

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 3 APRIL 2023 AT 7.00 P.M.

670/22 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
Councillor M Davies

In Attendance:- Mrs. Fiona Williams (Town Clerk)
Mr Rhys Ridge-Evans (Administrative Officer)
Mr Roger Cannon (Brecon Jazz)(left 7:45pm)
Ms Lynne Gornall (Brecon Jazz)(left 7:45pm)

671/22 APOLOGIES

Apologies were received from Councillor Perry.

672/22 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Councillor Fretten declared an interest in the application received from Brecon Jazz and Brecon Festival Ballet. Councillor Davies declared an interest in the application received from Brecon Mind. Councillor Morgans declared an interest in the application received from Brecon Jazz.

673/22 MINUTES

The Minutes of the Meeting of the Finance and Commissioning of Contracts Committee held on 3 April 2023 (Pages 170 – 172) (copies of which had been previously circulated) were considered and it was

RESOLVED

THAT the Minutes of the Meeting of the Finance and Commissioning of Contracts Committee held on 3 April 2023 be taken as read, approved as a true record, and signed.

674/22 APPLICATIONS FOR FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE

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

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:

MACMILLAN

Members discussed this application and it was

RESOLVED UNANIMOUSLY

THAT a grant of £350 be awarded to Macmillan.

BRECON JAZZ

As Councillors Fretten and Morgans declared an interest in this application, they were placed in the waiting room on zoom and took no part in discussions.

Members discussed this application at great length, in detail, and raised various questions. During the discussions, the Chair suspended Standing Orders on two occasions to enable the representatives of Brecon Jazz to talk. Discussions took place surrounding plans for the wider festival this year and the potential of longer term funding. Members discussed this item, and with 5 votes in favour, it was

RESOLVED

THAT the decision relating to this grant application be deferred to the May meeting of this Committee.

Councillors Fretten and Morgans re-joined the meeting.

BRECON MIND

As Councillor Davies declared an interest in this application, she was placed in the waiting room on zoom, and took no part in discussion.

Members discussed this application and it was

RESOLVED UNANIMOUSLY

THAT a grant of £3000 be awarded to Brecon Mind as the second year of the three year funding in principle agreement towards the Greenminds Project.

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Councillor Davies re-joined the meeting.

BRECON FESTIVAL BALLET

As Councillor Fretten declared an interest in this application, she was placed in the waiting room and took no part in discussions.

Members discussed this application and it was

RESOLVED UNANIMOUSLY

THAT a grant of £3000 be awarded to Brecon Festival Ballet.

Councillor Fretten re-joined the meeting.

675/22 SKILLS AND TRAINING FUND

The Town Clerk informed Members that no applications have been made to date to the Skills and Training fund in either year that it has been active, and no budget had been allocated for the current financial year, and asked whether the project can now be closed down.

RESOLVED

UNANIMOUSLY that the Skills and Training Fund Scheme now be closed.

676/22 BUDGET V ACTUAL – FEBRUARY 2023

Submitted **F(C)** Budget V Actual as at 28 February 2023.

RESOLVED

THAT this information be taken as received and noted.

677/22 END OF YEAR REPORT (2021/22 INCLUDED)

Submitted **F(D)** end of year report for 2021/22. The Chair informed Members that the end of year report is due by the end of April, and requested that anything for inclusion relating to this Committee be forwarded to him.

678/22 PR AND PRESS OPPORTUNITIES

The grant aid.

679/22 ANY OTHER BUSINESS

There were no items.

680/22 EXCLUSION OF THE PUBLIC AND PRESS

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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.