

## BRECON TOWN COUNCIL

### MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE OF BRECON TOWN COUNCIL HELD REMOTELY VIA ZOOM ON TUESDAY 3 JANUARY 2023 AT 6.00 P.M.

#### 424/22 PRESENT

Councillor C Walton (arrived 6:04pm)  
Councillor M Matthews (in the Chair)  
Councillor J Powell  
Councillor R Thomas  
Councillor S Morgans (audio link only)  
Councillor M Davies (arrived 6:11pm)  
Councillor M Dorrance  
Councillor L Rijnenberg  
Councillor S Drinan

**In Attendance:** Fiona Williams (Town Clerk)  
Rhys Ridge-Evans (Administrative Officer)  
Francesca Bell (left 6:50pm)

**Not in attendance:** Councillor N Kilgallon  
Malcolm Rich (co-opted Member)

#### 425/22 APOLOGIES

Apologies were received from Mr K Savage and Mr R Savage.

#### 426/22 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no items.

#### 427/22 MINUTES ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE

The Minutes of the Meeting of the Environment Committee held on 4 October 2022 (Pages 80 – 84) (copies of which had been previously circulated)

#### RESOLVED

**THAT the Minutes of the Environment and Events Committee held on 4 October 2022 be taken as read, approved as a true record, and signed.**

#### 428/22 FISHING ACCOUNTS FOR 2022

Submitted **E(A)** Fishing Accounts for the 2022 season ending 31 December 2022. The Town Clerk confirmed that these were the unaudited accounts and that they were due to be audited.

**RESOLVED**

**THAT this information be taken as received and noted.**

**429/22 REPORT FROM WATER BAILIFFS**

The Town Clerk confirmed that she had spoken with the Water Bailiff earlier on that day and he said that he would try and get something in writing to her before the meeting, but nothing had been received.

**RESOLVED**

**THAT this information be taken as received and noted.**

**430/22 LONE WORKER FISHING RISK ASSESSMENT**

Submitted **E(C)** Lone Worker Fishing Risk Assessment. The Town Clerk confirmed what was discussed at the October meeting and that following discussion with the Water Bailiff, he was in agreement to the amendments.

**RESOLVED**

**THAT subject to the amendments, that the Lone Working Fishing Risk Assessment be reapproved.**

**431/22 ROSPA REPORTS FOR CAMDEN ROAD PARK, LLANFAES PARK, AND SKATEPARK**

Submitted **E(D)** RoSPA report for Camden Road Park, Llanfaes Park, and the Skatepark, and **E(E)** an email received from Sutcliffe concerning the play area surfacing. The Town Clerk explained this agenda item for the benefit of Members. The Town Clerk confirmed that the works noted are minimal, and that the contractor appointed to replace the seesaw at Llanfaes Park will look at the issue regarding the newly laid surfacing whilst on site.

**RESOLVED**

**THAT this information be taken as received and noted.**

**432/22 TO CONFIRM EVENTS FOR 2023**

The usual events were discussed for approval for 2023. The Town Clerk enquired whether the Committee wished to proceed with the Best of Brecon Awards event in June, and advised that no date has yet been received for the Gurkha Parade, and that Members will be kept updated. In regard to the Coronation event, the working group is due to meet shortly and to agree the date of the AGM as per a previous resolution.

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Dates were provided for Remembrance events and Brecon With Bells On. Following discussion, it was

### **RESOLVED**

**THAT the above events go ahead as discussed and that powers are delegated to the Town Clerk to organise the events in consultation with the relevant working group and/or relevant Committee chair.**

### **433/22 REPORT – BIODIVERSITY CONFERENCE**

Submitted **E(F)** a report prepared by Councillor Thomas following the Biodiversity Conference he attended on 27 October 2022. Councillor Thomas explained this agenda item for the benefit of Members which generated discussion. It was

### **RESOLVED**

**TO use peat free compost when planting flowers with immediate effect going forward, and that Councillor Thomas explores further the proposed actions in regard to grants for improving biodiversity and installation of a bird caller, and allowing grass on edges of selected sites to grow longer.**

### **434/22 EMAIL FROM ONE VOICE WALES – THE IMPORTANCE OF COMMUNITY AND TOWN COUNCILS IN BUILDING RESILIENT SPACES FOR NATURE**

Submitted **E(G)** an email from One Voice Wales concerning the Importance of Community and Town Councils in Building Resilient Spaces for Nature.

### **RESOLVED**

**THAT this information be taken as received and noted.**

### **435/22 UPDATE – PRIDE EVENT**

The Chair and The Town Clerk confirmed that the working group have met to discuss ideas and the proposal is to hold a pride event at the prom on 2 September 2023, along the lines of previous promfest events, and sought agreement from the Committee to proceed on this basis. Following discussion, it was

### **RESOLVED**

**THAT the proposal be agreed and that plans be progressed for the pride event.**

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### **436/22 PLAY EQUIPMENT NETWORK GREEN PARK**

The Town Clerk informed Members that this was on the agenda to commence plans in regard to the project which has funds in the current and next financial years. Following discussion, it was

**RESOLVED UNANIMOUSLY**

**THAT a working group be set up consisting of Councillors Thomas, Drinan, Matthews, Dorrance, and Morgans to look at these options further.**

### **437/22 BUSKING UPDATE**

The Town Clerk provided Members with an update in regard to registers of interest for taking forward the busking scheme via other organisations or individuals. Councillor Davies requested that meetings be set up to discuss further.

**RESOLVED**

**THAT this information be taken as received and noted.**

### **438/22 ROCKER REPAIR – LLANFAES PARK**

The Town Clerk informed Members that one of the rockers at Llanfaes Park had been broken prior to Christmas and made secure by the Park Keeper. The replacement parts have been sourced and costings were provided for installation.

**RESOLVED**

**THAT the repairs go ahead as suggested.**

### **439/22 REVIEW – S6 ACTION PLAN**

Submitted **E(H)** s6 draft Action Plan update. The Town Clerk explained that the suggested additions provide an update for 2022 and enquired whether any further amendments or additions were needed. Members thanked the Town Clerk for bringing this report together.

**RESOLVED**

**THAT the updated s6 Action Plan be approved for publication.**

### **440/22 BRECON BUZZ SIGNAGE PROJECT: VISIT BRECON SIGNAGE**

The Town Clerk informed Members that Brecon Buzz have offered to increase the Visit Brecon signage to make it more user friendly, and that they are happy to purchase it if they have the budget to do so, and the

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Town Clerk is working with Brecon Buzz in relation to permitted development limitations in this respect. The Town Clerk also provided an overview in regard to other elements of the signage project.

### **RESOLVED**

**THIS information was taken as received and noted, and that approval be given to receiving the new signage if this is possible via Brecon Buzz grant funding.**

#### **441/22 FREE PARKING ARRANGEMENTS FOR 2023/24**

The Town Clerk asked Members for views in regard to arrangements for free parking at the bus station car park in 2023/24, and reminded Members that the Chamber of Trade and Tourism, and Brecon Buzz were consulted previously, and that preference is for free parking to cover November and December and the shoulder seasons and also possibly when events are on if there are sufficient funds. Following discussion, it was

### **RESOLVED**

**THAT the free parking be arranged for the shoulder seasons and winter period as noted, and also for the Coronation event.**

#### **442/22 PR AND PRESS OPPORTUNITIES**

S6 Action Plan / Pride event

#### **443/22 ANY OTHER BUSINESS**

Councillor Thomas informed Members that there have been some ongoing issues with the Christmas Lights in the town and wondered whether it would be possible to have a reduction in the costs. The Town Clerk confirmed that any issues up to the 23 December 2022 had been reported to the contractor and had been resolved, with the exception of the stars on Cotswold which had been noted as still not working. Members asked for information from the contractor about why the issues have occurred and how these can be avoided next year.

The Town Clerk confirmed that the Pump Track/Greenspaces meeting has been confirmed for 12 January 2023.

The Town Clerk informed Members that a request has been received from Councillor Meredith to purchase a trolley for ease of litter picking. It was suggested that the trolley remain in the ownership of the Town Council and be loaned out. Whilst it was noted that no decision could be made at this meeting, it was suggested that a recommendation to

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proceed with the purchase be presented at the January meeting of the Full Council.

### **444/22 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.**

Ms F Bell left the meeting at this point and did not return.