## BRECON TOWN COUNCIL

**MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE OF BRECON TOWN COUNCIL HELD REMOTELY VIA GOTOMEETING ON TUESDAY 6 OCTOBER 2020 AT 6.00 P.M.**

**169/20 PRESENT**

Councillor R Thomas
Councillor I Williams
Councillor M Matthews
Councillor T Davies
Councillor A M C Weale
Councillor M Dorrance
Councillor S Morgans

**In Attendance:** Fiona Williams (Town Clerk)
Rhys Ridge-Evans (Administrative Officer)
Malcolm Rich (Co-opted Member)(left 8:09)
Jemma Bere (Co-opted Member)(arrived 7:00pm)(left 8:09)

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

**170/20 APOLOGIES**

Apologies were received from Councillors Ham, Perry, Rijnenberg and Weale. Apologies were also received from Mr K Savage, Water Bailiff and Ms C Pape, Co-opted Member.

**171/20 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

There were no declarations.

**172/20 MINUTES ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE**

The Minutes of the Meeting of the Environment Committee held on 7 January 2020 (Pages 133 – 139) (copies of which had been previously circulated)

**RESOLVED**

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

**173/20 REPORT – FISHING RULES AND REGULATIONS AND WEBSITE INFORMATION**

Submitted **E(A)** a report concerning the fishing rules and regulations and website information. Members suggested that as the water bailiffs were not in attendance this evening, that a meeting be arranged with them to discuss this outside of the meeting.

**RESOLVED**

**THAT a meeting be arranged with the water bailiffs outside of the meeting to discuss this matter.**

**174/20 RISK ASSESSMENTS FOR REVIEW / UPDATES ALONG THE BEAT / WATERBAILIFF REPORT**

At this point, it was noted that as the water bailiffs were not in attendance that agenda items 6(a), 6(b), 6(c), 7 and 8 be deferred to a possible additional meeting in November 2020.

**RESOLVED**

**THAT these matters be deferred to a future meeting and the Town Clerk to arrange a meeting of this Committee for November 2020.**

**175/20 LLANFAES PARK REPORT**

Submitted **E(F)** a report concerning Llanfaes Park. Members discussed this agenda item in detail and after discussion it was

**RESOLVED**

1. **THAT the tree adjacent to the boundary wall by Christ College be removed.**
2. **THAT this information be taken as received and noted.**
3. **THAT quotes be obtained for restoration works of the plaque.**
4. **WITH 4 votes in favour of replacement and 3 votes against replacement, that a replacement hand sanitiser dispenser be purchased again and that options be looked at for a more robust solution.**
5. **THIS information was taken as received and noted.**

**176/20 THE BIODIVERSITY AND RESILIENCE OF ECOSYSTEMS DUTY ACTION PLAN 2020**

Submitted **E(G)** a report concerning the Biodiversity and Resilience of Ecosystems Duty Action Plan 2020. Members discussed this agenda item in detail and following discussion it was

**RESOLVED**

**THAT the working group reconvene to finalise the report for publication and provide recommendations for any implementation as appropriate.**

**177/20 DONATED PICNIC BENCHES**

Councillor Morgans explained that he had received an offer from PAR homes for a donation of 3 wooden picnic benches to Brecon Town Council for placement in the town centre, one of which has disabled access and that a second business that he has spoken to today is considering a further 2 that will be the same design. This was discussed in general and it was suggested that this was referred to the working group looking at the town centre grants scheme. Members noted that it was necessary to agree whether to formally accept the benches and after consideration it was

**RESOLVED**

**THAT the benches be gratefully received.**

**178/20 REPORT – PROJECTS TO BE UNDERTAKEN**

Submitted **E(H)** report concerning projects to be undertaken. Members discussed this agenda item in detail and following discussion it was

**RESOLVED**

1. **THAT £6,000 be spent on bus shelters at Bryn de Winton and Pendre Gardens/Beechgrove with assistance from Councillor Dorrance.**
2. **THAT delegated powers be given to the Town Clerk with assistance from Councillor Thomas for £1,000 to be approved for spending on seeds / pollinators for schools.**
3. **TO delay this project until spring 2021 and to provide that the budget of £8,000 is an earmarked reserve as at 31/3/2021.**
4. **THAT this item be referred to the town grants scheme working group and that the budget of £5,000 be reallocated for this purpose.**
5. **THAT the Town Clerk does some further research in this regard and that it be brought back to a future meeting of the Committee.**
6. **THAT £3,000 be carried forward into the next financial year as an earmarked reserve.**
7. **THAT delegated powers be given to the Town Clerk in consultation with Councillor Thomas to purchase the roundabout within budget as soon as possible for location at the promenade.**

8. **THAT a budget of £3,000 be considered for spend on alternative projects relating to Biodiversity and that the Environment Wales Act working group considers options in this regard.**
9. **THAT this project be put on hold presently and the budget kept as an earmarked reserve as at 31/3/2021.**
10. **THAT options be explored further by the Town Clerk with assistance from Councillor Morgans.**
11. **IT was noted that there was no budget this year for bunting and that consideration for bunting should be referred to the town grants scheme working group.**
12. **IT was noted that there was no budget this year for jazz canopies / sails and that consideration for jazz canopies / sails should be referred to the town grants scheme working group.**
13. **THAT the content of the detailed report be noted and that the current budget of £1,000 be an earmarked reserve as at 31/3/2021 with additional funding put in the budget for 2021/22 to allow the project to be progressed next year.**
14. **THAT this information be noted and that the budget of £2,000 be an earmarked reserve as at 31/3/2021 to go towards new equipment at Brynawelon park and that additional funding be allocated in the 2021/22 budget for this purpose.**
15. **THAT the bin be installed on Brecon Town Council' own land and that this project should go ahead within budget.**
16. **THAT the working group reconvene to progress this agenda item.**
17. **THAT this item proceeds as detailed.**
18. **THAT the 4 new cigarette bins be installed and any suitable identified locations be notified to the Town Clerk.**

**179/20 REPORT - SIDS**

Submitted **E(I)** a report concerning speed indicator devices.

**RESOLVED**

**AS this item had been discussed in the previous agenda item, this information as taken as received and noted.**

**180/20 PRECEPT**

Members discussed options for the budget / precept 2021/22 and it was

**RESOLVED**

**THAT the budget for 2021/22 should include those items noted in the report – projects to be undertaken above and in addition the sum of £10,000 be included for the greenspace between Coryton Close and Bryn-de-Winton.**

**181/20 PR AND PRESS OPPPORTUNITES**

That the projects be publicised as and when they complete.

**182/20 ANY OTHER BUSINESS**

Members had previously been circulated a plan and request for permission for Maendu Well Group to carry out certain projects at the site and the Town Clerk had provided an overview in this regard along with a report about drainage for the housing site adjacent to the Maendu Well site. Both of these items had missed the agenda preparation so were provided for information at this stage only. Jemma explained the project and some questions were raised by Members which Jemma will seek answers to and these matters will be considered further at the next Council meeting.

**183/20 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.**