

MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE BRECON TOWN COUNCIL HELD IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBER AND REMOTELY VIA ZOOM ON MONDAY 24 APRIL 2023 AT 7.00 P.M.

715/22 PRESENT

Councillor D Meredith (Mayor in the Chair)(left 7:50pm)
Councillor L Rijnenberg
Councillor T Fretten
Councillor J Powell
Councillor N Stone
Councillor C Walton
Councillor N Kilgallon
Councillor M Matthews
Councillor S Morgans
Councillor M Dorrance (remote attendee)
Councillor C Walsh (remote attendee)
Councillor M Davies (remote attendee)

In Attendance: Fiona Williams (Town Clerk)
Rhys Ridge-Evans (Administrative Officer)
Belle Arthur (remote attendee) (left 7:24pm)

716/22 APOLOGIES

Apologies were received from Councillors Thomas, Drinan, and Perry.

717/22 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

The Mayor declared an interest in agenda item 20.

718/22 ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Mayor informed Members that his Charity Ball was a success on Saturday 22 April, and informed Members that it was looking likely to be around £2000 that has been raised for the Mayor's Charities, and thanks were given to those who organised and supported the event.

719/22 YOUTH REPRESENTATIVE REPORT

Miss Arthur put forward ideas for improving the youth element of busking in Brecon. Councillor Davies provided an overview of the work the Council has undertaken in relation to busking and said that she is very happy to work with Miss Arthur to look at the suggestions she has put forward.

SECTION A

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720/22 MINUTES

The Minutes of the meeting of the Council held on 27 March 2023 (Pages 174 – 180) (copies of which had been previously circulated) were considered

721/22 ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

MEMBERS REPORT – BRECON JAZZ (MINUTE NO. 641/22)

Councillor Kilgallon provided Members with an update in regard to the new Jazz Forum and confirmed that one applicant submitted a proposal for dealing with the road closure, and that Terms of Reference are very close to being finalised and signed by the key members of the Forum.

Subject to the foregoing,

IT WAS RESOLVED

THAT the Minutes of the Meeting of the Town Council held on 27 March 2023 be taken as read, approved as a true record, and signed.

722/22 PLANNING, GUILDHALL AND STAFFING COMMITTEE – 3 APRIL 2023

The Minutes of the Planning, Guildhall and Staffing Committee held on 3 April 2023 (pages 183 – 185) (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 April 2023 be taken as read, approved as a true record, and signed.

723/22 FINANCE AND COMMISSIONING OF CONTRACTS COMMITTEE – 3 APRIL 2023

The Minutes of the Finance and Commissioning of Contracts Committee held on 3 April 2023 (Pages 188 – 191) (copies of which had been previously circulated) were considered

IT WAS RESOLVED

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

724/22 ENVIRONMENT AND EVENTS COMMITTEE – 4 APRIL 2023

The Minutes of the Environment and Events Committee held on 4 April 2023 (Pages 193 – 197) (copies of which had been previously circulated) were considered

725/22 ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

PRESENTATION (MINUTE NO. 686/22)

A query was raised on the date of the proposed medieval festival, and it was confirmed that it was in September.

Subject to the foregoing,

IT WAS RESOLVED

THAT the Minutes of the Environment and Events Committee held on 4 April 2023 be taken as read, approved as a true record, and signed.

726/22 SPECIAL MEETING OF THE COUNCIL – 12 APRIL 2023

The Minutes of the Special Meeting of the Council held on 12 April 2023 (Page 199) (copies of which had been previously circulated) were considered

IT WAS RESOLVED

THAT the Minutes of the Special Meeting of the Council held on 12 April 2023 be taken as read, approved as a true record, and signed.

727/22 TO AUTHORISE PAYMENT TO BRECKNOCK WELFARE TRUST OF £5000

The Town Clerk explained that the budgeted sum of £5000 for the Brecknock Welfare Trust requires consideration for release to the Trust, at which point the funds will belong to the Trust, and the utilised under its terms. It was

RESOLVED UNANIMOUSLY

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That £5000 be paid to the Brecknock Welfare Trust.

728/22 FLAGPOLE

Following a suggestion by the Mayor to consider options for flagpole improvements whilst scaffolding is in place, the Town Clerk informed Members that enquiries have been made considering additional flagpole installation, and or improvements and testing of the existing flagpole. Provisional enquires indicate that the cost of a new flagpole is likely to be between £1500 and £2000. Listed Building Consent is likely to be required and there are options to re-rope the second pulley on the existing pole. The Town Clerk confirmed that as there is no budget provision in the current financial year, that any expenditure would need to come from reserves. Members discussed this item, and it was

RESOLVED UNANIMOUSLY

THAT enquiries are made into the various requirements and if possible improvements and/or a second pole is installed.

729/22 BRECON DIGITAL DEPOSIT RETURN SCHEME (DDRS) RECYLCING TRIAL

Submitted **C(A)** an email received from Powys County Council concerning the above mentioned recycling trial, dated 11 April 2023. Members were supportive of the proposal and have numerous questions to ask. It was

RESOLVED

THAT the Officer from Powys County Council be invited to give a presentation to this Council to explain in more detail how the trial would work, and that a Special Meeting is arranged for this purpose.

730/22 REPORT OF THE INTERNAL AUDITOR

Submitted **C(B)** the report of the Internal Auditor dated 12 April 2023.

RESOLVED

THAT the report of the Internal Auditor be taken as received and noted.

731/22 ELECTORAL REFORM

Submitted **C(C)** the electoral reform dated 30 March 2023.

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RESOLVED

THAT this information be taken as received and noted.

732/22 TRAINING PLAN – TO CONSIDER ANY AMENDMENTS OR ADDITIONS FOR 2023/24

Submitted **C(D)** Training Plan for 2022/23. Consideration was given as to whether any amendments or additions were needed for 2023/24.

RESOLVED UNANIMOUSLY

THAT the training plan for 2023/24 be approved without amendments or additions, and the contents noted.

733/22 PR OPPORTUNITIES ARISING FROM THE MEETING

The report from the Youth Representative.

734/22 ANY OTHER BUSINESS

Councillor Matthews informed Members that the Pride working group has arranged two pride consultations, both of which are taking place this week, one on Tuesday 25 April at 7pm and another on Thursday 27 April at 1pm.

The Mayor suggested that an agenda item be included at the next meeting of the Council to review online Committee meetings.

735/22 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.

At this point, Miss Belle Arthur left the meeting, and did not return.