

BRECON TOWN COUNCIL

MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE OF BRECON TOWN COUNCIL HELD REMOTELY VIA ZOOM ON TUESDAY 5 JULY 2022 AT 6.00 P.M.

151/22 PRESENT

Councillor L Rijnenberg
Councillor C Walton (left 7:30pm)
Councillor M Matthews
Councillor R Thomas
Councillor J Powell
Councillor N Kilgallon (arrived 7:00pm)

In Attendance: Fiona Williams (Town Clerk)
Rhys Ridge-Evans (Administrative Officer)
Rachel Carter, One Voice Wales (left 6:40pm)
Ptryk Bialowas (phone link only)(left 7:30pm)

152/22 PRESENTATION

The outgoing Chair welcomed Ms Rachel Carter, Local Places for Nature Officer, One Voice Wales to the meeting, and invited her to give her presentation. Ms Carter thanked Members for giving her the time to talk through the funding streams that are available at the moment and detailed some of the projects she has been involved with. After the presentation, Members had the opportunity to ask questions which Ms Carter answered. The outgoing Chair thanked Ms Carter for her time, and Ms Carter left the meeting.

153/22 CHAIR – ELECTION OF

Nominations for the position of Chair of the Committee were invited, and it was

RESOLVED UNANIMOUSLY

THAT Councillor M Matthews be re-elected Chair of the Environment and Events Committee for the current Municipal Year.

154/22 VICE CHAIR – ELECTION OF

Nominations for the position of Vice Chair of the Committee were invited, and it was

RESOLVED UNANIMOUSLY

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THAT Councillor M Davies be re-elected Vice Chair of the Environment and Events Committee for the current Municipal Year.

155/22 APOLOGIES

Apologies were received from Councillors Dorrance, Morgans, Davies, and Drinan, and from Mr K Savage, Water Bailiff.

156/22 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no items.

157/22 MINUTES ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE

The Minutes of the Meeting of the Environment Committee held on 5 April 2022 (Pages 203 – 207) (copies of which had been previously circulated)

RESOLVED

THAT the Minutes of the Environment and Events Committee held on 5 April 2022 be taken as read, approved as a true record, and signed.

158/22 TERMS OF REFERENCE

Submitted **E(A)** terms of reference for the Environment and Events Committee.

RESOLVED

THAT the terms of reference be approved.

159/22 FISHING BAY UPDATE REPORT

Submitted **E(B)** fishing bay update report dated 28th June 2022. The Town Clerk explained this agenda item for the benefit of Members. Members discussed this item, and it was

RESOLVED

THAT the actions as detailed within the report be agreed.

160/22 BRECON WITH BELLS ON WORKING GROUP

The Town Clerk explained this agenda item for the benefit of Members. It was suggested that a working group for Brecon with Bells On 2022 be set up and to delegate decisions relating to the planning of the event to

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the Town Clerk in consultation with the working group. Members discussed this item, and it was

RESOLVED

THAT Councillors Powell, Matthews, Rijnenberg, Thomas, and Walton, and Mr P Bialowas, Youth Representative, form a working group to plan Brecon with Bells On 2022, with decisions delegated to the Town Clerk in consultation with that working group.

161/22 RED OAK TREE

Councillor Rijnenberg explained that an oak tree has been removed some years ago from the King George playing field. She informed Members that she has discussed this issue with Powys County Council and it has agreed to replace the tree.

RESOLVED

THAT this information be taken as received and noted.

162/22 REVIEW OF CIVIC GUEST LIST

The Town Clerk explained this agenda item for the benefit of Members. It was suggested that a small working group be formed to look at this item. Members discussed this item, and it was

RESOLVED

THAT Councillors Powell and Matthews review the Civic Guest List with the Town Clerk.

163/22 ARRANGEMENTS FOR TOWN CENTRE PLANTERS

Councillor Rijnenberg provided an overview of the town centre planters for the benefit of Members. The Town Clerk confirmed details of the general budget for town planting and the precepted amount for new planters for the Town Centre. This was discussed in detail.

RESOLVED

THAT a working group be set up to consider arrangements for the new town centre planters consisting of Councillor Rijnenberg and any other Councillor who wishes to be involved, and that Councillor Rijnenberg will organise the purchase of plants for the town centre as appropriate.

164/22 REPORT – CO-OPTED MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC

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Submitted **E(C)** a report concerning Co-opted Members of the Public dated 7 April 2022. The Town Clerk informed Members that points 1 and 2 of the report had been approved at Full Council and that it has been referred to this Committee by Full Council to decide whether to appoint Co-opted Members of the Public or not. The Town Clerk had, prior to the meeting, circulated a request from Francesca Bell to be considered as a Co-opted Member of this Committee. Members discussed this item in detail, and it was

RESOLVED

THAT Francesca Bell and Malcolm Rich be invited to join the Environment and Events Committee as Co-opted Members of the Public.

165/22 REPORT - TREES

Submitted **E(D)** a report concerning the trees at the Maendu Well site dated 17 May 2022. The Town Clerk explained this agenda item for the benefit of Members. Members discussed this item, and it was

RESOLVED

THAT quotes be obtained for appropriate actions as set out in the report.

166/22 REPORT – MAENDU WELL POND

Submitted **E(E)** a report concerning Maendu Well pond dated 28 June 2022. The Town Clerk explained this agenda item for the benefit of Members. Members discussed this item in detail, and it was

RESOLVED

THAT

- 1. That improvement / maintenance works are required**
- 2. That options are considered further regarding the extent of the works**
- 3. To seek quotes as necessary and in due course**
- 4. To consider further any necessary permissions**
- 5. That Councillor Thomas contacts the Maendu Well Group to discuss plans.**

167/22 REPORT – RECYCLING AT PARKS

Submitted **E(F)** a report concerning recycling at parks dated 1 April 2022. The Town Clerk explained this agenda item for the benefit of Members. Members discussed this item in detail, and it was

RESOLVED

THAT the proposals within the report be agreed for implementation as soon as possible, with spend being taken from reserves and that the Second Life Products be the preferred style of bin.

168/22 TRAINING FOR INSTALLATION OF CHARGING POINTS FOR ELECTRIC VEHICLES VIA NPTC

The Town Clerk informed Members that Neath Port Talbot College will be facilitating training in connection to electric points for vehicles, and that this had been placed on the agenda for information purposes.

RESOLVED

THAT this information be taken as received and noted.

169/22 PR AND PRESS OPPORTUNITIES

Recycling bins / Brecon With Bells on / Fishing Bay / Wellbeing Report

170/22 ANY OTHER BUSINESS

The Town Clerk informed Members that an apple tree that had been planted in Camden Road park on the occasion of the 30th Anniversary of the twinning with Gouesnou has disappeared and that a replacement would need to be purchased, and this was approved.

The Town Clerk also informed Members that during the season, the Park Keeper had been trialling a greener product for weed killing and that further research was needed in this regard. It was suggested to speak to Ms Carter to see if she was able to assist in this regard.

171/22 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.

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