

**MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE BRECON TOWN COUNCIL HELD
REMOTELY VIA ZOOM ON MONDAY 27 SEPTEMBER 2021 AT 7.00 P.M.**

312/21 PRESENT

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

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

Not in attendance: Councillor S Morgans

313/21 APOLOGIES

Apologies were received from Councillors Thomas, Mathias, Walsh, and Perry.

314/21 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Councillors D Meredith and A M C Weale declared an interest in agenda item 24 on the confidential pages.

315/21 ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Mayor had previously circulated a list of his engagements between 26 July and 27 September and gave an overview.

SECTION A

316/21 MINUTES

The Minutes of the meeting of the Council held on 26 July 2021 (Pages 54 to 59) (copies of which had been previously circulated)

IT WAS RESOLVED

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THAT the Minutes of the Town Council meeting held on 26 July 2021 be taken as read, approved as a true record, and signed.

317/21 SPECIAL MEETING

The Minutes of a special meeting of the Council held on 16 August 2021 (pages 63 – 64) (copies of which had been previously circulated) were considered.

318/21 ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

PRESENT (MINUTE NO 213/21)

Councillor Meredith requested that his apologies be added to the apologies given as this was not noted.

Subject to the foregoing

IT WAS RESOLVED

THAT the Minutes of a special meeting of the Council held on 16 August 2021 be taken as read, approved as a true record, and signed.

319/21 PLANNING, GUILDHALL AND STAFFING COMMITTEE – 6 SEPTEMBER 2021

The Minutes of the Planning, Guildhall and Staffing Committee held on 6 September 2021 (pages 65 – 67) (copies of which had been previously circulated) were considered

IT WAS RESOLVED

THAT the Minutes of the Meeting of the Planning, Guildhall and Staffing Committee held on 6 September 2021 be taken as read, approved as a true record, and signed.

320/21 FINANCE AND COMMISSIONING OF CONTRACTS COMMITTEE – 6 SEPTEMBER 2021

The Minutes of the Finance and Commissioning of Contracts Committee held on 6 September 2021 (Pages 70 – 73) (copies of which had been previously circulated) were considered

IT WAS RESOLVED

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THAT the Minutes of the Finance and Commissioning of Contracts Committee held on 6 September 2021 be taken as read, approved as a true record, and signed.

321/21 ELECTORAL ARRANGEMENTS REVIEW

Submitted **C(A)** Electoral Arrangements review decision for the County of Powys, in particular the arrangements for Brecon.

RESOLVED

THAT this information be taken as received and noted.

322/21 POWYS COUNTY COUNCIL CLIMATE ACTIONS OVERVIEW FOR TOWN COUNCILS

Submitted **C(B)** information received from Powys County Council concerning climate actions overview for Town Councils. Members discussed this item and it was

RESOLVED

TO set up a working group to consider any climate change actions or requirements going forward.

323/20 IRP REPORT

Submitted **C(C)** Independent Remuneration Panel for Wales report.

RESOLVED

THAT this information be taken as received and noted.

324/21 BRIEFING NOTES – LOCAL GOVERNMENT AND ELECTIONS (WALES) ACT 2021

Submitted **C(D)** briefing notes – Local Government and Elections (Wales) Act 2021. The Town Clerk informed Members that a report would be submitted to a future meeting of the Planning, Guildhall, and Staffing Committee setting out options for hybrid meetings as the options are being considered presently. Members queried whether there should be some financial support from Welsh Government and suggested looking into this.

RESOLVED

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THAT this information be taken as received and noted.

325/21 REMOTE WORKING

Submitted **C(E)** information received from Welsh Government article relating to remote working. The Town Clerk informed Members that she is meeting a Welsh Government Officer shortly to receive information about remote working hubs and that a report will be provided to the next meeting of the Full Council.

RESOLVED

THAT this information be taken as received and noted.

326/21 EMAIL RECEIVED FROM ONE VOICE WALES – IRP FRAMEWORK – ONE VOICE WALES RESPONSE 26 AUGUST 2021

Submitted **C(F)** response received from One Voice Wales relating to the IRP framework consultation.

RESOLVED

THAT this information be taken as received and noted.

327/21 UPDATED MODEL CODE OF CONDUCT GUIDANCE

Submitted **C(G)** updated Model Code of Conduct guidance. Members discussed this item, and requested that training be arranged for all Councillors in regard to the Code of Conduct.

RESOLVED

THAT the Town Clerk sources training in regard to the Code of Conduct.

328/21 REVIEW – HEALTH AND SAFETY POLICY

Submitted **C(H)** Health and Safety Policy for review. The Town Clerk suggested some amendments / additions, and it was

RESOLVED

THAT the Health and Safety Policy be approved with the inclusion of the amendments / additions.

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329/21 COVID RECOVERY GRANT – RESPONSE FROM POWYS COUNTY COUNCIL

Submitted **C(I)** a letter sent to Powys County Council relating to concerns about time frames given for grant applications to be submitted, along with a response from Powys County Council.

RESOLVED

THAT this information be taken as received and noted.

330/21 REPORT – CITY STATUS

Submitted **C(J)** a report concerning City Status. The Town Clerk informed Members that since writing this report, the Cabinet Office has informed her that they are not accepting applications from Town Councils. It was

RESOLVED

THAT due to this advice, the application cannot progress.

331/21 LETTER – PSB

Submitted **C(K)** a letter received from Powys County Council concerning the PSB.

RESOLVED

THAT this information be taken as received and noted.

332/21 LIST OF DELGATED DECISIONS

Submitted **C(L)** list of delegated decisions.

THIS information was taken as received and noted.

333/21 PR OPPORTUNITIES ARISING FROM THE MEETING

Success of busking pilot / electoral arrangements for 2022

334/21 ANY OTHER BUSINESS

There were no items.

335/21 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.

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

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