

**MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE BRECON TOWN COUNCIL HELD
REMOTELY VIA GOTOMEETING ON MONDAY 28 SEPTEMBER 2020 AT 7.00
P.M.**

109/20 PRESENT

Councillor C Walsh (Mayor in the Chair)
Councillor J Powell
Councillor R Thomas
Councillor M Matthews
Councillor A Mathias (left at 8:47)
Councillor I Williams
Councillor T Davies
Councillor L Rijnbergen
Councillor S Morgans
Councillor M Perry
Councillor D Meredith
Councillor A M C Weale

In Attendance: Fiona Williams (Town Clerk)
Rhys Ridge-Evans (Administrative Officer)
Jo Lancey (Powys County Council) (left at
7:55pm)

All persons noted above were present by video link with the exception of Councillor Morgans who was present by phone link.

110/20 APOLOGIES

Apologies were received from Councillors Dorrance and Ham.

111/20 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Councillor Matthews declared in agenda item 11. Councillor Morgans declared an interest in agenda item 14. Councillor Weale declared an interest in agenda item 16.

112/20 ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Mayor thanked Members for their support following the passing of his mother and updated Members on events that he had attended including a socially distanced small reception for the Ambassador of Nepal.

SECTION A

113/20 MINUTES

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The Minutes of the meeting of the Council held on 27 July 2020 (Pages 28 to 35) (copies of which had been previously circulated)

IT WAS RESOLVED

THAT the Minutes of the Town Council meeting held on 27 July 2020 be taken as read, approved as a true record, and signed.

114/20 CAPTAIN PHILLIPS PLAQUE

Submitted **C(A)(i)** summary of consultation and **C(A)(ii)** report of the working group. The Mayor gave an overview of this agenda item for the benefit of Members and opened the meeting for comments. Members discussed this item in detail and following discussion it was

RESOLVED

- 1) WITH 11 votes in favour and 1 vote against that the existing plaque is not reinstated in its original location.**
- 2) RESOLVED unanimously that the plaque be donated in its current form to Y Gaer and to request that it is displayed as part of a suitable exhibit detailing the wider context, without being restored.**
- 3) RESOLVED unanimously that a working group is established to consider whether a new plaque, new work of art, or loaned artwork should be commissioned, and where any new piece should be located, with any new piece focussing on the victims of slavery.**

115/20 TOWN CENTRE GRANTS AND EMERGENCY ROAD CLOSURE

As agenda item 14 was connected, the Mayor took these agenda items at the same time. As Councillor Morgans declared an interest in this agenda item, he left the meeting, and did not take part in discussions.

Submitted **C(B)** Powys County Council press release concerning town centre grant scheme and **C(I)** emergency road closure notice. At this point, the Mayor handed over to Jo Lancey to explain this agenda item. Ms Lancey explained this agenda item in detail for the benefit of Members and provided an outline of the road closure options that Powys County Council is considering. Ms Lancey then gave an overview of the Town Grant Scheme. Members had an opportunity to ask questions which Ms Lancey answered. After discussion it was

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RESOLVED

UNANIMOUSLY that the Town Council would support this application, and apply for the grant funding on behalf of the town, and set up a working group to make the necessary arrangements.

The Mayor thanked Ms Lancey for her time this evening and Ms Lancey left the meeting and did not return.

116/20 PLANNING APPLICATIONS

- (a) Submitted – Schedule of Planning Applications received from Brecon Beacons National Park Authority (copies of which had been previously circulated - **C(C)**).
- (b) Submitted – Schedule of Decisions of the Brecon Beacons National Park Authority (copies of which were circulated at the meeting – **C(D)**).

The Council considered the additional applications received as shown on the schedule.

RESOLVED

- (a) **THAT the Council has no observations in relation to the planning applications contained in the attached C(C) schedule application no's. 4330 to 4335.**
- (b) **THAT the schedule contained in the attached C(D) be received and noted.**

117/20 DRAFT WELLBEING REPORT

Submitted **C(E)** draft Wellbeing Report. The Mayor explained this agenda item for the benefit of Members and thanked everyone who had been involved in the preparation of the report. The Mayor suggested that any further comments be forwarded to the Town Clerk ahead of the next meeting of the Council when the Report would be approved.

THIS information was taken as received and noted.

118/20 APPLICATIONS FOR FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE

As Councillor Matthews declared an interest in the first part of this agenda item, she left the meeting and took no part in discussions.

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

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Having considered the financial aspects and other details of all the applications received at attachment **C(F)(i)** it was –

RESOLVED

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

BRECON VOLUNTEER BUREAU

RESOLVED UNANIMOUSLY

THAT a grant of £1,500 be awarded to Brecon Volunteer Bureau.

Councillor Matthews returned to the meeting at this point.

BRECKNOCK FARMERS MARKET

RESOLVED UNANIMOUSLY

THAT a grant of £1,000 be awarded to Brecon Farmers Market.

119/20 STANDING ORDERS REVIEW

Submitted **C(G)(i)** standing orders review report and **C(G)(ii)** draft standing orders for consideration. Councillor Thomas explained this agenda item for the benefit of Members . Members discussed this agenda item in detail and after discussion it was

RESOLVED UNANIMOUSLY

THAT the draft standing orders be approved as drafted.

At this point, the Town Clerk suggested that a remote meeting be organised for Councillors and staff members to talk through the new standing orders. Members agreed and the Town Clerk confirmed she would arrange this.

120/20 RISK ASSESSMENTS

Submitted **C(H)(i)** risk assessment for Llanfaes park, **C(H)(ii)** risk assessment for Llanfaes park surfacing repairs, **C(H)(iii)** risk assessment for Llanfaes park boundary wall and **C(H)(iv)** risk assessment Camden road park. The Town Clerk explained the risk assessments for the benefit

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of Members. Members discussed these in detail and following discussion it was

RESOLVED UNANIMOUSLY

THAT this information be taken as received and noted.

121/20 TO DISCUSS THE ARRANGEMENTS FOR THE RECOMMENCEMENT OF COMMITTEE MEETINGS

Councillor Rijnenberg proposed that the Committee meetings are resumed on a remote basis and the Chairs of the Environment and Events and Finance and Commissioning of Contracts Committees agreed. The Town Clerk was also of the opinion that this was appropriate.

RESOLVED UNANIMOUSLY

THAT the Committee meetings resume from October.

122/20 LETTER FROM POWYS COUNTY COUNCIL – BRECON MARKET HALL

As Councillor Weale declared an interest in this agenda item, he left the meeting and took no part in discussions.

Submitted **C(J)** a letter received from Powys County Council concerning the Market hall. The Mayor explained that he, Councillor Perry, and the Town Clerk had a meeting with the new purchaser of the Market Hall which had been very productive. Members discussed this agenda item in detail and it was

RESOLVED UNANIMOUSLY

THAT this information be taken as received and noted.

Councillor Weale returned to the meeting at this point.

123/20 REPORT – GWENNIES LANE ACCESS TO FISHING RIGHTS

Submitted **C(K)** a report concerning the access to the fishing rights at Gwennies lane. The Town Clerk explained this agenda item for the benefit of Members, and provided Members with a brief history to this agenda item. Following discussion, it was

RESOLVED UNANIMOUSLY

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THAT the detail provided in the report be approved.

124/20 REPORT OF WORKING GROUP – RATS AND PIGEONS

Submitted **C(L)** a report of the combined working group for rats and pigeons. The Town Clerk explained the report in detail. Members discussed the points noted and following discussion it was

RESOLVED UNANIMOUSLY

THAT the actions detailed in the report for both rats and pigeons be approved.

125/20 EMAIL FROM ONE VOICE WALES – SECTION 137 FUNDING

Submitted **C(M)** email received from One Voice Wales concerning section 137 funding limitations. The Mayor and Town Clerk explained this agenda item for the benefit of members. Members noted their disappointment that nothing can be done in this regard at present.

THIS information was taken as received and noted.

126/20 REPORT – BRECON WITH BELLS ON

Submitted **C(N)** a report concerning Brecon With Bells On 2020. The Mayor and Town Clerk explained this agenda item for the benefit of Members. After discussion it was

RESOLVED UNANIMOUSLY

THAT the actions in the report be approved and that the working group be the existing Brecon With Bells On working group.

127/20 REPORT – REMEMBRANCE SUNDAY

Submitted **C(O)** a report concerning Remembrance Sunday. The Mayor and Town Clerk explained this agenda item for the benefit of Members. Members discussed this agenda item in detail and after discussion it was

RESOLVED

THAT details within the report be accepted and approved.

128/20 BUDGET V ACTUAL AND BANK RECONCILIATIONS

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Submitted **C(P)(i)** Budget v Actual July 2020, **C(P)(ii)** Bank reconciliation July 2020, **C(P)(iii)** Budget v Actual August 2020 and **C(P)(iv)** Bank reconciliation August 2020. Members discussed this item in detail and it was

RESOLVED UNANIMOUSLY

THAT this information be taken as received and noted.

129/20 LIST OF DECISIONS TAKEN UNDER DELEGATED POWERS

Submitted **C(Q)** a list of decisions taken under delegated powers.

THIS information was taken as received and noted.

130/20 PR OPPORTUNITIES ARISING FROM THE MEETING

The grant aid awarded / the Captain Phillips plaque / Town Grant Scheme / Brecon With Bells On / Remembrance Sunday / Wellbeing Report

131/20 ANY OTHER BUSINESS

There were no items.

132/20 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.