

MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE BRECON TOWN COUNCIL HELD REMOTELY VIA ZOOM ON MONDAY 27 JUNE 2022 AT 7.00 P.M.

89/22 PRESENT

Councillor D Meredith (Mayor in the Chair)
Councillor L Rijnenberg
Councillor M Matthews
Councillor M Dorrance
Councillor R Thomas
Councillor N Kilgallon
Councillor S Drinan
Councillor T Fretten
Councillor S Morgans
Councillor J Powell
Councillor N Stone
Councillor C Walton
Councillor M Davies

In Attendance: Fiona Williams (Town Clerk)
Rhys Ridge-Evans (Administrative Officer)

All persons noted above were present by video link except for Councillors Morgans and Drinan who were present by audio link.

90/22 APOLOGIES

Apologies were received from Councillors Perry and Walsh, and from Mr P Bialowas, Youth Representative.

91/22 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Councillor Meredith declared an interest in agenda item 20.

92/22 ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Mayor informed Members that he had attended 12 engagements since the AGM and detailed these.

SECTION A

93/22 MINUTES

The Minutes of the Annual General Meeting of the Council held on 20 May 2022 (Pages 1 to 3) (copies of which had been previously circulated)

IT WAS RESOLVED

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THAT the Minutes of the Annual General Meeting held on 20 May 2022 be taken as read, approved as a true record, and signed.

94/22 FULL COUNCIL – 23 MAY 2022

The Minutes of the meeting of the Council held on 23 May 2022 (Pages 4 – 10) (copies of which had been previously circulated)

95/22 ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

MEMBERSHIP OF OUTSIDE BODIES FOR THE MUNICIPAL YEAR 2022/23 (MINUTE NO. 21/22)

The Town Clerk informed Members that Councillor Perry was unable to sit on the Edmund Jones Charity and that a replacement is needed. Councillor Drinan offered to replace Councillor Perry on the Edmund Jones Charity and this was agreed. The Town Clerk also informed Members that it would be beneficial to have a second person nominated onto the Powys Pension Fund from this Council as well as Councillor Walsh due to a potential conflict that was being explored. It was agreed that Councillor Fretten be nominated if Councillor Walsh is unable to be put forward.

Subject to the foregoing

IT WAS RESOLVED

THAT the Minutes of the Meeting of the Town Council held on 23 May 2022 be taken as read, approved as a true record, and signed.

96/22 PLANNING, GUILDHALL AND STAFFING COMMITTEE – 6 JUNE 2022

The Minutes of the Planning, Guildhall and Staffing Committee held on 6 June 2022 (pages 13 – 16) (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 June 2022 be taken as read, approved as a true record, and signed.

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97/22 FINANCE AND COMMISSIONING OF CONTRACTS COMMITTEE – 6 JUNE 2022

The Minutes of the Finance and Commissioning of Contracts Committee held on 6 June 2022 (Pages 18 – 22) (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 6 June 2022 be taken as read, approved as a true record, and signed.

98/22 ARRANGEMENTS FOR MEETINGS

The Town Clerk informed Members that the grant application submitted to Powys for hybrid meeting equipment had been successful, and that the equipment has been installed and was ready to be used. Members discussed this item in detail, and it was

RESOLVED

THAT Committee meetings and working group meetings continue to be held remotely, and that Full Council meetings be held in the Guildhall chamber using the hybrid equipment.

99/22 GOVERNANCE AND ACCOUNTABILITY FOR LOCAL COUNCILS IN WALES PRACTITIONERS GUIDE

Submitted **C(A)** an electronic copy only of the Governance and Accountability For Local Councils in Wales Practitioners Guide. The Town Clerk explained this agenda item for the benefit of Members, and requested that all Members read this.

RESOLVED

THAT this information be taken as received and noted.

100/22 CLIMATE ACTION PLAN AND REPORT

Submitted **C(B)** Climate Action Plan and Report. The Town Clerk explained this agenda item for Members, and it was

RESOVLED

THAT the Climate Action Plan be approved for publication and implementation and that Councillor Nigel Kilgallon be

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appointed to the Brecon Beacons National Park Authority Stakeholder Reference Panel.

101/22 LETTER FROM POWYS COUNTY COUNCIL – APPOINTMENT OF TOWN/COMMUNITY COUNCILLOR TO THE POWYS COUNTY COUNCIL STANDARDS COMMITTEE SUB-COMMITTEE

Submitted **C(C)** a letter received from Powys County Council concerning the appointment of a Town/Community Councillor to the Powys County Council Standards Committee Sub-Committee. Members discussed this item in detail, and it was

RESOLVED

THAT Brecon Town Council's nominee be Councillor Karen Coldrick.

102/22 STATUTORY GUIDANCE RELATING TO THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT AND ELECTIONS (WALES) ACT 2021

Submitted **C(D)(i)** statutory guidance relating to the Local Government and Elections (Wales) Act 2021, and **C(D)(ii)** a report dated 8 June 2021 relating to the same item. The Town Clerk explained the duties under the Act and advised that a working group considers the position in regard to the General Power of Competence to ensure that all requirements have been fully considered prior to taking a decision on eligibility. Members discussed this item, and it was

RESOLVED

THAT a working group be set up consisting of Councillors Powell, Thomas, Walton, and Walsh.

103/22 FINANCE AND GOVERNANCE TOOLKIT FOR COMMUNITY AND TOWN COUNCILS

Submitted **C(E)(i)** a covering letter and **C(E)(ii)** Finance and Governance Toolkit for Community and Town Councils. The Town Clerk explained that this is the final document that needs consideration further to the trial that Brecon Town Council took part in earlier this year. Members discussed this item, and it was

RESOLVED

THAT a working group be set up to work through the document consisting of Councillors Powell, Walsh, and

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Kilgallon.

104/22 DIRECT DEBITS / STANDING ORDERS LIST

Submitted **C(F)** a list of direct debits and standing orders.

RESOLVED

THAT this information be noted and approved.

105/22 STATEMENTS OF ACCOUNTS PAID MAY 2022

Submitted **C(G)** statements of accounts paid for May 2022.

RESOLVED

THAT this information be taken as received and noted.

106/22 PR OPPORTUNITIES ARISING FROM THE MEETING

There were no items.

107/22 ANY OTHER BUSINESS

The Town Clerk informed Members that she had received an email on behalf of the Leader of Powys County Council noting that this Council's Annual Report has been considered by the Public Service Board and that it was comprehensive and helpful.

The Town Clerk also informed Members that the busking project was starting again this weekend for the next six Saturdays and that if anyone is available to steward to please let her know.

108/22 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.