

BRECON TOWN COUNCIL

MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE OF BRECON TOWN COUNCIL HELD REMOTELY VIA GOTOMEETING ON TUESDAY 3 NOVEMBER 2020 AT 6.00 P.M.

243/20 PRESENT

Councillor R Thomas
Councillor I Williams
Councillor M Matthews
Councillor G Ham
Councillor M Dorrance
Councillor L Rijnenberg

In Attendance: Fiona Williams (Town Clerk)
Rhys Ridge-Evans (Administrative Officer)
Malcolm Rich (Co-opted Member)(left 6:45)
Ken Savage (Water Bailiff)(left 6:30)

Not in Attendance: Councillor S Morgans
Councillor A M C Weale
Catherine Pape (Co-opted member)

All persons noted above were present by video link.

244/20 APOLOGIES

Apologies were received from Councillors Perry and Davies and from co-opted member Jemma Bere.

245/20 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

The Town Clerk declared an interest on behalf of herself and the Administrative Officer in relation to agenda item 19 of the confidential session. It was noted that there was no need for those staff members to leave the meeting during the discussion.

246/20 MINUTES ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE

The Minutes of the Meeting of the Environment Committee held on 6 October 2020 (Pages 56 – 60) (copies of which had been previously circulated)

RESOLVED

THAT the Minutes of the Environment and Events Committee held on 6 October 2020 be taken as read, approved as a true record, and signed.

247/20 REPORT – FISHING RULES AND REGULATIONS AND WEBSITE INFORMATION

Submitted **E(A)** a report concerning the fishing rules and regulations and website information. Members had previously been circulated with notes received from the Water Bailiff concerning some of the queries raised in the report. The Town Clerk explained this agenda item for the benefit of Members and following discussion it was

RESOLVED

THAT the Town Clerk seeks further advice in regard to the fishing rules and regulations and the information published on the Brecon Town Council website, and amends these in accordance with the information provided by the Water Bailiff and further advice provided.

248/20 RISK ASSESSMENTS FOR REVIEW

Submitted **E(B)** lone outside workers risk assessment, **E(C)** anglers risk assessment, and **E(D)** water bailiffs risk assessments. Members discussed the submitted risk assessments and were notified of a minor change to an email address contained in the water bailiffs risk assessment. Following discussion, it was

RESOLVED

THAT the risk assessments be re-approved subject to the amendments noted.

249/20 UPDATE REPORT – WORKS ALONG THE BEAT

Submitted **E(E)** an update report concerning the works along the fishing beat. Members discussed this in detail and following discussion it was

RESOLVED

- 1. THAT approval be granted to the FRAP by the Wye and Usk Foundation as soon as possible.**
- 2. THAT quotes/advice for the fishing bay works be sought for consideration at the next meeting of this Committee.**

250/20 WATER BAILIFF REPORT

Members were sent a report from the Water Bailiff earlier on and this was tabled for discussion. The Water Bailiff gave an overview of how the season had transpired, which was generally good for trout this year, despite the COVID-19 implications. The Water Bailiff gave an overview

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of how the season had transpired, which was generally good for trout this year, despite the COVID-19 implications. The Water Bailiff also notified the Committee about issue with poaching that have been dealt with by Natural Resources Wales. The Water Bailiff raised concerns about access to Gwennies lane for himself and for the emergency services as it is no longer a combination lock. The Town Clerk informed Members that the access issues had been discussed in detail with the Brecon Show Committee and this was a solution that was acceptable to both parties, and it was agreed that the parking for anglers was a separate issue.

RESOLVED

THAT this information be taken as received and noted, and that the Town Clerk will contact the Brecon Show Committee to enquire about access for emergency services at Gwennies lane.

251/20 UPDATE – REMEMBRANCE

The Chair gave an update concerning the Remembrance Day arrangements and that a further meeting was being held this week to finalise the details.

RESOLVED

THAT this information be taken as received and noted.

252/20 UPDATE – DIGITAL SWITCH ON

The Town Clerk gave an overview of this agenda item for the benefit of Members and informed Members of the decisions that had been made with regards to a digital switch on.

RESOLVED

THAT this information be taken as received and noted.

253/20 UPDATE REPORT – BUS SHELTERS

Submitted E(F) an update report concerning bus shelters. Members discussed this item in detail and it was

RESOLVED

THAT the purchase and installation of two bus shelters be approved as suggested in the report, and virement of the shortfall be from nominal code 7011.

254/20 PR AND PRESS OPPORTUNITES

Poetry Trail benches.

253/20 ANY OTHER BUSINESS

The Town Clerk informed Members that the surveyor had been out to have a look at the leak in the bandstand roof and that the company who installed it have confirmed that it is no longer in warranty as this was a three year warranty from June 2014. Ordinarily they would be able to quote for the repairs, but at the moment are unable to do so due to the COVID-19 restrictions and therefore the Town Clerk suggested seeking quotes from local contractors which was noted and agreed. Councillor Dorrance updated Members about the street closure signs and that it was being looked at by the Town Grant Working Group.

254/20 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.