

BRECON TOWN COUNCIL

MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE FINANCE AND COMMISSIONING OF CONTRACTS COMMITTEE OF BRECON TOWN COUNCIL HELD REMOTELY VIA GOTOMEETING ON MONDAY 5 JULY 2021 AT 7.00 P.M.

126/21 PRESENT

Councillor J Powell
Councillor C Walsh (in the Chair)
Councillor M Dorrance
Councillor T Davies
Councillor D Meredith
Councillor M Matthews
Councillor A Mathias
Councillor M Davies

In Attendance:- Mrs. Fiona Williams (Town Clerk)
Mr Rhys Ridge-Evans (Administrative Officer)
Mr Tomos Jones (Smart Towns) (left 7:30pm)
Ms Lynne Gornall (Brecon Jazz Club) (left at 7:50pm)
Mr Roger Cannon (Brecon Jazz Club) (left at 7:50pm)

127/21 PRESENTATION – SMART TOWNS

The Chair welcomed Mr Tomos Jones of Menter Mon to the meeting and invited him to give his presentation. Mr Jones thanked the Chair and Members for their time this evening and explained the processes of Smart Towns. After his presentation, Members had an opportunity to ask questions, which Mr Jones answered. The Chair thanked Mr Jones for his time, and he left the meeting.

128/21 APOLOGIES

Apologies were received from Councillors M Perry, and A M C Weale.

129/21 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no declarations.

130/21 MINUTES

The Minutes of the Meeting of the Finance and Commissioning of Contracts Committee held on 7 June 2021 (Pages 19 – 22)

RESOLVED

THAT the Minutes of the Meeting of the Finance and Commissioning of Contracts Committee held on 7 June 2021 be

taken as read, approved as a true record, and signed.

131/21 THANK YOU LETTER(S) RECEIVED

Submitted **F(A)** thank you letters received from Brecon Northcote, Brecon Bowling Club, Brecon Festival Ballet, Aberhonddu and District Male Choir, Brecknock Gardening Association, and Macmillan.

THIS information was taken as received and noted, and the Committee requested that a summary of the thank you letters is provided in future.

SECTION A – FINANCIAL MATTERS

132/21 APPLICATIONS FOR FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE

Submitted - Schedule of applications received for financial assistance (copies of which had been previously circulated - **Attachment F(B)**).

Having considered the financial aspects and other details of all the applications **Attachment F(C)** received it was –

RESOLVED

THAT the undermentioned application for financial assistance be dealt with as follows:

BRECON JAZZ CLUB

RESOLVED UNANIMOUSLY

THAT a grant of £4,000 be awarded to Brecon Jazz Club

BRECON TOWN CONCERT BAND

RESOLVED UNANIMOUSLY

THAT a grant of £900 be awarded to Brecon Town Concert Band, With a virement of £800 from the s145 Specific Theatrical Events budget into the s145 Arts and Museums General budget.

133/21 Y GAER REPORTS

Submitted **F(D)** Y Gaer Report. Members noted that the visitor numbers are increasing throughout the week.

RESOLVED

THAT this information be taken as received and noted.

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134/21 WORKING GROUP – CHRISTMAS LIGHTS TENDER 2022

The Chair asked for nominations to sit on the working group for Christmas Lights tender 2022.

RESOLVED

THAT Councillors Mathias, M Davies, Powell, Matthews, and Walsh form the Working Group.

135/21 CESSATION OF HALOGEN / FLUORESCENT BULBS

Submitted **F(E)** information relating to the cessation of halogen / fluorescent bulbs. The Chair informed Members that at the Planning, Guildhall, and Staffing Committee meeting, immediately prior to this meeting, it was suggested for the Park Keeper to do an audit of what bulbs will need replacing on all buildings that are occupied by the Town Council.

THIS information was taken as received and noted.

136/21 TOILETS REPORT RECEIVED FROM CONTRACTOR

Submitted **F(F)** report concerning the public toilets received from the contractor. Members enquired with the Town Clerk whether any issues with regard to the service provided by the contractors. The Town Clerk confirmed that overall, the service has been very good. There have been a couple of minor issues, but these have been addressed quickly and satisfactorily.

THIS information was taken as received and noted.

137/21 PR AND PRESS OPPORTUNITIES

The grant aid / Smart Towns / Christmas Lights

138/21 ANY OTHER BUSINESS

Queries were raised about the next steps for Smart Towns, and whether the Youth Representatives ought to be invited onto the initiative. It was suggested that any further information be presented at the July Full Council meeting.

139/21 EXCLUSION OF THE PUBLIC AND PRESS

It was recommended that for the purposes of this section the Committee pass the following Resolution:-

THAT in view of the confidential nature of the business about to be transacted whereby matters of either a sensitive nature or of a possible personal nature might be discussed in relation to the finances or staff of the Council, it was advisable in the public interest, that the public and press be temporarily excluded and they

were instructed to withdraw from the meeting.

Ms L Gornall, and Mr R Cannon left the meeting at this point and did not return.

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