

BRECON TOWN COUNCIL

MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE OF BRECON TOWN COUNCIL HELD REMOTELY VIA GOTOMEETING ON TUESDAY 13 APRIL 2020 AT 6.00 P.M.

549/20 PRESENT

Councillor R Thomas (left at 7:21)
Councillor I Williams
Councillor M Matthews
Councillor T Davies
Councillor S Morgans
Councillor L Rijnenberg

In Attendance: Fiona Williams (Town Clerk)
Rhys Ridge-Evans (Administrative Officer)
Malcolm Rich (Co-opted Member)(arrived 6:47)(left 7:07)
Catherine Pape (Co-opted Member)(left 7:07)

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

Before the meeting started, a minute of silence was held to reflect on the passing of His Royal Highness, The Prince Phillip, Duke of Edinburgh.

550/20 APOLOGIES

Apologies were received from Councillors Dorrance, Ham, Perry, and Weale. Apologies were also received from Mr K Savage, Water Bailiff. Mr R Savage, Water Bailiff, and Ms J Bere, Co-opted Member.

551/20 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no declarations.

552/20 MINUTES ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE

The Minutes of the Meeting of the Environment Committee held on 5 January 2021 (Pages 105 – 108) (copies of which had been previously circulated)

RESOLVED

THAT the Minutes of the Environment and Events Committee held on 5 January 2021 be taken as read, approved as a true record, and signed.

553/20 ACCOUNTS FOR THE ASSOCIATION YEAR ENDING 31 DECEMBER 2019

Submitted **E(A)** the accounts for the association year ending 31 December 2020.

RESOLVED

THAT the Accounts be approved as drafted.

554/20 RISK SAFETY SHEET - ANGLERS

Submitted **E(B)** risk safety sheet – anglers. Members discussed this in detail, and following discussion, it was

RESOLVED

THAT the risk safety sheet for anglers be reapproved, subject to the addition of the appropriate privacy notices.

555/20 SALMON AND SMOLT TRACKING

Submitted **E(C)** email received from Natural Resources Wales concerning salmon and smolt tracking. The Town Clerk gave Members an update that she had received from Natural Resources Wales.

RESOLVED

THAT this information be taken as received, and its contents noted.

556/20 UPDATE – FISHING PLATFORM WORKS

The Town Clerk explained this agenda item for the benefit of Members and informed them that the works to remove the platform from the river could commence after the 15 May 2021. It was suggested that the Brecon Show Committee be informed when the works will be carried out.

RESOLVED

THAT this information be taken as received, and its contents noted.

557/20 ARRANGEMENTS FOR ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Members discussed this agenda item in detail. Following discussion, it was

RESOLVED

THAT the Annual General Meeting of 2021 be held remotely via zoom.

558/20 ARRANGEMENTS FOR GURKHA PARADE

Members discussed this item in detail. Following discussion, it was

RESOLVED

TO defer this item to the April Full Council meeting.

559/20 HANGING BASKETS/SWIFT BOXES AND PLANTERS FOR 2021

Submitted **E(D)** a report prepared by the Town Clerk relating to hanging baskets, swift boxes, and planters for 2021. Members discussed this item in detail. During discussion, it was suggested that the nominated budget be split 70% to concentrate on the planters on the Bulwark, and the remaining 30% of the budget to be used for hanging baskets in town, in conjunction with the Chamber of Trade and Tourism. Discussions then took place as to the appropriateness of hanging baskets on the Guildhall due to imminent works that are required. Following further lengthy discussion, it was

RESOLVED

THAT the £1,000 budget is to be spent as follows: £700 for plants and cladding to improve the town centre planters, and £300 to be donated to the Chamber of Trade and Tourism towards the project they are undertaking in regard to arranging hanging baskets for the town centre with a request to work alongside the Chamber of Trade and Tourism in this regard to agree a colour scheme and theme. TO not proceed with hanging baskets at the Guildhall this year and to delegate the decision relating to installation of swift boxes to the Town Clerk in consultation with the Committee Chair with payment to be met from the Guildhall works budget.

560/20 2021 ROSPA REPORTS

Submitted **E(E)** the ROSPA reports for Llanfaes Park, Skatepark, and Camden Road Park. The Town Clerk explained this agenda item for the benefit of Members. Members raised queries in respect of the surfacing and the head casing of the swings. at Camden Road Park. Following discussion, it was

RESOLVED

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THAT the ROSPA reports be taken as received, and their contents noted, and that quotes be obtained for new surfacing.

561/20 DONATED BENCHES

The Town Clerk explained this agenda item for the benefit of Members. Members discussed this item in detail, and following discussion, it was

RESOLVED

THAT the donated benches be placed within the parks owned by Brecon Town Council until a permanent position can be found for them.

562/20 NEW WELSH GOVERNMENT LEGISLATION AFFECTING PLAY AREAS – SMOKE-FREE PREMISES AND VEHICLES (WALES) REGULATIONS 2020

Submitted **E(F)** information relating to the New Welsh Government Legislation affecting play areas – smoke free premises and vehicles (Wales) Regulations 2020. The Town Clerk explained this agenda item for the benefit of Members.

RESOLVED

THAT this information be taken as received and noted, and that the necessary signage be purchased and installed.

563/20 EMAIL FROM KEEP WALES TIDY

Submitted **E(G)** an email received from Keep Wales Tidy.

THIS information was taken as received and noted.

564/20 REPORT – NHS DAY

Submitted **E(H)** a report prepared by the Town Clerk concerning the NHS day. Members discussed this agenda item in detail, following discussion, it was

RESOLVED

THAT the contents of the report be approved.

565/20 ENVIRONMENT ACT REPORT

Submitted **E(I)** Environment Act Report. Members discussed this item in detail. During discussion, it was suggested that the schools be asked if

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they would complete their own ecological surveys. Following lengthy discussion, it was

RESOLVED

THAT points one, two, and three of the report be approved. In regard to point four, that the ecology teacher in Mount Street School be approached in the first instance to enquire whether it would be possible for them to carry out an ecological audit with their students in our parks and greenspaces instead of commissioning a formal report in this regard.

566/20 UPDATE – MAENDU WELL

Submitted **E(J)** an updated received from Ms J Bere concerning Maendu Well. Members noted that they are pleased with the progress that has been made at Maendu Well. It was suggested that the Maendu Well Group liaises with Brecon Town Council for volunteers for the further works to be completed.

THIS information was taken as received, and its contents noted.

567/20 PR AND PRESS OPPORTUNITES

Hanging baskets / planters

568/20 ANY OTHER BUSINESS

None.

569/20 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.