

MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE BRECON TOWN COUNCIL HELD IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBER, THE GUILDHALL, BRECON ON MONDAY 25 MARCH 2019 AT 7.00 P.M.

844/18 PRESENT

Councillor E Trailor (Mayor in the Chair)
Councillor J Powell
Councillor L Rijnenberg
Councillor M Matthews
Councillor S Morgans (left at 8:00pm)
Councillor T Davies
Councillor M Perry
Councillor D Meredith
Councillor A M C Weale
Councillor I Williams
Councillor M Dorrance
Councillor A Mathias
Councillor R Thomas

In Attendance: Fiona Williams (Town Clerk)
Rhys Ridge (Administrative Officer)
Sally Jones (Theatr Brycheiniog)
David Wilson (Theatr Brycheiniog)
Inspector Gwyndaf Bowen (Dyfed Powys Police)
PC Rebecca Templeton (Dyfed Powys Police)

845/18 DYFED POWYS POLICE

The Mayor welcomed Inspector Gwyndaf Bowen and PC Rebecca Templeton to the meeting and invited them to give their presentation. Inspector Bowen thanked the Mayor for the welcome and informed Members of the recent crime rates for Brecon. Afterwards, Members had the opportunity to ask questions which Inspector Bowen answered. After they had finished their presentation, the Mayor thanked them for their time and they left the chamber.

846/18 THEATR BRYCHEINIOG

The Mayor welcomed Sally Jones and David Wilson from Theatr Brycheiniog and asked Members to introduce themselves. Ms Jones thanked the Mayor for the welcome and explained the current situation at Theatr Brycheiniog and the plans the Board of Trustees have for the future of the Theatr. Members had the opportunity to ask questions and give their

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opinions. After they had finished their presentation, the Mayor thanked them for their time and they left the chamber.

847/18 APOLOGIES

Apologies were received from Councillors C Walsh and G Ham.

848/18 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Councillor Weale declared an interest in agenda item 30 of the confidential pages.

849/18 MAYOR'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Mayor gave a verbal update on events he had attended since the last meeting.

SECTION A

850/18 MINUTES

The Minutes of the meeting of the Council held on 25 February 2019 (Pages 193 to 197) (copies of which had been previously circulated)

IT WAS RESOLVED

THAT the Minutes of the meeting of the Council held on 25 February 2019 be taken as read, approved as a true record and signed.

851/18 PLANNING COMMITTEE – 4 MARCH 2019

The Minutes of the Planning Committee held on 4 March 2019 (pages 200 - 203) (copies of which had been previously circulated)

IT WAS RESOLVED

THAT the Minutes of the Planning Committee held on 4 March 2019 be taken as read, approved as a true record, and signed.

852/18 FISHING COMMITTEE – 4 MARCH 2019

The Minutes of the Fishing Committee held on 4 March 2019 (Pages 205 – 208) (copies of which had been previously circulated)

IT WAS RESOLVED

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THAT the Minutes of the Fishing Committee held on 4 March 2019 be taken as read, approved as a true record, and signed.

853/18 ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE – 4 MARCH 2019

The Minutes of the Environment Committee held on 4 March 2019 (Pages 210 – 212) (copies of which had been previously circulated)

IT WAS RESOLVED

THAT the Minutes of the Environment Committee held on 4 March 2019 be taken as read, approved as a true record, and signed.

854/18 NOMINATION OF MAYOR FOR THE MUNICIPAL YEAR 2019/20

The Mayor nominated Councillor Ann Mathias as Mayor for 2019/20 this was seconded by Councillor Meredith and the Mayor called for a vote. It was

RESOLVED UNANIMOUSLY

That Councillor Ann Mathias be elected as Mayor for the Municipal Year 2019/20.

855/18 NOMINATION OF DEPUTY MAYOR FOR THE MUNICIPAL YEAR 2019/20

The Mayor informed Members that two nominations had been received for the Deputy Mayor for 2019/20, and both are for Councillor Chris Walsh. The Mayor read out the nominations and seconders and it was

RESOLVED UNANIMOUSLY

THAT Councillor Chris Walsh be elected as Deputy Mayor for the Municipal year 2019/20.

856/18 NEPAL TWINNING DISPLAY

Submitted **C(A)** a report prepared by the Town Clerk concerning the displaying of gifts from Nepal. Members discussed this item in detail and after discussion it was

RESOLVED

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THAT the recommendation from the Planning Committee be approved.

857/18 BRECON / DHAMPUS TWINNING

Submitted **C(B)** a report prepared by the Town Clerk concerning the Brecon/Dhampus twinning. Councillor Meredith explained this agenda item for the benefit of Members and thanked the Town Clerk in her efficiency in preparing the reports. After discussion it was

RESOLVED

THAT the recommendations as detailed in the Town Clerk's report be accepted and approved.

859/18 PIGEON NUISANCE

Submitted **C(C)** a report prepared by the Town Clerk concerning pigeon nuisance in the town. This item was discussed where letters should be sent. Following discussion, it was

RESOLVED

THAT the actions in the report and that letters be sent where appropriate.

860/18 TOWN GUIDE

Submitted **C(D)** a report prepared by the Town Clerk concerning the Town Guide. Members discussed this item and after discussion it was

RESOLVED UNANIMOUSLY

THAT the actions detailed in the report be approved.

861/18 TAXATION OF MEMBERS ALLOWANCES

Submitted **C(E)** a report concerning the payments of allowances to Members. The Town Clerk explained this agenda for the benefit of Members and after discussion it was

RESOLVED

THAT future payments of Councillor allowances for 2019/20 onwards be made via payroll.

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862/18 COMMITTEE REVIEW RECOMMENDATIONS

Submitted **C(F)** a report prepared by the Town Clerk following the committee review working group meetings. This item was discussed in detail and after discussion the following were resolved;

RESOLVED

WITH 11 votes in favour and one against, that the Committee structure be grouped as 'Finance and Commissioning of Contracts', 'Environment and Events', 'Planning, Guildhall and Staffing', 'Staff and Appeals Committee,' and that if a matter of staff grievance is raised that this be dealt with by 5 Members of the Planning, Guildhall and Staffing Committee and that the frequency be as stated in the report.

RESOLVED UNANIMOUSLY

THAT all Councillors sit on two Committees each for a two year term, approved annually and changes within that term be by the approval of Council.

RESOLVED

WITH seven votes in favour and five against, that any Councillor unable to attend a Committee meeting may appoint a substitute from the other 5 Members of the Council to attend on their behalf with voting rights.

RESOLVED UNANIMOUSLY

THAT working groups be kept to a minimum where possible but where necessary to implement a delegation at Council/Committee in accordance with s101 (2) Local Government Act 1972.

RESOLVED

THAT Council meets on the 4th Monday of each month excluding August and December with a start time of 7pm with nine votes in favour, two against and one abstention.

RESOLVED

THAT the changes commence in June 2019 and that the document relating to co-opted Members of the Public be

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deferred to the next meeting of the Council.

863/18 YOUTH REPRESENTATIVES

Submitted **C(G)** documentation relating to youth representatives on the Town Council. Members suggested to add Christ College to the list of schools in Brecon. It was also suggested to add non-party political as a clause. After further lengthy discussion it was

RESOLVED

THAT following the amendments made that the report be accepted and the Town Clerk to make enquiries with Powys County Council about DBS requirements.

864/18 BUILDINGS IN BRECON

Submitted **C(H)** an email from a member of the public to Councillor Perry concerning the buildings in Brecon. It was queried whether this Council had the power to score the buildings and that there were GDPR restrictions about publicising data. After discussion it was

RESOLVED

THAT the Town Clerk explores what enforcement powers National Parks and Powys County Council have and that this matter be deferred to the next meeting of the Environment Committee.

865/18 DATA PROTECTION POLICY

Submitted **C(I)** information and data protection policy and subject access policy. Members discussed this and it was

RESOLVED

THAT both policies be approved as drafted.

866/18 REPORT OF INTERNAL AUDITOR

Submitted **C(J)** report of internal Auditor.

This information was received and the contents noted.

867/18 APPOINTMENT OF INTERNAL AUDITOR

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The Town Clerk invited Members to consider the appointment of the internal auditor for 2019/20.

RESOLVED

THAT Mr Peter Jenkins MBE be appointed as internal auditor for 2019/20.

868/18 ANNUAL INTERNAL AUDIT REVIEW 2018/19

Submitted **C(K)** annual internal audit review for 2017/18. This item was discussed in detail and following discussion it was

RESOLVED

THAT the internal audit review for 2018/19 be approved as discussed.

869/18 ANNUAL COUNCIL RISK ASSESSMENT & MANAGEMENT (FINANCIAL) 2018/19

Submitted **C(L)** annual council risk assessment & Management (Financial) 2018/19. This item was discussed in detail and following discussion it was

RESOLVED

THAT the annual council risk assessment & management (financial) 2018/19 be approved as presented.

870/18 INTERNAL AUDIT & CONTROL TESTING 2018/19

Considered **C(M)** Internal Audit & Control testing questionnaire 2018/19, Annual Council Risk Assessment & Management (Financial) and Annual Internal Audit Review This item was discussed in detail and after discussion it was

RESOLVED

THAT the 2018/19 reports be completed as per 2017/18.

871/18 TRUST ACCOUNTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31/12/18

Submitted **C(N)** Trust accounts for the year ended 31/12/18 for **a)** Harley Thomas Trust, **b)** Brecknock Welfare Trust and **c)** Alderman Thomas Williams Trust.

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THESE accounts were received and approved.

872/18 BANK RECONCILIATION TO 28 FEBRUARY 2019

Submitted **C(O)** Bank Reconciliation to 28 February 2019.

This information was received and its contents noted.

873/18 BUDGET V ACTUAL REPORT TO 28 FEBRUARY 2019

Submitted **C(P)** budget v actual as at 28 February 2019.

This information was received and its contents noted.

874/18 LOCAL DEMOCRACY AND BOUNDARY COMMISSION FOR WALES

Submitted **C(S)** a letter and information received from the Local Democracy and Boundary Commission for Wales.

THIS information was taken as received and its contents noted.

875/18 PR OPPORTUNITIES ARISING FROM THE MEETING

The information received from Dyfed Powys Police concerning scam calls and that the youth representatives be published at the right time.

876/18 ANY OTHER BUSINESS

There were no items.

877/18 EXCLUSION OF THE PUBLIC AND PRESS

SECTION B

RESOLVED

THAT in view of the confidential nature of the business about to be transacted whereby matters of a possible personal nature might be discussed in relation to the finances or staff of the Council, and matters of a sensitive nature, it was advisable in the public interest that the public and press be temporarily excluded and that they be instructed to withdraw from the meeting.