

## **BRECON TOWN COUNCIL**

### **MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE PLANNING, GUILDHALL AND STAFFING COMMITTEE OF BRECON TOWN COUNCIL HELD REMOTELY VIA ZOOM ON MONDAY 5 JULY 2021 AT 6.00 P.M.**

#### **103/21 PRESENT**

Councillor J Powell  
Councillor R Thomas  
Councillor I Williams  
Councillor D Meredith  
Councillor C Walsh  
Councillor A Mathias  
Councillor S Morgans  
Councillor L Rijnenberg (in the Chair)

**In attendance:** Mrs. Fiona Williams (Town Clerk)  
Mr Rhys Ridge-Evans (Administrative Officer)

#### **104/21 APOLOGIES**

Apologies were received from Councillors M Perry, and G Ham.

#### **105/21 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

The Administrative Officer declared an interest in agenda item 17.

#### **106/21 MINUTES – PLANNING, GUILDHALL AND STAFFING COMMITTEE**

The Minutes of the Meeting of the Planning, Guildhall and Staffing Committee held on 7 June 2021 (Pages 13 – 16) (copies of which had been previously circulated)

#### **107/21 ARISING FROM THE MINUTES**

##### **CHAIR – ELECTION OF (MINUTE NO. 43/21)**

It was requested that the word Chairman be changed to Chair.

##### **VICE CHAIR – ELECTION OF (MINUTE NO. 44/21)**

It was requested that the word Chairman be changed to Chair.

Subject to the foregoing, it was

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### RESOLVED

**THAT the Minutes of the Planning, Guildhall and Staffing Committee held on 7 June 2021 be taken as read, approved as a true record, and signed.**

#### 108/21 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.**

#### 109/21 APPEAL ON PLANNING DECISION

Submitted **P(C)** information relating to an appeal on planning decision.

### RESOLVED

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

#### 110/21 CESSATION OF HALOGEN / FLUORESCENT BULBS

Submitted **P(D)** information relating to the cessation of halogen / fluorescent bulbs. The Town Clerk explained this agenda item for the benefit of Members, and explained this was also on the agenda for the Finance and Commissioning of Contracts Committee to consider in relation to Visit Brecon and the public toilets. It was suggested that the Park Keeper could do an audit of which bulbs needed replacing across the sites owned by Brecon Town Council and that a report be brought back to this Committee.

### RESOLVED

**THAT the Park Keeper be requested to carry out an audit of**

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**bulbs that would need replacing.**

### **111/21 REPORT - PREDETERMINATION**

Submitted **P(E)** a report concerning predetermination prepared by the Town Clerk.

**RESOLVED**

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

### **112/21 CITY STATUS AND CIVIC HONOURS**

Submitted **P(F)** information relating to city status and civic honours. Councillor Powell explained this agenda item for the benefit of Members. Members discussed this item in detail, and it was suggested that more research was done in this regard before a decision is made. It was suggested that working group forms to look at this in more detail.

**RESOLVED**

**THAT a working group consisting of Councillors Powell, Walsh, Rijnenberg, and Meredith looks at the details in this regard in further detail.**

### **113/21 BIRTHDAY HONOURS**

Submitted **P(G)** information relating to birthday honours. The Chair suggested that this item be moved to the confidential section of the meeting for discussion.

**RESOLVED**

**THAT this item be moved to the confidential section.**

### **114/21 FUNERAL SERVICES**

The Town Clerk reported to the Committee about the research that she carried out following the request to do so at the last meeting of the Committee. The Town Clerk informed Members that Powys' registrar service do not deal with funerals, and they had advised contacting the licencing department, and or environmental health. It has subsequently been confirmed that such occasions are not licenced by them either and there does not appear to be any legal restrictions that prevent holding a funeral service at a property providing the owner is in agreement to accept the coffin. Members discussed this in detail, and it was

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### **RESOLVED**

**THAT the Chair and the Town Clerk discuss further the points that may need to be considered should this type of ceremony go ahead in the Guildhall in future.**

#### **115/21 PR OPPORTUNITIES ARISING FROM THE MEETING**

There were no items.

#### **116/21 ANY OTHER BUSINESS**

Councillor Williams raised the query about the brass studs that were at the junction of Market Street, and Watergate detailing the old town wall and asked whether they could be replaced, as since the resurfacing works had been completed, as they were no longer in place.

The Chair raised a new scheme that was beginning called the Kick Start Scheme, and explained to Members what the scheme is about. Councillors Powell, Rijnenberg, and Thomas will look into this in more detail and bring an update to Full Council at the end of the month.

#### **117/21 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.**