

BRECON TOWN COUNCIL

MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE OF BRECON TOWN COUNCIL HELD IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBER, THE GUILDHALL, BRECON ON TUESDAY 1 OCTOBER 2019 AT 6.00 P.M.

295/19 PRESENT

Councillor I Williams (In the Chair)
Councillor M Matthews (left at 7:50pm)
Councillor R Thomas (left at 7:50pm)
Councillor S Morgans (left at 7:50pm)
Councillor L Rijnenberg
Councillor M Dorrance (arrived 6:14pm)(left at 7:50pm)

In Attendance: Fiona Williams (Town Clerk)
Rhys Ridge-Evans (Administrative Officer)
Malcolm Rich (Co-opted Member)
Jemma Bere (Co-opted Member) (left at 7:50pm)
Ken Savage (Water Bailiff)
Ray Savage (Water Bailiff)(arrived 6:04pm)

296/19 APOLOGIES

Apologies were received from Councillors Davies and Perry and from Ms C Pape co-opted member. The Chair informed Members that Councillor Mathias had relinquished her position on this Committee to allow Councillor Ham to sit on this Committee. It was noted that this would be ratified at the next Council Meeting.

297/19 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no items.

298/19 MINUTES ENVIRONMENT AND EVENTS COMMITTEE

The Minutes of the Meeting of the Environment and Events Committee held on 3 July 2019 (Pages 44 – 48) (copies of which had been previously circulated) were taken as read, approved as a true record and signed.

299/19 ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

PROVISION OF SKIPS MINUTE NO. 172/19

Members queried whether information had been received in this regard. The Town Clerk confirmed no information had been received.

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Subject to the foregoing it was

RESOLVED

THAT the Minutes of the Environment and Events Committee meeting held on 3 July 2019 be taken as read, approved as a true record, and signed.

SECTION A

300/19 ENVIRONMENT AND EVENTS TERMS OF REFERENCE

Submitted **E(A)** terms of reference for Environment and Events Committee.

RESOLVED

THAT the terms of reference be accepted and approved.

SECTION B - FISHING

301/19 MINUTES OF EROSION MEETING

Submitted **E(B)** the minutes of the Erosion meeting held at the Guildhall on 7 August 2019. The Chair informed Members that he was disappointed with the lack of apologies for the meeting. The Town Clerk informed Members that two of the actions noted in the minutes had been done following the meeting and that the only outstanding action was number three, referred to in the next minute number. The report content was noted.

RESOLVED

THAT the Minutes be approved, and that a response to the correspondences with Natural Resources Wales be followed up.

302/19 ISSUES OF GROWTH VEGETATION SURROUNDING DISABLED FISHING BAY

The Town Clerk explained this agenda item for the benefit of Members and queried if the Committee wanted to commission someone to cut back the vegetation. It was suggested that the Water Bailiffs advise on what needs cutting back. Ms J Bere co-opted member suggested consulting an ecologist to advise what can be cut back and when.

RESOLVED

THAT the Town Clerk investigates the works required and obtains three quotes for the cutting back of vegetation surrounding the disabled fishing bay.

303/19 INFORMATION RELATING TO FISHING INSURANCE – ANGLING TRUST

Submitted **E(C)** information received concerning fishing insurance.

THIS information was taken as received and noted.

304/19 WATER BAILIFF REPORT

The Chair invited the Water Bailiff to give an update report on the water. The Water Bailiff informed Members that there was a good number of brown trout in the water and raised concerns on the number of salmon in the water as it was lower than average in previous years. It was noted that Salmon breeding is down generally. The Water Bailiff also informed Members that there have been no issues with anglers without permits.

THIS information was taken as received and noted.

The Water Bailiffs left the meeting at this point and did not return to the chamber.

SECTION C – ENVIRONMENTAL

305/19 2019 ROSPA REPORTS

The Chair informed Members that the 2019 ROSPA reports had been circulated by email prior to this meeting. The Town Clerk informed Members that the Park Keeper is able to do some of the very minor works identified in the ROSPA reports.

RESOLVED

THAT the Park Keeper be asked to complete the works he is able to do.

306/19 RISK ASSESSMENTS FOR PARKS

Submitted **E(D)** risk assessments for Camden Road Park and Llanfaes Park.

RESOLVED

THAT the content be noted and that quotes be obtained to have the items highlighted repaired / replaced.

307/19 REPORT – VE DAY COMMEMORATION 2020

Submitted **E(E)** a report prepared by the Town Clerk concerning the VE day commemoration 2020. Members discussed this in detail and it was

RESOLVED

THAT subject to the expenditure query that the report be accepted and approved and that the use of single use plastic be avoided for the event.

308/19 DISPOSAL OF REMAINING CHRISTMAS LIGHTS

The Town Clerk informed Members that some of the Christmas Lights remained in the cellar and that all the best lights had been taken by neighbouring Town Councils. This item was discussed in detail and after discussion it was

RESOLVED

THAT the remaining Christmas Lights be disposed of.

309/19 REFERRAL FROM PLANNING COMMITTEE – CONSIDER INVESTIGATING USE OF SAILS AS OVERHEAD CANOPIES FOR EVENTS

Councillor Morgans explained this agenda item for the benefit of Members. This item was discussed in detail and after discussion it was

RESOLVED

THAT enquiries be made to try to establish the location of the sails, and look at options for replacement ones.

310/19 REPORT - GOLDFISH

Submitted **E(F)** a report prepared by the Town Clerk relating to Goldfish as prizes at the fair. The contents of the report was discussed and it was

RESOLVED

THAT a meeting of the Erosion Concerns working group be arranged and that the information detailed in the report be received.

311/19 BANDSTAND EVENTS

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Submitted **E(G)** an email from Councillor Dorrance to hold an open air cinema. Councillor Dorrance explained this agenda item for the benefit of Members and after discussion it was

RESOLVED

THAT costs be obtained and added to the draft precept for 2020/21.

TO SUGGEST A REVIEW OF BANDSTAND EVENTS THIS YEAR BY WORKING GROUP AND RECOMMENDATIONS FOR EVENTS IN 2020

The Town Clerk explained this agenda item for the benefit of Members. After discussion it was

RESOLVED

THAT the review be carried out by the Working Group and to look at options for next year and report back to this Committee.

TO NOTE DIFFICULTIES WITH USE OF THE LOCK UP AT THE BANDSTAND

The Town Clerk explained this agenda item for the benefit of Members.

THIS information was taken as received and noted and Councillor Morgans agreed to look at the options for this.

TO NOTE RECEIPT OF FUNDS RECEIVED FROM PROMFEST GROUP OF £420 AND CONSIDER USE

The Town Clerk explained this agenda item for the benefit of Members.

RESOLVED

THAT suggestions for the use of the money be forwarded to the Town Clerk.

312/19 BRECON WITH BELLS ON – UPDATE

Submitted a report prepared by the Town Clerk concerning the arrangements for Brecon With Bells On 2019. It was requested that the working group looks at the involvement of animals. This item was discussed and it was

RESOLVED

THAT authority be delegated to the Town Clerk, in

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agreement with the Working Group to finalise plans within the budget for the event.

313/19 REMEMBRANCE PARADE – UPDATE

The Town Clerk informed Members that arrangements were in hand for this year's Remembrance Parade.

THIS information was taken as received and noted.

314/19 ITEMS IN THE PRECEPT NOT YET ACTIONED

Submitted **C(H)** a report highlighting items that had not yet been actioned in the precept. Questions were raised about the skatepark and the other items that had not yet been actioned. This was discussed in detail and it was

RESOLVED

THAT the Town Clerk seek quotes for the outstanding works where possible and that all Councillors be invited onto a working group to look at the options for skatepark / greenspaces.

315/19 PRECEPT

The Chair asked for suggestions for items for inclusion in the precept. Members requested that bus shelters be added for Bryn DeWinton and Pendre Gardens / Beechgrove, Y Gaer, large white letters that spell out Brecon, more poo bags and dispensers, purchase and distribution of bee friendly pollinator seeds.

DISABILITY ROUNDABOUT

Councillor Thomas requested that the cost of a disability roundabout be included in the precept.

316/19 ENVIRONMENT WALES ACT 2016

Ms J Bere explained this agenda item for the benefit of Members and requested that this information be shared with as many people as possible.

THIS information was taken as received and noted.

At this point of the meeting, Councillors Dorrance, Thomas, Morgans and Matthews left the chamber and did not return to the meeting.

Due to the meeting not being quorate, the Chair suspended the meeting, and the remaining agenda items were not considered.

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The meeting concluded at 19.50 p.m.

Mrs. Fiona Williams
Town Clerk

CHAIRMAN:

DATE: