

BRECON TOWN COUNCIL

MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE PLANNING, GUILDHALL AND STAFFING COMMITTEE OF BRECON TOWN COUNCIL HELD REMOTELY VIA GOTOMEETING ON MONDAY 5 OCTOBER 2020 AT 6.00 P.M.

139/20 PRESENT

Councillor D Meredith
Councillor J Powell
Councillor R Thomas (in the Chair)
Councillor C Walsh
Councillor A Mathias
Councillor I Williams
Councillor G Ham

In attendance: Mrs. Fiona Williams (Town Clerk)
Mr Rhys Ridge-Evans (Administrative Officer)

All persons noted above were present by video link.

140/20 APOLOGIES

Apologies were received from Councillors Rijnenberg and Morgans.

141/20 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no declarations.

142/20 MINUTES – PLANNING, GUILDHALL AND STAFFING COMMITTEE

The Minutes of the Meeting of the Planning, Guildhall and Staffing Committee held on 2 March 2020 (Pages 174 - 176) (copies of which had been previously circulated)

RESOLVED

THAT the Minutes of the Planning, Guildhall and Staffing Committee held on 2 March 2020 be taken as read, approved as a true record, and signed.

143/20 PLANNING APPLICATIONS

The Chair asked for clarification from the Town Clerk about the position with regards to planning applications received. The Town Clerk confirmed that Brecon Beacons National Park Authority had been contacted prior to the meeting to ask what their position was and

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confirmed that no planning applications or decisions were able to be consulted on as they could not be actioned by the National Park Authority, due to cyber issues they were experiencing at present.

THIS information was taken as received and noted.

144/20 ARRANGEMENTS FOR CELLAR CLEARANCE

The Town Clerk explained that the cellar was overdue a clear out and she had not successfully secured a contractor that was able to come and complete the work. The Town Clerk suggested looking into options for a skip to dispose of the items that are no longer needed, or are no longer fit for purpose. It was suggested that some of the Christmas lights be offered to the repair café to see if they can be repaired. It was suggested that a clearance day is arranged whereby Councillors and staff can assist with the task.

RESOLVED

THAT the Town Clerk establishes the cost of a large skip and liaises with the Chair and Vice-Chair in this regard, and that the proposal to clear the cellar be approved.

145/20 REVIEW OF CAPABILITY POLICY

Submitted **P(C)** capability policy for review. Members discussed this agenda item in detail. During discussions it was questioned whether the policy should be presented to recognised trade unions and staff as part of a consultation process, and whether One Voice Wales should be approached in this respect for advice. Members noted that the consultation process may well apply to all other employment related policies. After discussion it was

RESOLVED

THAT the Town Clerk seeks advice from One Voice Wales about the consultation process that needs to be undertaken in regard to employment policies and that the Town Clerk makes enquiries with members of staff about any trade union memberships that may apply and that this information be reported to the next meeting of the Planning, Guildhall and Staffing Committee.

146/20 PRECEPT

The Chair asked if there were any items for inclusion in the precept. Councillor Ham informed Members that there was a possible merging of

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schools and suggested that in the future, this Council looks at securing a green space with a view of the Beacons, though this was not a precept request at this stage. There were therefore no items for inclusion in the precept.

THIS information was taken as received and noted.

147/20 PR OPPORTUNITIES ARISING FROM THE MEETING

There were no items.

148/20 ANY OTHER BUSINESS

The Town Clerk informed Members that there had been a leak on the front of the Guildhall and informed Members that the surveyor had been contacted and information was awaited about what was required to resolve this issue.

149/20 EXCLUSION OF PUBLIC AND PRESS

RESOLVED

THAT in view of the confidential nature of the business about to be transacted whereby matters of a sensitive nature were to be discussed 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.