

MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE BRECON TOWN COUNCIL HELD REMOTELY VIA ZOOM ON MONDAY 22 NOVEMBER 2021 AT 7.00 P.M.

471/21 PRESENT

Councillor J Powell (Mayor in the Chair)
Councillor M Matthews
Councillor T Davies
Councillor L Rijnenberg
Councillor D Meredith (left at 9:03pm)
Councillor M Dorrance
Councillor A M C Weale (left at 9:03pm)
Councillor G Ham
Councillor R Thomas
Councillor C Walsh
Councillor S Morgans
Councillor A Mathias
Councillor I Williams

In Attendance: Fiona Williams (Town Clerk)
Rhys Ridge-Evans (Administrative Officer)
Ptryk Bialowas (left at 8:23)
Nigel Kilgallon (left at 8:23)

Not in attendance: Councillor M Davies
Miss B Osborne

Councillors Weale and Rijnenberg left the meeting during some discussions due to technical issues beyond their control.

472/21 APOLOGIES

Apologies were received from Councillors Perry and Ham.

473/21 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Councillors D Meredith and A M C Weale declared an interest in agenda item 20 on the confidential pages.

474/21 ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Mayor confirmed that he had attended a Zulu event at Dering Lines, attended the window judging competition, the Christmas Fayre, Remembrance Events, tree planting ceremony, Abbeyfield defibrillator press release, filming for Brecon With Bells On.

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SECTION A

475/21 MINUTES

The Minutes of the meeting of the Council held on 25 October 2021 (Pages 102 to 107) (copies of which had been previously circulated) were considered

IT WAS RESOLVED

THAT the Minutes of the Town Council meeting held on 25 October 2021 be taken as read, approved as a true record, and signed.

476/21 ENVIRONMENT AND EVENTS COMMITTEE – 28 OCTOBER 2021

The Minutes of the Special Meeting of the Environment and Events Committee held on 28 October 2021 (Pages 111 – 112) (copies of which had been previously circulated) were considered

IT WAS RESOLVED

THAT the Minutes of the Special Meeting of the Environment and Events Committee held on 28 October 2021 be taken as read, approved as a true record, and signed.

477/21 PLANNING, GUILDHALL AND STAFFING COMMITTEE – 1 NOVEMBER 2021

The Minutes of the Planning, Guildhall and Staffing Committee held on 1 November 2021 (pages 113 – 115) (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 1 November 2021 be taken as read, approved as a true record, and signed.

478/21 FINANCE AND COMMISSIONING OF CONTRACTS COMMITTEE – 1 NOVEMBER 2021

The Minutes of the Finance and Commissioning of Contracts Committee held on 1 November 2021 (Pages 118 – 120) (copies of which had been previously circulated) were considered

IT WAS RESOLVED

THAT the Minutes of the Finance and Commissioning of Contracts Committee held on 1 November 2021 be taken as read, approved as a true record, and signed.

479/21 REPORT AND EMAIL RECEIVED FROM NHS WALES - DEFIBRILLATORS

Submitted **C(A)** report and email received from NHS Wales concerning defibrillators. Members discussed this item, and it was

RESOLVED

THAT the actions as detailed within the report be approved, and that the funds for installation of a new defibrillator be taken from the Guildhall repairs budget.

480/21 REPORT – CLIMATE CHANGE

Submitted **C(B)** report concerning climate change. Members discussed this item, and it was

RESOLVED

THAT the actions as detailed within the report be approved.

481/21 CONSULTATION – INDEPENDENT REMUNERATION PANEL (IRP)

Submitted **C(C)** consultation information received from the Independent Remuneration Panel Wales.

RESOLVED

THAT this information be taken as received and noted.

482/21 LETTER RECEIVED FROM POWYS COUNTY COUNCIL – SCHOOLS AMALGAMATION

Submitted **C(D)** a letter received from Powys County Council concerning the schools amalgamation.

RESOLVED

THAT this information be taken as received and noted.

483/21 PILOT – LOCAL GOVERNMENT AND ELECTIONS ACT

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Submitted **C(E)** information relating to the Local Government and Elections Act Pilot. Members noted that the preference would be the Resources and Financial Management theme,

RESOLVED

THAT this information be taken as received and noted.

484/21 LIST OF DELGATED DECISIONS

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

THIS information was taken as received and noted.

485/21 BUDGET REPORT

Submitted **C(G)(i)** Budget Report 2022/23 prepared by the Town Clerk, **C(G)(ii)** Budget Report 2022/23 prepared by Councillor Walsh, **C(G)(iii)** Full Draft Budget 2022/23, **C(G)(iv)** Summarised Draft Budget 2022/23 with predicted reserves (options A and B), and **C(G)(v)** Schedule of Reserves as at 31 March 2021. The Town Clerk and Councillor Walsh explained their reports for the benefit of Members. Councillor Walsh took this opportunity to thank everyone involved in pulling the draft budgets together. Members discussed this item in considerable detail. Following discussion, a vote was taken and with 10 votes in favour, and two abstentions it was

RESOLVED

THAT the option B budget tabled be approved with the removal of £5000 for the King George playing field equipment, an increase to £20,000 for Newton Green Park play equipment, and that £8000 which is presently an ear marked reserved for an outdoor cinema be released into general reserves.

486/21 PR OPPORTUNITIES ARISING FROM THE MEETING

Climate Change / budget

487/21 ANY OTHER BUSINESS

There were no items.

488/21 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 Kilgallon and Mr Bialowas left the meeting at this point and did not return.

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