BRECON TOWN COUNCIL

MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE PLANNING, GUILDHALL AND STAFFING COMMITTEE OF BRECON TOWN COUNCIL HELD REMOTELY VIA ZOOM ON MONDAY 1 FEBRUARY 2021 AT 6.00 P.M.

378/20 PRESENT

Councillor J Powell
Councillor R Thomas
Councillor A Mathias
Councillor I Williams
Councillor L Rijnenberg (in the Chair)
Councillor C Walsh
Councillor S Morgans
Councillor D Meredith (left at 6:33pm)
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, except Councillor S Morgans who was present by audio link only.

379/20 APOLOGIES

There were no apologies.

380/20 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Councillor Meredith declared an interest in agenda item 8.

381/20 MINUTES – PLANNING, GUILDHALL AND STAFFING COMMITTEE

The Minutes of the Meeting of the Planning, Guildhall and Staffing Committee held on 4 January 2021 (Pages 95 – 98) (copies of which had been previously circulated)

382/20 ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

TRAFFIC/ROAD/FOOTPATH ORDERS (MINUTE NUMBER 295/20)

The Chair explained that the meeting referred to in the above numbered minute had taken place and that further information has been sent out in this regard.

TO CONSIDER SELLING FIRE SURROUND (MINUTE NUMBER 300/20)

The Town Clerk informed Members that she had been in contact with the auctioneers and was advised that the auctions were suspended indefinitely due to the ongoing pandemic.

Subject to the foregoing it was

RESOLVED

THAT the Minutes of the Planning, Guildhall and Staffing Committee held on 4 January 2021 be taken as read, approved as a true record, and signed.

383/20 PLANNING APPLICATIONS

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

The Committee considered the applications received as shown on the schedule.

RESOLVED

(a) THAT the schedule contained in the attached P(A) be received and noted.
(b) THAT the schedule contained in the attached P(B) be received and noted.

384/20 TRAFFIC/ROAD/FOOTPATH ORDERS

Submitted **P(C)** traffic/road/footpath order relating to Maes-y-Ffynnon bus link received from Powys County Council.

RESOLVED

THAT this information be taken as received and noted.

385/20 WEDDING LICENCE RENEWAL

Submitted **P(E)** a report prepared by the Town Clerk concerning the renewal of the wedding licence. Members discussed this item in detail.

Councillor Williams informed the Committee that he would like to stand down as a responsible person. Following further discussion, it was

RESOLVED

THAT the renewal goes ahead in the sum of £946 and that payment for this sum be vired from the utilities budget as detailed in the report, and that the Town Clerk makes arrangements with staff or a Councillor, to replace Councillor Williams as a responsible person.

386/20 REPORT – VISIT BRECON WALKS

Submitted **P(F)** a report concerning the walks that had been created by Visit Brecon staff members. Members discussed this item in detail, and it was proposed to consider seeking funding from the Brecon Beacons National Park Authority' Sustainable Development Fund to develop these walks further as a suite, and to liaise with Brecknock Access Group regarding easier access routes. Ideas were also put forward for additional information that could be included within the walk information.

RESOLVED

THAT the suggestions and proposals be considered further and that Councillor Ham liaises with the National Park Authority about potential funding.

387/20 REPORT – SWIFT BOXES

Submitted **P(G)** a report prepared by the Town Clerk concerning swift boxes. The Town Clerk explained this agenda item for the benefit of Members, and Members queried whether the swifts would be a target for predatory birds in the area, what the impact on insurance would be, and whether droppings and mess will be an issue. Following lengthy discussion, it was

RESOLVED

THAT enquiries be made in regard to the queries raised and that this item be brought back to the next meeting of the Committee for further consideration.

388/20 EMAIL FROM GUILDHALL SURVEYOR AND GUILDHALL REPORT

As the next two agenda items relate to the same issue, they were taken at the same time.

Submitted **P(H)** an email from the Guildhall surveyor concerning the leak in the cellar and a leak in the attic. The Town Clerk explained to Members that an intermittent leak is causing dampness in the cellar and appears to be worse after heavy rain. Recommendations in the surveyor's report have been actioned and Powys County Council have agreed to inspect the highway, and their response on this point is awaited. The defective / missing pointing at the base of the wall at the Guildhall has also been repaired.

The Town Clerk confirmed that she and the Park Keeper had inspected the tank in the attic and arranged for a plumber to attend to carry out the necessary works and a date for this is awaited.

THIS information was taken as received and noted.

The Town Clerk informed Members that a leak from the dishwasher in the kitchen had caused the floorboards underneath to rot away, and that reparation works had been completed in house. The dishwasher leak has also been fixed.

The Town Clerk also informed Members that the Housekeeper has sorted out the first-floor kitchen adjacent to the stage and that further storage is needed to make the area more efficient, and more suitable for functions held upstairs. A meeting has taken place and the suggestion is to install new shelving, worktops, and cupboard space, and also install a dishwasher. The Town Clerk advised that a dishwasher would cost a maximum of £500 and the materials should cost a similar figure and that the work can be carried out in house. After discussion, it was

RESOLVED

THAT the proposed works proceed in the first-floor kitchen.

389/20 PARLOUR CHAIRS

As Councillor Meredith declared an interest in this agenda item, he left the meeting and did not return for the remaining agenda items.

Submitted **P(D)** a report prepared by the Town Clerk with assistance from Councillor Meredith concerning chairs for the parlour. Members discussed this agenda item in detail. Following discussion, it was

RESOLVED

THAT option 1 be the first choice to purchase and if they were unavailable that option 4 was the second choice, though Members agreed to the Town Clerk' discretion with

any of the options should there be any issues with availability

390/20 OFFER OF USE OF GUILDHALL

The Town Clerk had circulated to Members prior to the meeting the response received from Brecon Medical Group Practice relating to the use of the Guildhall for vaccination purposes. Members noted the content of the correspondence.

This information was noted.

391/20 PR OPPORTUNITIES ARISING FROM THE MEETING

There were no items.

392/20 ANY OTHER BUSINESS

There were no items

393/20 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.