

**MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE BRECON TOWN COUNCIL HELD
REMOTELY VIA ZOOM ON MONDAY 26 APRIL 2021 AT 7.00 P.M.**

575/20 PRESENT

Councillor C Walsh (Mayor in the Chair)
Councillor J Powell
Councillor R Thomas
Councillor M Matthews
Councillor I Williams
Councillor T Davies
Councillor L Rijnenberg
Councillor D Meredith
Councillor M Dorrance
Councillor S Morgans
Councillor M Davies
Councillor A M C Weale (left 8:13pm)

In Attendance: Fiona Williams (Town Clerk)
Rhys Ridge-Evans (Administrative Officer)
David Wilson (Theatr Brycheiniog) (arrived
8:13pm)(left 8:30pm)

All persons noted above were present by video link except for Councillor Morgans who was present by audio link.

The Mayor called for a minute of silence to reflect on the passing of His Royal Highness, The Prince Phillip, Duke of Edinburgh.

576/20 PRESENTATION

The Mayor welcomed the three applicants for the position of Youth Representative at their allocated time slot. The applicants gave an explanation as to why they would like to be considered for the position. Once the presentations had been made, the candidates left the meeting at their allocated time, and did not return to the meeting.

577/20 APOLOGIES

Apologies were received from Councillors Ham, Perry, and Mathias.

578/20 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Councillor M Davies declared an interest in agenda item 6, and the presentation at the start of the meeting, and did not take part in these sections of the meeting.

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579/20 ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Mayor informed Members that during his year in office, he had attended 172 engagements and the majority of them were held remotely. The Mayor also noted his thanks for the hard work that he has appreciated by the Town Clerk, and the Administrative Officer.

SECTION A

580/20 MINUTES

The Minutes of the meeting of the Council held on 22 March 2021 (Pages 149 to 157) (copies of which had been previously circulated)

581/20 ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

MEMBERS REPORT – ISLAND FIELDS (MINUTE NO. 493/20)

Councillor Rijnenberg provided Members with an update following a meeting held earlier on in the day. It was agreed that the working group progress the option of a Community Asset Transfer with the local group that is interested in doing so as soon as possible to fit in with time constraints imposed by Powys County Council.

Subject to the foregoing

IT WAS RESOLVED

THAT the Minutes of the Town Council meeting held on 22 March 2021 be taken as read, approved as a true record, and signed.

582/20 PLANNING, GUILDHALL AND STAFFING COMMITTEE – 12 APRIL 2021

The Minutes of the Planning, Guildhall and Staffing Committee held on 12 April 2021 (pages 161 – 164) (copies of which had been previously circulated)

IT WAS RESOLVED

THAT the Minutes of the Meeting of the Planning, Guildhall and Staffing Committee held on 12 April 2021 be taken as read, approved as a true record, and signed.

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583/20 FINANCE AND COMMISSIONING OF CONTRACTS COMMITTEE – 12 APRIL 2021

The Minutes of the Finance and Commissioning of Contracts Committee held on 12 April 2021 (Pages 166 – 168) (copies of which had been previously circulated)

IT WAS RESOLVED

THAT the Minutes of the Finance and Commissioning of Contracts Committee held on 12 April 2021 be taken as read, approved as a true record, and signed.

584/20 ENVIRONMENT AND EVENTS COMMITTEE – 13 APRIL 2021

The Minutes of the Environment and Events Committee held on 13 April 2021 (Pages 172 – 176) (copies of which had been previously circulated)

IT WAS RESOLVED

THAT the Minutes of the Finance and Commissioning of Contracts Committee held on 13 April 2021 be taken as read, approved as a true record, and signed.

585/20 YOUTH REPRESENTATIVE APPOINTMENTS

Members discussed this item at length, and in detail. Members noted that it was a difficult decision as all three candidates gave a strong argument for why they should be chosen. Following lengthy discussion, it was

RESOLVED

THAT Miss Osbourne, and Mr Biawalas be appointed as the Youth Representatives for this Council for a period of two years.

586/20 APPOINTMENT OF COMMITTEE MEMBERS FOR 2021/2022

Submitted **C(A)** the Committee Membership for the 2020/2021 period. Councillor M Davies expressed an interest to move from the Planning, Guildhall, and Staffing Committee to the Environment and Events Committee.

RESOLVED

THAT a decision in regard to the Committee Memberships for

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2021/22 be deferred to the May meeting of the Council.

587/20 MEMBERSHIP OF OUTSIDE BODIES FOR 2021/2022

Submitted **C(B)** membership of outside bodies for 2019/20. Members discussed this in detail. Councillor Walsh informed Members that he would not like to continue to be a Trustee to the Brecknock Welfare Trust in the next Municipal Year, and Councillor Dorrance expressed an interest to join the Brecknock Welfare Trust as a Trustee. Councillor Williams informed Members that he wished to stand down from the Y Gaer stakeholder group. Councillor Dorrance informed Members that he wished to stand down from the Edmund Jones Charity as a Trustee, and Councillor Weale informed Members that he is happy to fill the vacancy.

RESOLVED

THAT the above variations to Membership be approved.

588/20 TOWN WI-FI

Submitted **C(C)** an email received from Powys County Council concerning town Wi-Fi. Members discussed this item in detail. Following discussion, it was

RESOLVED UNANIMOUSLY

THAT this item be put on the agenda for the May meeting of the Finance and Commissioning of Contracts Committee, and that the Town Clerk makes further enquiries.

589/20 LETTER FROM AUDITOR – DATES 30 MARCH 2021

Submitted **C(D)** a letter received from the Auditor dated 20 March 2021.

This information was received and the contents noted.

590/20 ARRANGEMENTS FOR GURKHA PARADE

Councillor Williams explained this agenda item for the benefit of Members, in conjunction with the Town Clerk. The Town Clerk informed Members that no decision had been received from Powys County Council with regards to the road closure. It was noted that it is unlikely to go ahead this year. Members discussed the potential to postpone the event for a future date this year.

RESOLVED UNANIMOUSLY

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THAT the Town Clerk makes enquires to see if it would be feasible to hold the event at a later date in the year.

591/20 BRECON TOWN COUNCIL BRANDING

Submitted **C(E)** a report prepared by the Town Clerk concerning Brecon Town Council branding. Members discussed this in detail, and it was

RESOLVED UNANIMOUSLY

THAT the new branding be approved for use by Brecon Town Council, including on its stationery.

592/20 REQUEST FROM NEWSQUEST

Submitted **C(F)** a request from newsquest. Members discussed this item in detail, and following discussion it was

RESOLVED UNANIMOUSLY

THAT it was not felt appropriate to provide the information requested under the GDPR regulations.

593/20 IRP ANNUAL REPORT

Submitted **C(G)(i)** a letter received from the Independent Remuneration Panel for Wales; **C(G)(ii)** section 13 report; and **C(G)(iii)** a report prepared by the Town Clerk. Members discussed this item in detail, and it was

RESOLVED UNANIMOUSLY AS FOLLOWS

THAT the provisions of determination 43 be paid to each Committee Chair, that determinations 45 & 46 be limited to travel costs and costs for overnight stays, and that determinations 48 & 49 be agreed to the cost of £500 and £1500. It was also agreed that if a Member decides to stand down part way through a financial year that the costs would not be expected to be returned, and that one payment will be made to all Members.

594/20 PLANNING REQUIREMENTS – STREET SCENE

The Mayor informed Members that this item would be discussed under the confidential session of the meeting.

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RESOLVED

THAT this information be taken as received and noted.

595/20 UK COMMUNITY RENEWAL FUND

Submitted **C(H)** information relating the UK Community Renewal Fund taken from the Powys County Council website. Members discussed this item in detail and following discussion, it was

RESOLVED

THAT a working group be set up to look at these options further consisting of Councillors M Dorrance, M Davies, J Powell, T Davies, and C Walsh, and that an officer from Powys County Council be requested to explain this scheme further to the working group as soon as possible.

596/20 MEMBERS REPORT – BRECON BEACONS' TRANSPORT STUDY

Submitted **C(I)** a report prepared by Councillor Thomas concerning the Brecon Beacons' Transport Study. Councillor Thomas explained this agenda item for the Benefit of Members. During discussion, it was suggested that a request for copies of the notes from the meeting be submitted to this Council. Councillor Thomas put forward the outline of the proposals for a park and ride scheme and Members discussed the benefits and concerns surrounding the same. It was also noted that an offer of an online session had been given and Councillor Thomas will arrange this for any Members wishing to take part. Following further discussion, it was

RESOLVED

THAT this information be taken as received, and noted, and that further information be sought about the proposals surrounding the park and ride scheme.

597/20 LIST OF DECISIONS TAKEN UNDER DELEGATED POWERS

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

THIS information was taken as received and noted.

598/20 PR OPPORTUNITIES ARISING FROM THE MEETING

Youth Representative Appointments / Town Wi-Fi / Gurkha Parade / A470 consultation

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599/20 ANY OTHER BUSINESS

The Town Clerk informed Members that she had received a Living Wage Employers survey and sought permission to complete this on behalf of this Council, which was agreed.

600/20 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.