

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

665/18 PRESENT

Councillor E Trailor (Mayor in the Chair)
Councillor C T Walsh
Councillor M Dorrance
Councillor A M C Weale
Councillor A Mathias
Councillor J Powell
Councillor L Rijnenberg
Councillor R Thomas
Councillor G Ham
Councillor I Williams
Councillor M Matthews
Councillor S Morgans
Councillor T Davies
Councillor M Perry

In Attendance: Fiona Williams (Town Clerk)
Rhys Ridge (Administrative Officer)
Arianne Brumwell (Brecon and Radnor Express)
Inspector Gwyndaf Bowen (Dyfed Powys Police)
Sergeant Lucy Basset (Dyfed Powys Police)
Councillor Rosemarie Harris (Public Services Board)

666/18 DYFED POWYS POLICE

The Mayor welcomed Inspector Gwyndaf Bowen and Sergeant Lucy Basset to the meeting and invited them to give their presentation. Inspector Bowen thanked the Mayor for the welcome and introduced Sergeant Lucy Basset as the new Neighbourhood Police Sergeant for Brecon. Following from the introductions, Inspector Bowen informed Members of the recent crime rates for Brecon. Afterwards, Members had the opportunity to ask questions which Inspector Bowen and Sergeant Basset answered. After they had finished their presentation, the Mayor thanked them for their time and they left the chamber.

667/18 PUBLIC SERVICE BOARD

The Mayor welcomed Councillor Rosemarie Harris, Chair of the Public Service Board to the meeting and invited her to give her talk about the Public Service Board (hereafter PSB). Councillor Harris explained the

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history of the PSB and how it had become to exist. After Councillor Harris had given her explanation of the PSB, the Mayor asked Members if they had any questions. Members asked questions and suggested ways in which the PSB could expand to which Councillor Harris answered their questions and noted their suggestions. The Mayor thanked Councillor Harris for attending and she left the chamber.

668/18 APOLOGIES

Apologies were received from Councillor D Meredith.

669/18 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Councillor Weale declared an interest in agenda items 23 and 28 of the confidential pages and Councillor Dorrance declared an interest in agenda item 14C point ii of the addendum and agenda item 28 on the confidential pages.

670/18 MAYOR'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Mayor circulated a list of appointments he had attended since the last meeting. This information was received.

671/18 TOWN CLERK'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

There were no announcements from the Town Clerk.

SECTION A

672/18 MINUTES

The Minutes of the meeting of the Council held on 26 November 2018 (Pages 148 to 153) (copies of which had been previously circulated)

673/18 ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

LETTER FROM ABERMULE AND LLANDYSSIL COMMUNITY COUNCIL (MINUTE NO. 584/18)

Councillor Rijnenberg enquired whether any further had happened in this regard. The Town Clerk confirmed that a response had been received from the Clerk to Abermule and Llandyssil Community Council and had been circulated to Members but no further action had been taken. Members requested that the Town Clerk follow up and see if this is still relevant.

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BRECON HERITAGE AND CULTURAL NETWORK – ARWAIN APPLICATION UPDATE

Councillor Walsh informed Members that there is a meeting scheduled for Thursday 31st January which he will be attending.

Subject to the foregoing

IT WAS RESOLVED

THAT the Minutes of the meeting of the Council held on 26 November 2018 be taken as read, approved as a true record and signed.

674/18 STAFF AND EMPLOYMENT COMMITTEE – 19 DECEMBER 2018

The Minutes of the Staff and Employment Committee held on 19 December 2018 (pages 156 – 157) (copies of which had been previously circulated)

IT WAS RESOLVED

THAT the Minutes of the Staff and Employment Committee held on 19 December 2018 be taken as read, approved as a true record, and signed.

675/18 PLANNING COMMITTEE – 7 JANUARY 2019

The Minutes of the Planning Committee held on 7 January 2019 (pages 160 - 163) (copies of which had been previously circulated)

IT WAS RESOLVED

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

676/18 ENVIRONMENTAL COMMITTEE – 7 JANUARY 2019

The Minutes of the Fishing Committee held on 7 January 2019 (Pages 166 – 169) (copies of which had been previously circulated)

IT WAS RESOLVED

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THAT the Minutes of the Finance Committee held on 5 November 2018 be taken as read, approved as a true record, and signed.

677/18 APPOINTMENT OF REPRESENTATIVE TO YSGOL Y BANNAU BOARD OF GOVERNORS

Councillor Davies informed Members that he had recently been made a governor at the High School and that he was happy to also be appointed to Ysgol y Bannau Board of Governors. It was

RESOLVED UNANIMOUSLY

THAT Councillor Davies be appointed to the Ysgol y Bannau Board of Governors.

678/18 APPOINTMENT OF NEW MEMBERS TO COMMITTEES

The Mayor explained that all the Committees needed at least five Members on them as per their terms of reference, and that all Committees are currently at that rate except the Staff and Employment Appeals Committee. Councillor Perry informed Members that he would like to be appointed to the Environmental Committee and the Finance Committee. Councillor Davies informed Members that he would like to be appointed to the Environmental Committee and that he is prepared to sit on the Staff and Employment Appeals Committee. It was

RESOLVED UNANIMOUSLY

THAT Councillor Perry be appointed to the Environmental Committee and the Finance Committee and that Councillor Davies be appointed to the Environmental Committee and the Staff and Employment Appeals Committee.

679/18 REPORT – TREE WORKS

Submitted **C(A)** a report prepared by the Town Clerk on the tree works. Councillor Walsh explained this agenda item for the benefit of Members and suggested that the virement of the needed funds comes from nominal code 7106. After discussion it was

RESOLVED UNANIMOUSLY

THAT the funds required be moved from nominal code 7106 for the recommended tree works and that the works proceed.

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680/18 REPORT – DHAMPUS / BRECON TWINNING

Submitted **C(B)** a report prepared by the Town Clerk concerning the upcoming visit to Dhampus. After discussion it was

RESOLVED UNANIMOUSLY

THAT the Mayor be approved to take the working Mayoral Chain on the Nepal Visit, that Councillors Walsh, Dorrance and Ham be appointed as lead for any issues arising with the Guildhall, toilets parks and green spaces and other assets, Visit Brecon and other matters during this time (including out of office hours) and that powers be delegated to the Twinning Working Group to arrange the Twinning Celebrations in Brecon on 9th June within allocated budgets.

681/18 FUTURE ROLE OF THE COMMUNITY AND TOWN COUNCIL SECTOR IN WALES

Submitted **C(C)** the Welsh Government update dated December 2018 and the Welsh Government Cabinet statement dated November 2018. This item was discussed in detail.

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

682/18 BRECON WITH BELLS ON 2019 WORKING GROUP

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

RESOLVED UNANIMOUSLY

THAT Councillors Mathias, Matthews, Trailor, Weale, Morgans, Powell and Rijnenberg be appointed to the Working Group and that powers be delegated to them to work within its budget and report as and when necessary to the Environmental Committee.

683/18 NOTICE OF MOTION

Submitted **C(D)** a notice of motion in the names of Councillor Thomas and Dorrance concerning affordable housing. Councillor Thomas explained this agenda item for the benefit of Members. This item was discussed in detail. Councillor Weale proposed an amendment to the motions and after discussion it was

RESOLVED UNANIMOUSLY

THAT the proposals in the Notice of Motion be agreed with the amendment to point three of the Notice of Motion to read ‘promote with Registered Social Landlords, the County Council and the National Park Authority innovative solutions such as “modular homes” and “community land trusts” as a low cost, affordable and alternative solution to help meet local housing need;’

684/18 MEMBER’S REPORT – COUNCILLOR MORGANS

Councillor Morgans informed Members that a new Director had been appointed to Theatr Brycheiniog and gave a brief verbal outline of the new director’s history and brief details about a recent meeting of the Board.

THIS information was taken as received and noted.

685/18 MEMBER’S REPORT – COUNCILLOR THOMAS

Councillor Thomas gave a verbal update on the Brecon 20/20 group following his attendance at their meeting last week and that the results should be published within a month. This item was discussed in detail and during discussion it was suggested that the Town Council host an evening for the results to be discussed. After further consideration it was

RESOLVED

THAT the Town Council host an evening for the results to be made public using one of the Mayor’s free uses of the Guildhall and the details be discussed closer to the time.

686/18 MEMBER’S REPORT – COUNCILLOR POWELL

Councillor Powell gave a verbal update report on progress with the youth representation project that the Council is currently looking at. Councillor Powell informed Members that he has sent the Town Clerk some papers relating to this agenda item which should be on the agenda for next months Council meeting. Councillor Powell also informed Members of the request that had come from Powys County Council to shadow this project with a view of using the process for a ‘best practice’ example for other Councils. After discussion it was

RESOLVED

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THAT Powys County Council be informed that they are welcome to shadow our progress for the youth representation.

687/18 BANK RECONCILIATION AND BUDGET V ACTUAL

Submitted **C(E)** bank reconciliation and budget v actual dates 30 November and 31 December 2018.

THIS information was taken as received and noted.

688/18 FINAL BUDGET/PRECEPT 2019/20

Submitted **C(F)** the final budget/precept for 2019/20. Members queried as to whether any vote was needed on this agenda item. The Town Clerk confirmed that it was for information purposes and moving the budget/precept into the public domain as it had been approved by vote at the last meeting.

THIS information was taken as received and noted.

689/18 COMMUNICATION FROM WALES AUDIT OFFICE

Submitted **C(N)** communication received from the Wales Audit Office. Members asked what could be learned from this report. After discussion it was

RESOLVED

THAT this matter be deferred to the Finance Committee.

690/18 LETTER FROM BRECON WOMEN'S FESTIVAL

Submitted **C(O)** a letter received from Brecon Women's Festival concerning the purchase of a flag. It was noted by Members that there could be other requests of this nature. This item was discussed in detail and after discussion it was

RESOLVED

THAT an agreed budget of £150 be approved for the purchase of a suitable flag.

691/18 LETTER FROM ROYAL BRITISH LEGION POPPY APPEAL

Submitted **C(P)** a letter from the Royal British Legion Poppy Appeal informing Members of the amount raised locally for the Royal British

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Legion.

THIS information was taken as received and noted.

692/18 PR OPPORTUNITIES ARISING FROM THE MEETING

The Housing Motion, Brecon 20/20 event and the new Members.

693/18 ANY OTHER BUSINESS

Councillor Morgans explained that Neil Morrissey would like to pass on his thanks to Brecon Town Council and Brecon Chamber of Trade and Tourism for an excellent day at Brecon With Bells On.

694/18 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.