

MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE BRECON TOWN COUNCIL HELD IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBER AND REMOTELY VIA ZOOM ON MONDAY 26 SEPTEMBER 2022 AT 7.00 P.M.

240/22 PRESENT

Councillor D Meredith (Mayor in the Chair)
Councillor L Rijnenberg
Councillor M Matthews
Councillor R Thomas
Councillor N Kilgallon
Councillor S Drinan
Councillor T Fretten
Councillor J Powell
Councillor N Stone
Councillor C Walton
Councillor M Davies
Councillor C Walsh (remote attendee)

In Attendance: Fiona Williams (Town Clerk)
Rhys Ridge-Evans (Administrative Officer)
Helen Roderick (BBNPA)(remote attendee)

Not in attendance: Councillor S Morgans

All persons noted in attendance remotely were present by video link.

Before the meeting, the Mayor called for a minute of silence in memory of Her Late Majesty Queen Elizabeth II.

241/22 PRESENTATION

The Mayor welcomed Helen Roderick from Brecon Beacons National Park Authority to the meeting and invited her to give an update about the Brecon Town Plan. Mrs Roderick thanked Members for allowing her to attend and gave an update in regard to the Brecon Town Plan. After the presentation, Members had the opportunity to ask questions which were answered. It was agreed that the plan should be taken forwards and kept up to date by working with a stakeholder group. The Mayor thanked Mrs Roderick for her time, and she left the meeting at this point, and did not return.

The Mayor took the opportunity to thank Fr Steven Griffiths for the organisation of the Memorial Service held in the Cathedral in memory of Her Late Majesty Queen Elizabeth II, and also gave thanks to Rev. Mark

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Clavier and Rev. Rich Wooten for the small service in St Mary's Church. The Mayor confirmed that a book of condolence had been opened for members of the public to sign, and that this had now been archived. The Mayor also thanked Mr Rhys Ridge-Evans, Administrative Officer for all the work he did during the mourning period in the absence of the Town Clerk.

242/22 APOLOGIES

Apologies were received from Councillors Dorrance and Perry.

243/22 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no declarations of interest.

244/22 ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Administrative Officer confirmed that he would send out a list of the Mayor's engagements by the end of the week.

SECTION A

245/22 MINUTES

The Minutes of the meeting of the Council held on 25 July 2022 (Pages 46 – 50) (copies of which had been previously circulated) were considered

IT WAS RESOLVED

THAT the Minutes of the Meeting of the Town Council held on 25 July 2022 be taken as read, approved as a true record, and signed.

246/22 PLANNING, GUILDHALL AND STAFFING COMMITTEE – 5 SEPTEMBER 2022

The Minutes of the Planning, Guildhall and Staffing Committee held on 5 September 2022 (pages 54 – 56) (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 5 September 2022 be taken as read, approved as a true record, and signed.

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247/22 FINANCE AND COMMISSIONING OF CONTRACTS COMMITTEE – 5 SEPTEMBER 2022

The Minutes of the Finance and Commissioning of Contracts Committee held on 5 September 2022 (Pages 59 – 62) (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 5 September 2022 be taken as read, approved as a true record, and signed.

248/22 POWYS TRANSFORMING TOWNS – CRICKHOWELL AND BRECON

Submitted **C(A)** an email concerning the Powys Transforming Towns project for Crickhowell and Brecon dated 19 August 2022. The Mayor explained this agenda item for the benefit of Members. It was noted that a meeting was taking place the next day with Powys County Council officers to hear more about the consultation. It was suggested that a special meeting be called to look at this information, and to draft a response to the consultation, and that a meeting ought to take place with the Brecon Chamber of Trade and Tourism, Brecon Buzz, and Brecknock Access Group, to ascertain their views.

RESOLVED

THAT a meeting be held with the Brecon Chamber of Trade and Tourism, Brecon Buzz, and Brecknock Access Group to discuss this topic, and that a special meeting of the Council is also arranged to discuss as well, to discuss this matter in more detail.

249/22 GOVERNOR APPOINTMENT – CHRIST COLLEGE

The Mayor and The Town Clerk explained this agenda item for the benefit of Members, and called for any person who wished to take up the position. Councillor Kilgallon put his name forward for the position.

RESOLVED

THAT Councillor Nigel Kilgallon be appointed as Brecon Town Council's representative on the governing body of Christ College.

250/22 BUDGET V ACTUAL FOR JUNE & JULY 2022

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Submitted **C(B)** budget v actual for June and July 2022.

RESOLVED

THAT this information be taken as received and noted.

251/22 TO CONSIDER RECORDING COUNCIL MEETINGS FOR UPLOAD TO WEBSITE

The Mayor explained that this item was a suggestion from Councillor Dorrance and suggested that this item be deferred to the October meeting of the Council as Councillor Dorrance was not present.

RESOLVED

THAT this agenda item be deferred to the October meeting of the Council.

252/22 STANDARDS COMMITTEE APPOINTMENT

Submitted **C(C)** information received from Powys County Council concerning the appointment to the Standards Committee.

RESOLVED

THAT this information be taken as received and noted.

253/22 TO CONSIDER THE GUILDHALL BEING USED AS A WARM SPACE

Submitted **C(D)** a press release from Powys County Council concerning warm spaces. The Town Clerk gave an explanation about the heating system in the Guildhall, and it was confirmed that Y Gaer would be opening as a warm space. Members noted that more information was needed on what would need to be done in the warm spaces. It was suggested that this Council creates a list of places that are being used as warm spaces within the town for distribution.

RESOLVED

THAT this information be taken as received and noted.

254/22 TRUSTS REPORTS

Submitted **C(E)** a report on the Alderman Thomas Williams Trust, and **C(F)** a report on the G T Harley Thomas trust both dated 5 September 2022. Members discussed these reports in detail, and it was

RESOLVED

THAT the application to upgrade Llanfaes Park title at the Land Registry be approved, and that the contractor that previously inspected the statue be asked to review the report and also be asked advice about the insurance valuation and that a decision about the £11,650 earmarked reserved be made at a later meeting.

255/22 PR OPPORTUNITIES ARISING FROM THE MEETING

There were no items.

256/22 ANY OTHER BUSINESS

The Town Clerk informed Members that a reception was being held for the Zulu High Commissioner at 1pm on Saturday 15th October at the Guildhall.

The Town Clerk informed Members that she has received correspondence from Powys County Council concerning the breast cancer screening lorry that is in Brecon. It was requested that six spaces in the long stay carpark could be utilised on Saturday's whilst the free parking was going on for this provision. Members approved this request.

257/22 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.