

BRECON TOWN COUNCIL

MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE OF BRECON TOWN COUNCIL HELD REMOTELY VIA ZOOM ON TUESDAY 4 OCTOBER 2022 AT 6.00 P.M.

298/22 PRESENT

Councillor C Walton
Councillor M Matthews (in the Chair)
Councillor J Powell
Councillor N Kilgallon
Councillor R Thomas
Councillor S Morgans (audio link only)
Councillor M Davies

In Attendance: Fiona Williams (Town Clerk)
Rhys Ridge-Evans (Administrative Officer)
Ptryk Bialowas (left 7:19pm)
Malcolm Rich (left 7:19pm)
Francesca Bell (left 7:19pm)
Not in attendance: Ken Savage (Water Bailiff)
Ray Savage (Water Bailiff)

299/22 APOLOGIES

Apologies were received from Councillors Dorrance and Rijnenberg.

300/22 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no items.

301/22 MINUTES ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE

The Minutes of the Meeting of the Environment Committee held on 5 July 2022 (Pages 40 – 44) (copies of which had been previously circulated)

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.

302/22 FISHING BAY UPDATE REPORT

The Chair provided Members with a verbal update in this regard with assistance from the Town Clerk. The Town Clerk confirmed that she had prepared a planning application and confirmed that the drawings are needed. The Town Clerk also confirmed that a meeting is to take place

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next week with Natural Resources Wales for the purpose of seeking advice about the specification of the fishing bay. The Town Clerk confirmed that the Sustainable Development Fund are happy to accept an application for funding once the planning permission has been received, and that the next step is to carry out consultation work.

RESOLVED

THAT this information be taken as received and noted.

303/22 RISK ASSESSMENTS – FISHING

Submitted **E(A)** Lone Worker – Fishing, Water Bailiff, and Anglers Risk Assessments for review. Members discussed the risk assessments in detail. During discussions queries were raised about the contact between the Water Bailiffs and Brecon Town Council. It was suggested that the Town Clerk liaise with the Water Bailiffs to discuss the best way forward in this regard. Members discussed the Risk Assessments in detail, and suggested some minor amendments.

RESOLVED

THAT the Anglers Risk Assessment, Lone Worker Fishing Risk Assessment, and the Water Bailiff Risk Assessment be re-approved as per the suggested amendments.

304/22 REPORT – ART INSTALLATIONS

Submitted **E(B)** a report concerning art installations dated 31 August 2022. Councillor Davies explained this agenda item for the benefit of Members. Members discussed this item in detail, and it was

RESOLVED

THAT the short term proposals for an umbrella street be approved and that quotations are sought, budget provision for 2023/24 is made, and enquiries are raised about relevant permissions. In regard to the painted steps / zebra crossing that further investigative work is carried out and visuals are circulated to the Committee Members. In regard to the longer term proposals that the working group further continue research in this regard.

305/22 KING GEORGE PLAYING FIELDS – GRANT APPLICATION

The Town Clerk provided information in this regard supplied on behalf of Councillor Rijnenberg who wishes to apply for funding via the Audrey Tyler Trust for two benches at the King George playing fields. Permission would be required from Powys County Council as well as discussions about the style. It may be necessary to organise the placement of a

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concrete base and it is also necessary to liaise in regard to a Dementia Friends bench that is being placed in the same park to co-ordinate. There is no proposal for this to be funded by the Town Council, rather to seek agreement to submit a funding request to the Audrey Tyler Trust.

RESOLVED

THAT this information be taken as received and noted, and that an application to the Audrey Tyler Trust be approved.

306/22 BIODIVERSITY CONFERENCE

Submitted **E(C)** an email received from One Voice Wales concerning a biodiversity conference.

RESOLVED

THAT this information be taken as received and noted, and that Councillor Rob Thomas attends.

307/22 EMAIL RECEIVED – MOUNTAIN BIKING IN BRECON AREA

Submitted **E(D)** an email received from a member of the public concerning Mountain Biking in the area. Members discussed this item in detail, and it was noted that work was being carried out by the Greenspaces Working Group to some related elements. Members were generally supportive of the idea, and noted that a lot more detail is required as well as collaboration with key stakeholders. It was

RESOLVED

THAT the Town Clerk reverts to the Member of the public in this regard and organises a meeting with the Brecon Beacons National Park Authority and other relevant agencies to explore options further.

308/22 UPDATE – BRECON WITH BELLS ON

The Chair provided Members with an update concerning Brecon With Bells On 2022. It was requested that Members save the date to assist with stewarding.

RESOLVED

THAT this information be taken as received and noted.

309/22 UPDATE – REMEMBRANCE SUNDAY

The Town Clerk provided Members with an update concerning Remembrance Sunday. It was confirmed that there would be a small

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Service on Friday 11th November and a full scale event on Sunday 13th November.

RESOLVED

THAT this information be taken as received and noted.

310/22 BUNTING FOR 2023 COLOUR/DESIGN CHOICE

The Town Clerk explained this agenda item for the benefit of Members. She confirmed that there was £550 in the budget and that the cost for next year would be £558 which includes a 10% discount. The Town Clerk also explained the requirements in regard to the bunting licence, and that it likely to mean an overspend on this year's budget of a couple of hundred pounds due to installation costs this year, which will not occur going forward due to the arrangements made with the Christmas Lights. Members discussed this item in detail, and with five votes in favour, it was

RESOLVED UNANIMOUSLY

THAT the bunting for 2023/24 be the same colour and style as the current year.

311/22 RISK ASSESSMENTS FOR LLANFAES PARK AND CAMDEN ROAD PARK

Submitted **E(E)** risk assessments for Llanfaes Park and Camden Road park.

RESOLVED

THAT the risk assessments be taken as received and noted.

312/22 BUSKING REPORT

Submitted **E(F)** a report concerning busking dated 23 August 2022. Councillor Davies explained this agenda item for the benefit of Members. Members discussed this item in detail, and it was

RESOLVED

THAT the action as detailed within the report be approved.

313/22 REQUEST FOR EVENT AT LLANFAES PARK

The Town Clerk explained that a verbal request for an event at Llanfaes Park had been received a week before, and she explained the requirements in regard to risk assessments and insurance, and it had been confirmed that this information would be provided in readiness for

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this meeting, but had not been received. It had been followed up today with no response so it is assumed that the event is no longer proceeding.

THIS information was taken as received and noted.

314/22 PRECEPT REQUESTS

The Town Clerk explained this agenda item for the benefit of Members. She informed Members that the first draft of the precept would be presented to Full Council at the end of the Month. Members noted that they would like additional funds placed in the precept for the basketball provision at the Promenade, and a basketball hoop at Llanfaes Park.

315/22 PR AND PRESS OPPORTUNITES

There were no items.

316/22 ANY OTHER BUSINESS

The Town Clerk informed Members that in regard to the town parasols, two have been put away for the winter with the remaining organisations having a two week extension agreement to mid-October, following which, they would all be put away for the winter. The Town Clerk also informed Members that there is a budget in the current financial year for further parasols and requested that a working group be formed to look at the requirements, as well as provision for locations in 2023. Councillors Kilgallon and Matthews agreed to sit on a working group along with Francesca Bell, and it was suggested to ask Councillor Rijnenberg to join as well.

The Chair informed Members that she would like to set up a working group to look at a Brecon Pride event and asked the Administrative Officer to join the group. The working group was confirmed as Councillors Matthews, Davies and Walton, with the Administrative Officer, and Youth Representative to join as well. The Town Clerk enquired whether budget provision is going to be required for this in 2023 and it was confirmed that it would be.

317/22 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 M Rich, Ms F Bell, and Mr P Bialowas left the meeting at this point and did not return.