

**MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE BRECON TOWN COUNCIL HELD IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBER, THE GUILDHALL, BRECON ON MONDAY 28 OCTOBER 2019 AT 7.00 P.M.**

**357/19 PRESENT**

Councillor C Walsh (Deputy Mayor in the Chair)  
Councillor M Dorrance  
Councillor J Powell  
Councillor T Davies  
Councillor R Thomas  
Councillor L Rijnenberg  
Councillor I Williams  
Councillor S Morgans  
Councillor G Ham

**In Attendance:** Fiona Williams (Town Clerk)  
Rhys Ridge-Evans (Administrative Officer)  
Helen Roderick (Brecon 20:20)  
Gareth Ellis (Brecon 20:20)  
Elizabeth Jeffries (Brecon 20:20)  
Nigel (Brecon 20:20)

Before the meeting began, the Deputy Mayor noted the sad passing of Sister Bonaventure Kelleher and that some Members of the Council had attended her funeral and called for Members to stand for a moment's silence as a mark of respect.

**358/19 BRECON 20:20 TOWN PLAN - ACTIONS**

The Deputy Mayor welcomed members of the Brecon 20:20 steering group to the meeting and invited them to give their presentation. Mr Ellis thanked the Council for allowing them the opportunity to come and talk about the draft action plan following the results of the 20:20 surveys. Mr Ellis handed over to Ms Roderick to explain the draft action plan. Following the presentation and explanation, Members were given the opportunity to ask questions relating to the draft action plan which Members of the Brecon 20:20 steering group answered. The Deputy Mayor thanked them for their time and they left the chamber.

**359/19 APOLOGIES**

Apologies were received from Councillors Mathias, Perry, Meredith, Weale, Traylor and Matthews.

**360/19 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

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There were no declarations of interest.

### **361/19 MAYOR'S ANNOUNCEMENTS**

The Mayor had previously circulated a list of her engagements by email for Members which were received and noted.

### **SECTION A**

### **362/19 MINUTES**

The Minutes of the meeting of the Council held on 23 September 2019 (Pages 72 to 77) (copies of which had been previously circulated)

### **363/19 ARISING FROM THE MINUTES**

#### **PSB – WELLBEING PLAN (MINUTE NO. 281/19)**

The Deputy Mayor asked the Town Clerk if all the reports had been received. The Town Clerk informed Members that there were two reports outstanding.

Subject to the foregoing

#### **IT WAS RESOLVED**

**THAT the Minutes of the Town Council meeting held on 23 September 2019 be taken as read, approved as a true record, and signed.**

### **364/19 ENVIRONMENT AND EVENTS COMMITTEE – 1 OCTOBER 2019**

The Minutes of the Environment and Events Committee held on 1 October 2019 (Pages 80 to 86) (copies of which had been previously circulated)

### **365/19 ARISING FROM THE MINUTES**

The Chair of the Committee informed Members that it was his intention to submit a report to Full Council for consideration of removing the Fishing element of the Environment and Events Committee and to have it stand as its own Committee.

#### **REPORT – GOLDFISH (MINUTE NO. 310/19)**

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Councillor Davies raised the point that the fair was in town and that two of the prize giving stalls were giving away goldfish. He informed Members that since the last time the fair had come to town the goldfish seemed to be kept in more ethical conditions than previously.

### **BANDSTAND EVENTS (MINUTE NO. 311/19)**

Councillor Morgans informed Members that he had been to have a look at the lock-up down the bandstand and said that he would need to have a look inside the lockup to see what could be done and that a more detailed report would come forward in due course.

Subject to the foregoing

#### **IT WAS RESOLVED**

**THAT the Minutes of the Environment and Events Committee held on 1 October 2019 be taken as read, approved as a true record, and signed.**

### **366/19 PLANNING, GUILDHALL AND STAFFING COMMITTEE – 7 OCTOBER 2019**

The Minutes of the Planning, Guildhall and Staffing Committee held on 7 October 2019 (pages 87 - 90) (copies of which had been previously circulated)

#### **IT WAS RESOLVED**

**THAT the Minutes of the Planning, Guildhall and Staffing Committee held on 7 October 2019 be taken as read, approved as a true record, and signed.**

### **367/19 FINANCE AND COMMISSIONING OF CONTRACTS COMMITTEE – 7 OCTOBER 2019**

The Minutes of the Finance and Commissioning of Contracts Committee held on 7 October 2019 (Pages 93 – 95) (copies of which had been previously circulated)

#### **IT WAS RESOLVED**

**THAT the Minutes of the Finance and Commissioning of Contracts Committee held on 7 October 2019 be taken as read, approved as a true record, and signed.**

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**368/19 TO CONFIRM REPLACEMENT OF COUNCILLOR MATHIAS WITH COUNCILLOR HAM ON THE ENVIRONMENT AND EVENTS COMMITTEE**

The Chair of the Committee welcomed Councillor Ham onto the Committee and looked forward to working with him and his knowledge and expertise would be invaluable.

**RESOLVED**

**THAT Councillor Mathias be replaced by Councillor Ham on the Environment and Events Committee.**

**369/19 LETTER RECEIVED FROM POWYS COUNTY COUNCIL – ELECTRIC VEHICLE CHARGING POINTS**

Submitted **C(B)** a letter received from Powys County Council concerning Electric Vehicle charging points.

**THIS information was taken as received and noted.**

**370/19 DRAFT CCTV POLICY**

Submitted **C(C)** a draft CCTV policy. This was discussed and it was

**RESOLVED**

**THAT the policy be approved as drafted.**

**371/19 LETTER RECEIVED FROM BLACKROCK – CHARITY OF G T HARLEY THOMAS**

This document had been previously circulated by email. The Town Clerk explained this agenda item to the best of her ability. Members discussed this agenda item in detail and following discussion it was

**RESOLVED**

**THAT external financial advice be sought and that a report be brought back for further consideration.**

**372/18 EMAILS RECEIVED FROM POWYS WI & CALAN DVS – WHITE RIBBON CAMPAIGN**

Submitted **C(D)** emails received from Powys WI and Calan DVS concerning the white ribbon campaign. Members discussed this item in

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detail and it was

**RESOLVED**

**THAT all Members be involved with this campaign and that a Photo opportunity be approved.**

**373/19 AUDITOR GENERAL FOR WALES'S AUDIT CERTIFICATE AND REPORT**

Submitted **C(E)** the Auditor General for Wales Audit Certificate and Report copies of which had been previously circulated.

**RESOLVED**

**THAT this document be received and the content noted and that thanks be given to the Town Clerk and the team responsible for preparing the report, and to request clarification from the Auditors about a recommended level of reserves.**

**374/19 REPORT – INDEPENDENT REVIEW PANEL – DRAFT ANNUAL REPORT**

Submitted **C(F)** a report prepared by the Town Clerk concerning the IRP payments for Members.

**THIS information was taken as received and its contents noted.**

**375/19 EMAIL RECEIVED FROM POWYS COUNTY COUNCIL – BUDGET POSITION**

Submitted **C(H)** an email received from Powys County Council concerning the budget position.

**THIS information was taken as received and its contents noted.**

**376/19 EMAIL RECEIVED FROM POWYS COUNTY COUNCIL – Y GAER**

Submitted **C(I)** an email received from Powys County Council concerning Y Gaer.

**THIS information was taken as received and its contents noted.**

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### **377/19 PR OPPORTUNITIES ARISING FROM THE MEETING**

The White Ribbon Campaign/Brecon 20:20/ Audit Report/ VE Day as an advance notice/ Goldfish Press Release/ Letter to Powys County Council.

### **378/19 ANY OTHER BUSINESS**

Councillor Dorrance informed Members that he had written to Powys County Council concerning the closure of the library and urged that this Council also puts pressure on the Unitary Authority to revoke the decision to close the library.

### **379/19 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.**