

MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE BRECON TOWN COUNCIL HELD IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBER AND REMOTELY VIA ZOOM ON MONDAY 24 OCTOBER 2022 AT 7.00 P.M.

325/22 PRESENT

Councillor D Meredith (Mayor in the Chair)
Councillor L Rijnenberg
Councillor M Matthews
Councillor R Thomas
Councillor M Dorrance (remote attendee)
Councillor S Drinan (remote attendee)
Councillor T Fretten
Councillor J Powell
Councillor N Stone (remote attendee)
Councillor S Morgans (remote attendee) (arrived 7:05pm)

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

Not in attendance: Councillor N Kilgallon
Councillor M Perry

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

326/22 APOLOGIES

Apologies were received from Councillors Davies, Walsh, and Walton.

327/22 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Councillor Meredith declared an interest in agenda 23. Councillor Dorrance declared an interest in agenda item 21.

328/22 ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Mayor confirmed that a list of his engagements would be circulated by the end of the week.

SECTION A

329/22 MINUTES

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The Minutes of the meeting of the Council held on 26 September 2022 (Pages 64 – 68) (copies of which had been previously circulated) were considered

IT WAS RESOLVED

THAT the Minutes of the Meeting of the Town Council held on 26 September 2022 be taken as read, approved as a true record, and signed.

330/22 PLANNING, GUILDHALL AND STAFFING COMMITTEE – 3 OCTOBER 2022

The Minutes of the Planning, Guildhall and Staffing Committee held on 3 October 2022 (page 71 and pages 74 – 75) (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 3 October 2022 be taken as read, approved as a true record, and signed.

331/22 FINANCE AND COMMISSIONING OF CONTRACTS COMMITTEE – 3 OCTOBER 2022

The Minutes of the Finance and Commissioning of Contracts Committee held on 3 October 2022 (Pages 76 – 77) (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 3 October 2022 be taken as read, approved as a true record, and signed.

332/22 ENVIRONMENT AND EVENTS COMMITTEE – 4 OCTOBER 2022

The Minutes of the Environment and Events Committee held on 4 October 2022 (Pages 80 – 84) (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 October 2022 be taken as read, approved as a true record, and signed.

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333/22 BUDGET V ACTUAL FOR AUGUST 2022

Submitted **C(A)** budget v actual for August 2022.

RESOLVED

THAT this information be taken as received and noted.

334/22 BANK RECONCILIATION AS AT 31 AUGUST 2022

Submitted **C(B)** bank reconciliation as at 31 August 2022.

RESOLVED

THAT this information be taken as received and noted.

335/22 REPORT – LOCAL GOVERNMENT AND ELECTIONS (WALES) ACT

Submitted **C(C)** a report concerning the Local Government and Elections (Wales) Act dated 6 September 2022. The Town Clerk explained this agenda item for the benefit of Members. She confirmed that there is a training plan in place, and that some Councillors had completed the training, and others had not. After discussion, it was

RESOLVED

THAT the action as detailed within the report be approved as drafted.

336/22 REPORT – ART INSTALLATIONS

Submitted **C(D)** a report concerning art installations dated 7 October 2022. Members discussed this item in detail, and after discussion, it was

RESOLVED

THAT the detailed concept be approved in principle for further exploration and that the sum of £3,000 be placed in the budget for 2023/24.

337/22 EMAIL – INDEPENDENT REMUNERATION PANEL (IRP) WALES

Submitted **C(E)** an email received from the Independent Remuneration Panel (Wales) dated 6 October 2022.

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RESOLVED

THAT this information be taken as received and noted.

338/22 DRAFT IRP ANNUAL REPORT

Submitted **C(F)** draft IRP Annual Report

RESOLVED

THAT this information be taken as received and noted.

339/22 DRAFT IRP CONSULTATION QUESTIONS

Submitted **C(G)** draft IRP Consultation Questions.

RESOLVED

THAT this information be taken as received and noted.

340/22 LETTER FROM POWYS COUNTY COUNCIL – TEMPORARY GOVERNOR

Submitted **C(H)** a letter received from Powys County Council concerning a temporary Governor to a new school dated 7 October 2022. Members discussed this item in detail, and it was

RESOLVED

THAT Councillor Rijnenberg be Brecon Town Council's nomination for the temporary governor position.

341/22 TO CONSIDER RECORDING COUNCIL MEETINGS FOR UPLOAD TO WEBSITE

Councillor Dorrance explained this agenda item for the benefit of Members. Members noted that it would need to be disclosed that the meeting was being recorded at the start of every meeting. Following discussion, it was

RESOLVED

THAT it be implemented to record Council meetings for upload to the Brecon Town Council website.

342/22 MEMBERS REPORT – GOLDFISH AT THE FAIR

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Councillor Rijnenberg provided an overview of the history of this topic, which commenced prior to COVID and stalled for that reason. Councillor Rijnenberg confirmed that a press release has been issued by Powys County Council about accepting pets as prizes ahead of the November fair. Councillor Rijnenberg informed Members that she is due to meet with the relevant Portfolio Holder at Powys County Council to look at requirements relating to a ban of this practice and she will report back to a future meeting of Brecon Town Council in due course.

THIS information was taken as received and noted.

343/22 DRAFT PRECEPT 2023/24

Submitted **C(I)** the draft precept for 2023/24 along with a report prepared by the Town Clerk dated 14 October 2022, and a secondary report from the Chair of the Finance and Commissioning of Contracts Committee, Councillor Walsh. Councillor Powell explained this agenda item for the benefit of Members. Queries were raised about items detailed within the draft precept which were clarified by the Town Clerk. It was requested that a working group be established to look at options for a Coronation event. Members requested additional amounts be included as follows; Coronation event in 2023 – similar amount to what was spent for the Platinum Jubilee, £3,000 for the art installations dragon project, and an additional £10,000 for Newton Green play park equipment.

RESOLVED

THAT the draft precept be revised and represent to the next meeting of the Council for further consideration.

344/22 PR OPPORTUNITIES ARISING FROM THE MEETING

There were no items.

345/22 ANY OTHER BUSINESS

The Mayor requested assistance from Members for stewarding at Brecon With Bells On.

The Town Clerk notified Members that she has been contacted by Dyfed Powys Police about CCTV equipment that is no longer in use, and was funded by this Council in 2015. We are being offered eight cameras and two wireless links and enquiries have been made as to whether they are in working order and the Police believe that they are. We are being offered the cameras if we would like them, otherwise they will be securely

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destroyed. After discussion, it was agreed to accept the hardware.

The Town Clerk reminded Members about the dates for first aid and manual handling training, and asked if anybody would like to book on, they let her know this week so that any spare places can hopefully be filled externally.

346/22 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.