

BRECON TOWN COUNCIL

MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE OF BRECON TOWN COUNCIL HELD IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBER, THE GUILDHALL, BRECON ON WEDNESDAY 15 MAY 2019 AT 7.00 P.M.

11/19 PRESENT

Councillor A Mathias (Mayor ex officio)
Councillor G Ham
Councillor J Powell
Councillor A M C Weale
Councillor E Trailor
Councillor M Perry
Councillor L Rijnenberg

In Attendance: Fiona Williams (Town Clerk)
Rhys Ridge (Administrative Officer)

Not in attendance: Jemma Bere (Co-opted member)

12/19 APOLOGIES

Apologies were received from Councillors Thomas, Davies, Dorrance and Mr Malcolm Rich, Co-opted Member of the Public and Ms Catherine Pape, Co-opted Member of the Public.

13/19 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Councillor Weale declared an interest in agenda item 5.

14/19 MINUTES

The Minutes of the Meeting of the Environment Committee held on 4 March 2019 (Pages 210 to 212) (copies of which had been previously circulated) were taken as read, approved as a true record and signed.

14/19 REQUEST TO USE LLANFAES PARK BY LLANFAES CHURCH

As Councillor Weale declared an interest in this agenda item, he left the chamber and took no part in discussions.

Submitted **E(A)** a letter received from Llanfaes Church concerning a request to use Llanfaes Park.

RESOLVED

THAT the request be approved.

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15/19 PLANTERS

Submitted **E(B)** a report on planters. The Chair passed on information she had received from Mr Malcolm Rich. This item was discussed in detail and after discussion it was

RESOLVED

THAT Malcolm Rich be approached to give a presentation later in the year about alternative options that would complement the planting at Y Gaer and to liaise with BBNPA in due course about any necessary planning considerations.

Suggestions were made on what to do for the existing planters and hanging baskets for this year. Members agreed to seek advice about suitable plants for planting up of the baskets and container themselves and the Town Clerk advised that a cherry picker and operator would be required to put up and take down the hanging baskets safely. This item was discussed and it was

RESOLVED

THAT the decision delegated to the Town Clerk in consultation with Councillor Rijnenberg and that the hanging baskets and planters be planted and watered by Councillors and Staff.

16/19 BANDSTAND EVENTS

Submitted **E(C)** report concerning bandstand events during the summer. The Town Clerk provided a request from the Visit Brecon manager to consider changing the date of the 21st July event and the reasons given why.

RESOLVED

THAT the detail in the report be accepted, that the quartet be approved over the jazz weekend and that the Children's event due to be held on Sunday 21st July goes ahead, and that the events are published in the Brecon and Radnor in addition to the usual methods.

17/19 BUILDINGS IN BRECON

Submitted **E(D)** copy email deferred from Council concerning the buildings in Brecon. The Town Clerk informed Members that she is awaiting a response from Brecon Beacons National Park Authority and Powys County Council. Following discussion, it was

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RESOLVED

THAT Councillor Ham prepares a matrix report about the condition of buildings in the Town and that following this Brecon Beacons National Park Authority are invited to speak to the Committee if it was felt appropriate after assessment of the matrix report.

18/19 LETTER FROM BRECKNOCK ACCESS GROUP

Submitted **E(E)** a letter received from Brecknock Access Group concerning the accessible toilet at Lion Yard. This item was discussed in detail. It was suggested that this agenda item be discussed under the confidential session, along with various matters relating to the public toilets.

19/19 DOG BAG DISPENSERS

Submitted **E(F)** report concerning the dog bag dispensers and dog bags. This item was discussed and after discussion it was

RESOLVED

THAT the purchases be approved.

20/19 OLD CHRISTMAS LIGHTS

The Chair asked for ideas on what to do in relation to the old Christmas Lights that are in the cellar. This item was discussed in detail and following discussion it was

RESOLVED

THAT the lights be advertised for any town/community Council who may want them free of charge providing they are collected.

21/19 PR AND PRESS OPPORTUNITIES

The dog bag dispensers and the entertainment planned at the bandstand.

22/19 ANY OTHER BUSINESS

The Town Clerk explained to Members that she had received a letter from Gurkha Resource Group explaining changes to their company structure. It was agreed that a response be sent saying that the contract would continue with the Brecon Branch and that we are happy with the service that is being provided.

23/19 EXCLUSION OF PUBLIC AND PRESS

RESOLVED

THAT in view of the confidential nature of the business about to be transacted whereby matters of a sensitive nature were to be discussed 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.

