

MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE BRECON TOWN COUNCIL HELD IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBER AND REMOTELY VIA ZOOM ON MONDAY 25 JULY 2022 AT 7.00 P.M.

175/22 PRESENT

Councillor D Meredith (Mayor in the Chair) left 8:20pm
Councillor L Rijnenberg
Councillor M Matthews (remote attendee)
Councillor M Dorrance (remote attendee)
Councillor R Thomas (remote attendee)
Councillor N Kilgallon
Councillor S Drinan
Councillor T Fretten
Councillor S Morgans (remote attendee)
Councillor J Powell (remote attendee)
Councillor N Stone
Councillor C Walton
Councillor M Perry (remote attendee) lost connection at 7:41pm
and could not re-connect

In Attendance: Fiona Williams (Town Clerk)
Rhys Ridge-Evans (Administrative Officer)
PC Simon Beaton (Dyfed Powys Police)(left
7:26pm)
Sgt Lucy Bassett (Dyfed Powys Police)(left
7:26pm)
Insp. Cath Cook (Dyfed Powys Police)(left
7:26pm)
Lynnette Thomas (arrived remotely at 8:20pm,
left 8:32pm)

All persons noted in attendance remotely were present by video link except for Councillor Morgans who was present by audio link only.

176/22 PRESENTATION

The Mayor welcomed Police Officers from Dyfed Powys Police to the meeting and invited them to give an update about crime in Brecon. The officers thanked Members for allowing them to attend and gave an update in regard to crime in Brecon. After their presentation, Members had the opportunity to ask questions which were answered. The Mayor thanked the officers for their time, and they left the Chamber.

At this point, the Mayor called for a moments silence in memory of Tony Bufton, former Mayor of Brecon, who has recently passed away.

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177/22 APOLOGIES

Apologies were received from Councillor Davies.

178/22 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Councillor Meredith declared an interest in agenda item 15, and Councillor Matthews declared an interest in agenda item 11.

179/22 ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Mayor asked the Administrative Officer to circulate a list of his engagements as Mayor, which the Administrative Officer confirmed he would do by the end of the week.

SECTION A

180/22 MINUTES

The Minutes of the meeting of the Council held on 27 June 2022 (Pages 25 – 29) (copies of which had been previously circulated) were considered

IT WAS RESOLVED

THAT the Minutes of the Meeting of the Town Council held on 27 June 2022 be taken as read, approved as a true record, and signed.

181/22 PLANNING, GUILDHALL AND STAFFING COMMITTEE – 4 JULY 2022

The Minutes of the Planning, Guildhall and Staffing Committee held on 4 July 2022 (pages 33 – 35) (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 4 July 2022 be taken as read, approved as a true record, and signed.

182/22 FINANCE AND COMMISSIONING OF CONTRACTS COMMITTEE – 4 JULY 2022

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The Minutes of the Finance and Commissioning of Contracts Committee held on 4 July 2022 (Pages 37 – 39) (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 4 July 2022 be taken as read, approved as a true record, and signed.

183/22 ENVIRONMENT AND EVENTS COMMITTEE – 5 JULY 2022

The Minutes of the Environment and Events Committee held on 5 July 2022 (Pages 41 – 45) (copies of which had been previously circulated) were considered

184/22 ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

ANY OTHER BUSINESS (MINUTE NO. 169/22)

Councillor Fretten queried what the wellbeing report referred to, which was clarified by the Town Clerk as the annual report. Councillor Fretten thanked the Town Clerk for the clarification.

ARRANGEMENTS FOR TOWN CENTRE PLANTERS (MINUTE NO. 163/22)

Councillor Rijnenberg gave an update in this regard, and explained the content of the report dated 20 July 2022 that had been circulated prior to the meeting. Members discussed this item and it was resolved to agree the actions as detailed within the report.

Subject to the foregoing

IT WAS RESOLVED

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

185/22 REPORT – CHARITIES

Submitted **C(A)** a report concerning charities dated 13 July 2022 prepared by the Town Clerk. Members discussed this item in detail, and it was

RESOLVED

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THAT a working group be set up to carry out the actions for the G T Harley Thomas Charity and the Alderman Thomas Williams Trust consisting of Councillors Walsh, Powell, and Meredith.

186/22 REPORT – WELFARE TRUST

Submitted **C(B)** a report concerning the Brecknock Welfare Trust dated 22 March 2022 prepared by the Town Clerk. The Mayor explained this agenda item for the benefit of Members. Members discussed this item, and it was

RESOLVED

THAT the Town Clerk writes to other Town and Community Councils within Brecknockshire area requesting that consideration be given donating to the Brecknock Welfare Trust, and that an amount for the precept be considered at a later date.

187/22 RECOMMENDATION REPORT – IRP DETERMINATION 49

Submitted **C(C)** a recommendation report concerning IRP determination 49 dated 13 July 2022.

RESOLVED

THAT the action as detailed within the report be approved.

188/22 EMAIL FROM CHRIST COLLEGE, BRECON

Submitted **C(D)** an email received from Christ College Brecon dated 22 June 2022. Members discussed this item in, and it was

RESOLVED

THAT the Mayor and Town Clerk meet with the Bursar at Christ College for more information about the proposal.

189/22 REVISED GRANT APPLICATION FORM

Submitted **C(E)** revised grant application for consideration and approval. Councillor Fretten suggested two further minor amendments to the revised grant application. Members discussed this, and it was

RESOLVED

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THAT the revised grant application be approved subject to the minor amendments from Councillor Fretten.

190/22 BEACONS CREATIVE GRANT APPLICATION

As Councillor Matthews declared an interest in this application, she was placed in the waiting room on Zoom, and took no part in discussion.

Submitted **C(F)** a grant application received from Beacons Creative. Members discussed this item in detail, and it was

RESOLVED

THAT a grant of £598.56 be awarded to Beacons Creative.

191/22 PR OPPORTUNITIES ARISING FROM THE MEETING

Grant Aid / Meeting with Dyfed Powys Police

192/22 ANY OTHER BUSINESS

The Town Clerk informed Members that she had received a request from Brecon Jazz Club for a letter of support for the road closure. Members agreed to the request.

The Town Clerk also informed Members that a request had been received from Councillor Davies to set up a working group to look at art installations in the Town. This was agreed with Councillors Davies, Drinan, Kilgallon, Powell, Dorrance, and Matthews putting themselves forward to be on the working group.

193/22 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.