

BRECON TOWN COUNCIL

MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE FINANCE AND COMMISSIONING OF CONTRACTS COMMITTEE OF BRECON TOWN COUNCIL HELD REMOTELY VIA ZOOM ON MONDAY 6 MARCH 2023 AT 7.00 P.M.

608/22 PRESENT

Councillor T Fretten
Councillor S Morgans
Councillor J Powell
Councillor M Dorrance
Councillor C Walsh
Councillor N Stone
Councillor D Meredith
Councillor N Kilgallon

In Attendance:- Mrs. Fiona Williams (Town Clerk)
Mr Rhys Ridge-Evans (Administrative Officer)
Mr Lyn Parry (Powys County Council) (left 7:20pm)

609/22 PRESENTATION

The Chair welcomed Lyn Parry from Powys County Council to the meeting and invited him to give an update about street cleaning in Brecon. Mr Parry gave an overview of the street cleaning in Brecon and asked Members whether they had any questions for him. Members asked questions, which Mr Parry answered. The Chair thanked Mr Parry for his time, and Mr Parry left the meeting and did not return.

610/22 APOLOGIES

Apologies were received from Councillors Perry, and Davies.

611/22 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Councillors Morgans and Kilgallon declared an interest in the grant application at agenda item 6.

612/22 MINUTES

The Minutes of the Meeting of the Finance and Commissioning of Contracts Committee held on 6 February 2023 (Pages 151 – 154) (copies of which had been previously circulated) were considered and it was

613/22 ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

RAINWATER HARVESTING (MINUTE NO. 552/22)

The Town Clerk informed Members that a quote has been received from the

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manufacturer of the rainwater harvesting tank company of £375 for a new pump and £195 for travel and the first hour on site, so a minimum cost of £570. The Town Clerk also informed Members that the unit has not been particularly efficient in the past and that the cost of the power to run the unit needs to be considered against the savings made for the water. Members discussed this item in detail, and following discussion it was

RESOLVED

WITH one abstention and the remainder in favour that a new rain water harvesting pump be installed.

Subject to the foregoing, it was

RESOLVED

THAT the Minutes of the Meeting of the Finance and Commissioning of Contracts Committee held on 6 March 2023 be taken as read, approved as a true record, and signed.

614/22 APPLICATIONS FOR FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE

Submitted - Schedule of applications received for financial assistance (copies of which had been previously circulated - **Attachment F(A)**).

As Councillors Kilgallon and Morgans declared an interest in this agenda item, they were placed in the waiting room and took no part in discussions.

Having considered the financial aspects and other details of all the applications received (**attachment F(B)**) it was –

RESOLVED

THAT the undermentioned applications for financial assistance be dealt with as follows:

BRECON CHAMBER OF TRADE AND TOURISM

Members discussed this agenda item at length and following discussion, with five votes in favour, and one abstention,

RESOLVED

THAT the grant is not approved on this occasion due to concerns surrounding the sustainability of the project, levels of funding and fundraising general value for money and watering issues.

The Chair expressed his disappointment with the resolution taken and a discussion followed about a future application if more sustainable solutions can be put in place.

615/22 DIGITAL SCREEN – VISIT BRECON

Submitted **F(C)** information relating to a digital screen at Visit Brecon. The Town Clerk informed Members that an offer of a standalone screen has been received from Brecon Buzz if there are sufficient funds available within its grant funding received. Members discussed this item in detail, and it was

RESOLVED

THAT the offer received from Brecon Buzz be accepted.

616/22 PR AND PRESS OPPORTUNITIES

The screen at Visit Brecon once received, and street cleaning.

617/22 ANY OTHER BUSINESS

There were no items.

618/22 EXCLUSION OF THE PUBLIC AND PRESS

It was recommended that for the purposes of this section the Committee pass the following Resolution:-

THAT in view of the confidential nature of the business about to be transacted whereby matters of either a sensitive nature or of a possible personal nature might be discussed in relation to the finances or staff of the Council, it was advisable in the public interest, that the public and press be temporarily excluded and they were instructed to withdraw from the meeting.