

## BRECON TOWN COUNCIL

### MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE OF BRECON TOWN COUNCIL HELD REMOTELY VIA ZOOM ON TUESDAY 6 JULY 2021 AT 6.00 P.M.

#### 145/21 PRESENT

Councillor L Rijnenberg  
Councillor S Morgans  
Councillor M Matthews  
Councillor R Thomas  
Councillor I Williams  
Councillor M Davies  
Councillor M Dorrance (Left 6:30)  
Councillor A M C Weale (Left 7:11)  
Councillor T Davies (arrived 6:09)

**In Attendance:** Councillor J Powell  
Fiona Williams (Town Clerk)  
Rhys Ridge-Evans (Administrative Officer)  
Malcolm Rich (Co-opted Member)(arrived  
6:47)(left 7:11)

**Not in attendance:** Jemma Bere  
Ken Savage  
Ray Savage  
Ptryk Bialowas  
Brooke Osborne

#### 146/21 CHAIR – ELECTION OF

Nominations for the position of Chair of the Committee were invited, and it was

#### **RESOLVED UNANIMOUSLY**

**THAT Councillor M Matthews be elected Chair of the Environment and Events Committee for the current Municipal Year.**

#### 147/21 VICE CHAIR – ELECTION OF

Nominations for the position of Vice Chair of the Committee were invited, and it was

#### **RESOLVED UNANIMOUSLY**

**THAT Councillor M Davies be elected Vice Chair of the**

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#### **148/21 APOLOGIES**

Apologies were received from Councillor Ham. Councillor Dorrance informed Members that he would have to leave the meeting at 6:30pm due to a meeting clash.

#### **149/21 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

Councillor Dorrance declared an interest in the item that the Town Clerk raised under the fishing section of the meeting.

#### **150/21 MINUTES ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE**

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

#### **RESOLVED**

**THAT the Minutes of the Environment and Events Committee held on 13 April 2021 be taken as read, approved as a true record, and signed.**

#### **151/21 FISHING**

As Councillor Dorrance declared an interest in this item, he was placed in the waiting room, and took no part in discussion.

The Town Clerk informed Members that she had received a request from Dixies Corner to sell fishing tickets on behalf of the association, as they are about to start selling a fishing range. After discussion, it was

#### **RESOLVED**

**THAT the business be approved to sell fishing tickets on behalf of the association.**

#### **152/21 TERMS OF REFERENCE**

Submitted **E(A)** terms of reference for the Environment and Events Committee.

#### **RESOLVED**

**THAT the terms of reference be approved.**

#### **153/21 ROSPA REPORTS ACTIONS UPDATES**

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Submitted **E(B)** RoSPA reports actions updates. The Town Clerk informed Members that the quotes for the works were in the confidential session of the agenda. It was

### **RESOLVED**

**THAT the other information taken within the report be taken as received, noted, and approved.**

#### **154/21 QUEEN'S GREEN CANOPY**

Submitted **E(C)** information relating to the Queen's Green Canopy scheme. Members discussed this item in detail, and it was

### **RESOLVED**

**THAT participation in the Queen's Green Canopy project be agreed in principle, and that this is considered further by the Environment Act Working Group.**

#### **155/21 LETTER FROM BRECKNOCK PLAY NETWORK**

Submitted **E(D)** letter received from Brecknock Play Network. Members discussed this item in detail, and it was requested that Brecknock Play Network keeps this Council informed about events and play opportunities so that Members can promote these within our community.

### **RESOLVED**

**THAT this information be taken as received and noted.**

#### **156/21 BRYNAWELON PARK UPDATE AND BUDGET CONSIDERATION**

The Town Clerk provided Members with a verbal update regarding Brynawelon Park, by way of confirming that she had received notification from officers at Dering Lines that they have successfully secured funding for the park to be updated. The Town Clerk confirmed the budget allocated in this year's precept for this project could therefore be reallocated.

### **RESOLVED**

**THAT this information be taken as received and noted.**

#### **157/21 PRIORY GROVES PARK**

Councillor Dorrance gave a verbal overview of this agenda item, and informed Members that the land at this site is owned by the Church in Wales, but is on a long term lease to Powys County Council. Residents

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have raised concerns about the lack of equipment and facilities at the park, and Powys County Council are not able to invest at this location. Members raised queries about the age of the users of this park, and ownership responsibilities, along with grant options. Councillor Dorrance confirmed he is exploring other funding streams and requested consideration of reallocation of the Brynawelon budget as part funding for this project. After discussion, it was

### **RESOLVED**

**THAT the Brynawelon budget is reallocated to this project, and that the Environment Act Working Group consider the project in further detail.**

### **158/21 FREE PARKING**

Submitted **E(E)** information relating to the free parking. Members discussed this in detail, and it was

### **RESOLVED**

**THAT the free parking agreement be extended as noted within the report.**

### **159/21 BRECON WITH BELLS ON**

The Town Clerk informed Members that a decision will need to be taken fairly soon in relation to whether Brecon With Bells On is able to safely go ahead in 2021, and suggested that this is reviewed following the next Welsh Government announcement due next week, though recommended that a decision is taken before the next meeting of this Committee to allow sufficient time to plan the event if it is able to go ahead. Following discussion, it was

### **RESOLVED**

**THAT a review to be carried out by the previous Brecon With Bells On Working Group with the addition of Councillors M Davies, and Mathias, with a recommendation to be put forward to the July Council meeting.**

### **160/21 REMEMBRANCE SUNDAY**

The Town Clerk suggested that a meeting is organised, again following next week' Welsh Government COVID update, with the Dean, and military officers to look at how arrangements for remembrance 2021 are able to proceed. Following discussion, it was

### **RESOLVED**

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**THAT a meeting with the Dean, and military officer is organised to discuss remembrance arrangements.**

### **161/21 PICNIC BENCHES – CONFIRMATION OF RECEIPT AND EMAIL OFF COUNCILLOR DORRANCE**

Submitted **E(F)** an email received Councillor Dorrance relating to the recently donated picnic benches. Councillor Morgans gave an overview of how the donation of the benches had arisen, and queried why they could not be put in the town centre. Councillor Rijnenberg gave an explanation in this regard. Councillor Morgans suggested that additional benches could be purchased for placement in the locations suggested. Other suggestions to look at alternatives such as pieces of oak that have been used on Captains Walk were also put forward. After discussion, it was

#### **RESOLVED**

**THAT contact is made with the developers, who donated the picnic benches, to enquire whether they are happy that they are used in various locations around the town.**

### **162/21 BRECON FAIR**

Submitted **E(G)** a report prepared by the Town Clerk concerning the Brecon Fair. It was noted that Councillor Powell had been doing research in this regard, following this, it was

#### **RESOLVED**

**THAT a report is prepared by Councillor Powell following further research, to be brought back to a future meeting of this Committee for further consideration.**

### **162/21 RECEIPT OF FUNDS FROM BRECON ROTARY CLUB - PLANTER**

Councillor Rijnenberg informed Members that the Lions Club had donated a planter for the bus station area, and that the Brecon Rotary Club had offered £400 for an additional planter to be placed at the bus station. It was queried whether the Park Keeper could be asked to create a planter in similar style as the ones on the Bulwark, with match funding from this Committee.

#### **RESOLVED**

**THAT this information be taken as received and noted, and that the match funding suggestions be approved.**

### **163/21 STUMP UP FOR TREES**

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Submitted **E(H)** information relating to the Stump-up for Trees. The Town Clerk explained this agenda item for the benefit of Members and it was

### **RESOLVED**

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

#### **164/21 REPORT – GREENSPACES WORKING GROUP**

Submitted **E(I)** a report prepared by the Town Clerk concerning the Greenspaces Working Group. It was noted that another meeting had been scheduled and that a further update would be received after that meeting.

### **RESOLVED**

**THAT this information be taken as received and noted.**

#### **165/21 REQUEST FOR SUPPORT IN PRINCIPLE FOR EVENT IN 2022 – CHRIST COLLEGE, BRECON**

Submitted **E(J)** a request for support in principle for an event in 2022, received from Christ College. Members discussed this in detail, and it was

### **RESOLVED**

**THAT support in principle be approved.**

#### **166/21 PR AND PRESS OPPORTUNITIES**

Trees / Free Parking

#### **167/21 ANY OTHER BUSINESS**

The Town Clerk informed Members that a tree at Camden Road Park needs removing as it is dead. It was suggested that a replacement could be looked at within other projects.

Councillor M Davies informed Members that she had been doing some research into buskers and street entertainers for a proposal to bring back to this Committee and sought permission to form a Working Group, consisting of Councillors M Davies, M Matthews, L Rijnenberg, and J Powell, which was agreed.

Mr M Rich raised a concern about leaning traffic lights and lamp posts in the town, and asked who this concern should be raised with. Councillor Rijnenberg confirmed she will look into this with the highways

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department at Powys County Council, and it was also agreed to send a letter from this Committee to request that this be addressed.

### **168/21 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.**

Councillor Weale, and Mr M Rich left the meeting at this point and did not return.