reducing energy bills across all Council owned / managed buildings	Ongoing. The Town Council are currently tied to contracts with exiting providers due to finish in the summer of 2020 at which time green energy options will be considered
Planning Applications	Ongoing. All planning applications are considered for their environmental impact as well as business requirements and the historic character of the town.
Water Fountains and Bike Racks	Ongoing. Investigating restoring the water fountain in the Dell and the provision of a water fountain at the Riverbank and suitable locations for bicycle





Well-being Objective

Develop opportunities for communities and businesses to be part of an economically thriving and well-connected community

Objective

1. To carry out a Whole Place Plan
2. Support the Tourist Industry in Chepstow
3. Promotion of Chepstow through events

Action

Progress

Whole Place Plan

Ongoing. Agreement to proceed in May 2020 with residents and local stakeholders being involved in shaping the future of Chepstow.

Work with other organisations / local business who bring trade into the area

Ongoing. Relationship with Chepstow Racecourse established with a view of greater partnership working to bring visitors into Chepstow. Grant funding to the Tourist Information Centre allowing them to remain open.

Supportive of events in and around the Town

Ongoing. The Town Council undertake to arrange Bands on the Bandstand every Summer. It supports the events produced by the Chepstow Events Team. Works in partnership with Cotyledon Markets to provide a fortnightly market between April and December on Sundays encouraging local people to have stalls. The Town Council also works closely with the Royal British Legion and arranges the annual Remembrance Day Parade, Anzac Day commemoration and VE and VJ day commemorations.



Other activity that the Town Council is undertaking that contributes to the National Well-being goals.

National Wellbeing Goal	Local Activity
<p>A Prosperous Wales</p> <p><i>To continue to support and develop the well-being of Chepstow</i></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◆ The Town Council makes budgetary provision for community improvement schemes ◆ Maintains a website which is open to the community allowing them access to Council information, grant funding application forms and annual newsletters and financial reports; ◆ Maintains and builds on links to the business community; ◆ When responding to Planning Applications the Town Council gives consideration to business requirements and the distinctive and historic character of the town; ◆ Continues to publish and distribute the monthly “What’s On” guide
<p>A Resilient Wales</p> <p><i>To build and develop the well-being of Chepstow with sustainable development demonstrated by sustainable behavior</i></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◆ The Town Council is working with the County Council is the extension of wild flower planting schemes and supports biodiversity; ◆ The Town Council encourages the use of pollinator friendly plants in its planting schemes and is working with its floral contractor to extend this into the annual hanging basket scheme; ◆ To look at supporting sustainable projects in and around Chepstow; ◆ To consider further permanent tree planting which is more sustainable, provides for cleaner air and reduces carbon footprint; ◆ To be proactive in taking over services from the County Council and to investigate the provision of a town centre manager to oversee issues in the town such as illegal parking, dog and litter fouling (subject to the Town Council having the legislative power to carry out such duties). ◆ All contractors are asked for a copy of their sustainability policy before carrying out any work.
<p>A Healthier Wales</p> <p><i>To build a participative, vibrant community that demonstrates participative capable and motivated leadership’.</i></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◆ The Town Council financially supports a number of community groups whose sole aim is to maximise peoples physical and mental well-being; ◆ Partnership with MIND Monmouthshire to help adults build resilience to support families to cope with life’s challenges; ◆ To continue to provide a Summer Playscheme (through play children learn life skills and well-being); ◆ To actively promote the walking and cycling routes around Chepstow; ◆ To actively promote the Community Grant scheme which is available to financially support the many voluntary groups seeking funding for their projects;



Other activity that the Town Council is undertaking that contributes to the National Well-being goals.

National Wellbeing Goal Local Activity

A More Equal Wales:

To deliver locally relevant, efficient and effective public services which include enhancing our Twinning links, developing links outside of Chepstow along with partnerships including deploying appropriate resources

- ◆ The Town Council has lobbied a number of community stakeholders to provide better cross border social care;
- ◆ Provide practical support i.e. free meeting accommodation and use of equipment eg pop ups, photocopying, event promotion, advice on funding sources and networking to help link groups together;
- ◆ To explore the opportunities to the young people of Chepstow and to find ways of working with stakeholders to enhance the offering.

A Wales of Cohesive Communities:

To provide attractive, viable, safe and well-connected communities'

- ◆ To continue to support local activities;
- ◆ To provide notice boards in all wards;
- ◆ To continue to provide clean, well maintained and accessible public toilets;
- ◆ To continue to work with Gwent Police in providing a safe town.

A Wales of Vibrant Culture and Thriving Welsh Language:

A Society that promotes and protects culture, heritage and the Welsh language, and which encourages people to participate in the arts, and sports and recreation'

- ◆ To encourage all members of the community to participate in the arts, sports and recreation;
- ◆ To continue to fund celebrations and festivals particularly those which are relevant to the history of Chepstow;
- ◆ To empower all members of the community to research historical events and hold celebrations in their wards.

A Globally Responsible Wales:

To seek to improve the economic, social, environmental well-being of Chepstow'

- ◆ To continue the close links with Chepstow Fairtrade, Transition Chepstow and Plastic Free Chepstow;
- ◆ To continue to think of alternative ways in which to go about our business



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