

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

420/19 PRESENT

Councillor A Mathias (Mayor in the Chair)
Councillor C Walsh
Councillor M Dorrance
Councillor J Powell
Councillor D Meredith
Councillor R Thomas
Councillor E Trailor
Councillor I Williams
Councillor M Matthews
Councillor G Ham
Councillor M Perry
Councillor A M C Weale

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

Not in Attendance: Councillor S Morgans

421/19 APOLOGIES

Apologies were received from Councillors Rijnenberg and Davies.

422/19 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no declarations of interest.

423/19 MAYOR'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Mayor had previously circulated a list of her engagements by email for Members which were received and noted. The Mayor also informed Members about her coffee mornings and Santa's Grotto that were coming up this week, and her Gymanfa on Sunday evening which would be in Welsh and to which all are welcome.

SECTION A

424/19 MINUTES

The Minutes of the meeting of the Council held on 28 October 2019 (Pages 98 to 103) (copies of which had been previously circulated)

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425/19 ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

ENVIRONMENT AND EVENTS COMMITTEE – 1 OCTOBER 2019 (MINUTE NO. 364/19)

The Chair of the Environment and Events Committee requested that an agenda item was added to the next Environment and Events Committee agenda for a debrief following the recent remembrance parade.

Subject to the foregoing

IT WAS RESOLVED

THAT the Minutes of the Town Council meeting held on 28 October 2019 be taken as read, approved as a true record, and signed.

426/19 PLANNING, GUILDHALL AND STAFFING COMMITTEE – 4 NOVEMBER 2019

The Minutes of the Planning, Guildhall and Staffing Committee held on 4 November 2019 (pages 106 - 108) (copies of which had been previously circulated)

IT WAS RESOLVED

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

427/19 FINANCE AND COMMISSIONING OF CONTRACTS COMMITTEE – 4 NOVEMBER 2019

The Minutes of the Finance and Commissioning of Contracts Committee held on 4 November 2019 (Pages 110 – 111) (copies of which had been previously circulated)

IT WAS RESOLVED

THAT the Minutes of the Finance and Commissioning of Contracts Committee held on 4 November 2019 be taken as read, approved as a true record, and signed.

428/19 BRECON TOWN COUNCIL ANNUAL REPORT 2018/19

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Due to the size of the document, the document had been previously circulated by email. The Mayor thanked the Town Clerk for the work she had put into producing this report for Members. Members discussed this item and it was

RESOLVED

THAT the report be approved and adopted as drafted.

429/19 ENVIRONMENT WALES ACT 2016 – PART 1, SECTION 6

Due to the size of the document, the document had been previously circulated by email. This item was discussed and it was

RESOLVED

THAT the report be approved and adopted as drafted.

430/19 LETTER RECEIVED FROM POWYS COUNTY COUNCIL – STREET NAMING AND NUMBERING

Submitted **C(A)** a letter received from Powys County Council concerning street naming and numbering. Members were informed that Powys County Council had adopted a policy that meant that new street names / numbers had to be in Welsh as well. Members discussed this agenda item and it was

RESOLVED

THAT a letter be sent to Powys County Council to ask them to re-send proposals that comply with their policy in this regard

431/19 LETTER RECEIVED FROM POWYS COUNTY COUNCIL – COUNTRYSIDE ACCESS

Submitted **C(B)** a letter received from Powys County Council concerning countryside access. Members queried whether this Council would be eligible as the planning authority for the town was the National Park Authority and asked whether this position should be checked. Councillor Ham agreed to liaise with Powys about this and after discussion it was

RESOLVED

THAT Councillor Ham contacts Powys and that then this be delegated to the Environment an Events Committee for further consideration.

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432/18 EMAIL RECEIVED FROM POWYS COUNTY COUNCIL – POWYS SCHOOLS VISION 2019 – TOWN AND COMMUNITY COUNCILS ENGAGEMENT

Submitted **C(E)** an email received from Powys County Council concerning Powys Schools Vision 2019 – Town and Community Councils Engagement. Members noted that both of the dates on offer were being held in County Hall and that not everyone was able to travel to County Hall, so it was suggested that this Council writes to the Unitary Authority and requests that a video link is set up from County Hall to Neuadd Brycheiniog.

RESOLVED

THAT a letter be sent to Powys County Council asking them to set up a video link to Neuadd Brycheiniog from County Hall for interested parties to attend who are unable to travel to County Hall and that those Councillors wishing to attend to let the Town Clerk know.

433/19 EMAIL FROM POWYS COUNTY COUNCIL – THE RURAL DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMME IN POWYS

Submitted **C(F)** an email received from Powys County Council concerning the Rural Development Programme in Powys. Members discussed this item and it was

RESOLVED

THAT a response be sent to Powys County Council requesting the articles which are relevant to our area.

434/19 PR OPPORTUNITIES ARISING FROM THE MEETING

The White Ribbon Campaign.

435/19 ANY OTHER BUSINESS

There were no items.

436/19 EXCLUSION OF THE PUBLIC AND PRESS

SECTION B

RESOLVED

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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.