

BRECON TOWN COUNCIL

MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE PLANNING, GUILDHALL AND STAFFING COMMITTEE OF BRECON TOWN COUNCIL HELD REMOTELY VIA ZOOM ON MONDAY 5 SEPTEMBER 2022 AT 6.00 P.M.

202/22 PRESENT

Councillor L Rijnenberg
Councillor R Thomas
Councillor N Stone
Councillor T Fretten
Councillor C Walton
Councillor C Walsh (arrived 6:04pm)
Councillor D Meredith

In attendance: Mrs. Fiona Williams (Town Clerk)
Mr Rhys Ridge-Evans (Administrative Officer)
1 member of the public

203/22 APOLOGIES

Apologies were received from Councillors Drinan, Perry, and Matthews.

204/22 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no declarations.

205/22 MINUTES – PLANNING, GUILDHALL AND STAFFING COMMITTEE

The Minutes of the Meeting of the Planning, Guildhall and Staffing Committee held on 4 July 2022 (Pages 33 – 35) (copies of which had been previously circulated) were considered

RESOLVED

THAT the Minutes of the Planning, Guildhall and Staffing Committee held on 4 July 2022 be taken as read, approved as a true record, and signed.

206/22 PLANNING APPLICATIONS

- (a) Submitted – Schedule of Planning Applications received from Brecon Beacons National Park Authority (copies of which had been previously circulated - **Appendix P(A)**).

- (b) Submitted – Schedule of decisions from the Brecon Beacons National Park Authority (copies of which had been previously circulated – **Appendix P(B)**).

The Committee considered the applications received as shown on the schedule.

RESOLVED

- (a) **THAT the schedule contained in the attached P(A) be received and noted.**
- (b) **THAT the schedule contained in the attached P(B) be received and noted.**

207/22 REPORT – PURPLE PLAQUE FOR FRANCES HOGGAN

Submitted **P(C)** a report prepared by the Town Clerk concerning a purple plaque for Frances Hoggan dated 15th August 2022. Members discussed this item in detail, and it was

RESOLVED

THAT the actions as detailed within the report be approved and agreed, and that a letter of support be drafted.

208/22 POWYS LOCAL DEVELOPMENT PLAN CONSULTATION

Submitted **P(D)** information relating to the Powys Local Development Plan consultation.

RESOLVED

THAT this information be taken as received and noted.

209/22 UPDATE GUILDHALL WORKS

The Chair and the Town Clerk explained this agenda item for the benefit of Members. It was noted that a meeting had been held with the approved contractor and it was suggested that two months would be needed in order for the works to be completed. The Town Clerk informed Members that a grant application had been completed for the works, but the works would need to be completed before the end of February. The Chair and the Town Clerk informed Members that an email had been received from the contractor to say that the works could not now start until the spring of 2023 due to other commitments. The Town Clerk also updated Members in regard to the stage lighting work. It was noted that one quote had been received in the region of £700 to attend to inspect

and provide an initial report and that difficulties have been experienced with obtaining other requested quotes. Members discussed this item in detail, and it was

RESOLVED

THAT the information relating to the structural works to the Guildhall be taken as received and noted, and that the quote received for the stage structural assessment be accepted.

210/22 GRIEVANCE POLICY FOR REVIEW

Submitted **P(E)** Grievance Policy for review. Members discussed this item, and noted one further amendment. Subject to this, it was

RESOLVED

THAT the grievance policy be approved with the changes as noted.

211/22 PR AND PRESS OPPORTUNITIES

There were no items.

212/22 ANY OTHER BUSINESS

The Town Clerk informed Members that following the energy saving report that was done previously, one local plumber had shown an interest in working with the Council. It was suggested that the Working Group reconvenes to look at the options further, and that if grant opportunities arise they be applied for.

The Town Clerk also informed Members that the new planters for the town centre were being made at the moment.

It was also noted that the working group for access improvements had met, and that a list had been submitted and the Town Clerk detailed these for Members benefit.

213/22 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.

The member of the public left the meeting at this point, and did not return.