

BRECON TOWN COUNCIL

MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE FINANCE COMMITTEE OF BRECON TOWN COUNCIL HELD IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBER, THE GUILDHALL, BRECON ON MONDAY 7 FEBRUARY 2019 AT 7.00 P.M.

725/18 PRESENT

Councillor A Weale
Councillor C Walsh
Councillor I Williams
Councillor R Thomas
Councillor S Morgans
Councillor M Dorrance
Councillor M Perry

In Attendance:- Mrs. Fiona Williams (Town Clerk).
Mr Rhys Ridge (Administrative Officer)
Mrs Alison Meacham (Visitor Experience Manager)

726/18 APOLOGIES

Apologies were received from Councillors D Meredith and E Trailor

727/18 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Councillor Thomas declared an interest in the application from the Watton Allotment Society.

728/18 MINUTES

The Minutes of the Meeting of the Finance Committee held on 1 October 2018 (Pages 119 to 124) were taken as read, approved as a true record and signed.

729/18 LETTER OF THANKS

The Chair informed Members that at the last meeting of the Committee it was decided to not include the letters of thanks in the documents within the agenda pack, but they were tabled instead. The Chair circulated the letters received for Members to look at.

THIS information was received and noted.

730/18 VISIT BRECON

Submitted **F(A)**, an overview presentation and update report prepared by Mrs Alison Meacham, Visitor Experience Manager, **F(B)** Social Media insights reports from October 2018 – January 2019 prepared by Mrs Phoebe Davies,

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Visitor Assistant and Community Outreach Officer, **F(C)** Town Guide report prepared by the Town Clerk dated 25th January 2019, **F(D)** Income and Expenditure on sales at Visit Brecon. Mrs Meacham gave an overview presentation of the documents at attachment **F(A)** for the benefit of Members. After Mrs Meacham had given her presentation Members were given the opportunity to ask her some questions which she answered. Data was requested from Mrs Meacham about the nationalities of visitors attending Visit Brecon with a comparison post Brexit. The Town Clerk informed Members that as per item V of this agenda item that a sum of £100 had been received from both Yscir Community Council and Felinfach Community Council. After discussion it was

RESOLVED

THAT a working group be set up to look at the strategic plan for the Town Guide and to include experts from the tourism industry.

SECTION A – FINANCIAL MATTERS

731/18 APPLICATIONS FOR FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE

Submitted - Schedule of applications received for financial assistance (copies of which had been previously circulated - **Appendix F(E)**).

Having considered the financial aspects and other details of all the applications received it was –

RESOLVED

THAT the undermentioned applications for financial assistance F(F) be dealt with as follows:

WATTON ALLOTMENT SOCIETY

As Councillor Thomas declared an interest in this application, he left the chamber and took no part in discussions.

IT WAS RESOLVED THAT

A Grant of £1,000 be awarded to the Watton Allotment Society.

Councillor Thomas returned to the chamber.

BRECON TENNIS CLUB

RESOLVED

THAT a grant of £1,000 be awarded to Brecon Tennis Club.

SHEER HEIGHT PRODUCTIONS

RESOLVED

THAT members did not feel able to support this application at present.

BRECON ADVICE CENTRE

RESOLVED

THAT a grant of £5,000 be awarded to Brecon Advice Centre being paid in the 2019/20 budget.

BRECON JAZZ CLUB

RESOLVED

THAT the Town Clerk reverts to the applicant to request further detail about the finances and that it be re-presented to Council for consideration.

732/18 STATEMENTS OF ACCOUNTS PAID – SEPTEMBER, OCTOBER, NOVEMBER AND DECEMBER 2018

Submitted **F(G)** statements of accounts paid for September, October, November and December 2018.

THIS information was taken as received and noted.

733/18 PR AND PRESS OPPORTUNITIES

Grants awarded and Visit Brecon development. Members asked the Town Clerk to obtain a quote from one of the applicants to be included.

734/18 COMMUNICATION FROM WALES AUDIT OFFICE – REFERRED FROM FULL COUNCIL 28 JANUARY 2019.

The Chair explained this agenda item for the benefit of Members.

RESOLVED

THAT a report be prepared by Councillor Walsh for presentation to the Council at its February 2019 meeting and that the work be divided between the Finance Committee and the Staff and Employment Committee.

735/18 ANY OTHER BUSINESS

There were no items.

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736/18 EXCLUSION OF THE PUBLIC AND PRESS

It was recommended that for the purposes of this section the Committee pass the following Resolution:-

THAT in view of the confidential nature of the business about to be transacted whereby matters of either a sensitive nature or of a possible personal nature might be discussed in relation to the finances or staff of the Council, it was advisable in the public interest, that the public and press be temporarily excluded and they were instructed to withdraw from the meeting.