

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

182/21 PRESENT

Councillor C Walsh
Councillor J Powell (Mayor in the Chair)
Councillor R Thomas
Councillor M Matthews
Councillor I Williams
Councillor T Davies
Councillor L Rijnbergen
Councillor D Meredith (left at 8:02pm)
Councillor M Dorrance
Councillor A M C Weale (left at 8:02pm)
Councillor M Davies

In Attendance: Fiona Williams (Town Clerk)
Rhys Ridge-Evans (Administrative Officer)
Brooke Osborne (Youth Representative) (left 7:53pm)
Ptryk Bialowas (Youth Representative) (arrived 7:11pm) (left 7:52pm)

Not in attendance: Councillor S Morgans

183/21 APOLOGIES

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

184/21 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Councillors D Meredith and A M C Weale declared an interest in agenda item 21 on the confidential pages. Councillor M Matthews declared an interest in agenda item 6.

185/21 ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Mayor informed Members that he had attended various online meetings, and workshops. The Mayor also informed Members that he had taken part in the street collection with Brecon/Dhampus Twinning Association which was very successful.

SECTION A

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The Mayor informed Members that the minute numbers did not flow in correct order but would take any matters arising from the minutes as numbered in the minutes.

186/21 MINUTES

The Minutes of the meeting of the Council held on 28 June 2021 (Pages 25 to 29)(copies of which had been previously circulated)

187/21 ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

TO APPOINT A BRECON TOWN COUNCIL REPRESENTATIVE TO THE BRECON/DHAMPUS TWINNING ASSOCIATION (MINUTE NO. 85/21)

Members noted that as the Mayor in Office is the President of this Association, Councillor Powell would need to be changed.

RESOLVED

THAT Councillor Powell be replaced with Councillor Mathias.

Subject to the foregoing

IT WAS RESOLVED

THAT the Minutes of the Town Council meeting held on 28 June 2021 be taken as read, approved as a true record, and signed.

188/21 PLANNING, GUILDHALL AND STAFFING COMMITTEE – 5 JULY 2021

The Minutes of the Planning, Guildhall and Staffing Committee held on 5 July 2021 (pages 32 – 35) (copies of which had been previously circulated)

189/21 ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

ANY OTHER BUSINESS (MINUTE NO. 116/21)

Councillor Williams queried whether anything further had been received in relation to the brass studs at the junctions of Market Street, Llanfaes, Ship Street, and Watergate. Councillor Rijnenberg said that she would follow this up.

Subject to the foregoing

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IT WAS RESOLVED

THAT the Minutes of the Meeting of the Planning, Guildhall and Staffing Committee held on 5 July 2021 be taken as read, approved as a true record, and signed.

190/21 FINANCE AND COMMISSIONING OF CONTRACTS COMMITTEE – 5 JULY 2021

The Minutes of the Finance and Commissioning of Contracts Committee held on 5 July 2021 (Pages 39 – 42) (copies of which had been previously circulated)

IT WAS RESOLVED

THAT the Minutes of the Finance and Commissioning of Contracts Committee held on 5 July 2021 be taken as read, approved as a true record, and signed.

191/21 ENVIRONMENT AND EVENTS COMMITTEE – 6 JULY 2021

The Minutes of the Environment and Events Committee held on 6 July 2021 (Pages 45 – 51) (copies of which had been previously circulated)

IT WAS RESOLVED

THAT the Minutes of the Environment and Events Committee held on 6 July 2021 be taken as read, approved as a true record, and signed.

192/21 TO APPOINT A BRECON TOWN COUNCIL REPRESENTATIVE TO BRECON VOLUNTEER BUREAU

As Councillor Matthews declared an interest in this agenda item, she was put in the waiting room, and took no part in discussions.

Members discussed this item in detail and it was

RESOLVED

THAT Councillor M Davies be appointed the Brecon Town Council representative to the Brecon Volunteer Bureau.

193/21 BRECON WITH BELLS ON

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Submitted **C(A)** a report concerning Brecon With Bells On 2021 prepared by the Town Clerk. Members discussed this item, and it was

RESOLVED

THAT the actions as detailed within the report be approved as recommended by the working group.

194/20 KICKSTART SCHEME

Submitted **C(B)** a report concerning the Kickstart Scheme prepared by the Town Clerk. Members discussed this item in detail, and it was

RESOLVED

THAT the actions as detailed within the report be approved as recommended by the working group in relation to points 1 and 2, and in relation to point 3, that the wages are topped up to meet the Living Wage Foundation Rate.

195/21 REQUEST TO REPRODUCE PHOTOGRAPH – ADELINA PATTI

Submitted **C(C)** an email request for reproduction of the Adelina Patti portrait. Members discussed this in detail, and it was

RESOLVED

THAT permission be granted for reproduction of the Adelina Patti portrait, subject to acknowledgement of the permission of Brecon Town Council.

196/21 COVID COMMUNITY RECOVERY GRANT

Submitted **C(D)** information relating to Covid Community Recovery Grant. Members noted that the closing date is only 5 days away, and that it is impossible for applications to be submitted within the timeframe available. Enquiries were made with the County Councillors present about whether the deadlines are set nationally or locally, and those present were notified that this is a Powys initiative and the administrators of the scheme have set the deadlines locally. Following further discussion, it was

RESOLVED

THAT the information relating to the Covid Community Recovery Grant be taken as received and noted, and that a letter is sent to Powys County Council raising concerns with

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Powys County Council about the impossibly short time frame available for applications to be submitted.

197/21 REPORT – BUSKING PILOT

Submitted **C(E)** a report concerning a busking project pilot prepared by the Town Clerk. Members discussed this item, and it was

RESOLVED

THAT the actions as detailed within the report as recommended by the working group be approved as proposed.

198/21 UPDATE REPORT – SMART TOWNS

Submitted **C(F)** an update report concerning smart towns prepared by the Town Clerk. Members discussed this item in detail, and it was

RESOLVED

THAT a working group be formed following the final workshop to look at options suitable to Brecon consisting of Councillors M Davies, C Walsh, J Powell, and Youth Representative Brooke Osborne.

199/21 NOTICE OF MOTION IN THE NAMES OF COUNCILLOR CHRISTOPHER WALSH, AND COUNCILLOR MATTHEW DORRANCE

Submitted **C(G)** a Notice of Motion in the names of Councillors Walsh and Dorrance. Councillor Walsh explained this agenda item for the benefit of Members, and Councillor Dorrance also provided an overview. Queries were raised about the cost of the device and it was anticipated that it will be under £1,000. Queries were also raised about setting up similar speed watch projects in other areas of Brecon, and Councillors Dorrance and Walsh explained how this could be organised by other Members. Following discussion, it was

RESOLVED

THAT the purchase of a speed detection device be approved from the £3,000 allocated for a speed impact device.

200/21 NOTICE OF MOTION IN THE NAMES OF COUNCILLOR MATTHEW DORRANCE AND COUNCILLOR LIZ RIJNENBERG

Submitted **C(H)** a Notice of Motion in the names of Councillors Dorrance and Rijnenberg. Councillor Dorrance explained this agenda item in detail

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for the benefit of Members. Various Members spoke in support of the proposals and it was requested that any Councillors who wish to have their name endorsed on the letter do so, with the Town Clerk liaising directly with Councillors in this regard. Following discussion, it was

RESOLVED

THAT the proposals within the Notice of Motion be approved as proposed.

201/21 PR OPPORTUNITIES ARISING FROM THE MEETING

Brecon With Bells On / Kickstart Scheme / Busking / Smart Towns / Speed Device / Cancel the Cut

202/21 ANY OTHER BUSINESS

The Town Clerk informed Members that she had received thanks from Y Gaer for their second instalment of funding for the current financial year.

Councillor Walsh informed Members that the Brecon 20:20 steering group has now completed its work, and that their report is being distributed to the main partners which will include Brecon Town Council. There are some actions for Brecon Town Council which need to be considered and approved in time for signing off at the September Council meeting. Because of this deadline, the report will be issued to Members for comment during the summer recess.

203/21 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.

Mr P Bialowas and Miss B Osborne left the meeting at this point and did not return.