

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 JULY 2023 AT 7.00 P.M.

128/23 PRESENT

Councillor S Drinan
Councillor J Powell
Councillor C Walsh
Councillor D Meredith
Councillor S Morgans (arrived 7:05pm)

In Attendance:- Mrs. Fiona Williams (Town Clerk)
Mr Rhys Ridge-Evans (Administrative Officer)

Not in attendance: Councillor N Kilgallon
Councillor M Davies

129/23 APOLOGIES

Apologies were received from Councillors Perry, Stone, and Dorrance.

130/23 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no declarations.

131/23 MINUTES

The Minutes of the Meeting of the Finance and Commissioning of Contracts Committee held on 5 June 2023 (Pages 23 – 25) (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 5 June 2023 be taken as read, approved as a true record, and signed.

132/23 SCHEDULE OF THANK YOU LETTERS RECEIVED

Submitted **F(A)** schedule of thank you letters received.

RESOLVED

THAT this information be taken as received and noted.

133/23 APPLICATIONS FOR FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE

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

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

RESOLVED

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

BRECON LITTLE THEATRE

Members noted that the answers to the queries raised at the last meeting were included in the papers received, and following discussion, it was

RESOLVED

THAT a grant of £1,000 be awarded to Brecon Little Theatre.

Members also noted that funds available for grants are running low earlier in the year and requested that consideration be given to limitations on amounts requested, and that this be considered on a later agenda of this Committee.

134/23 32 DAY NOTICE ACCOUNT INFORMATION SHEET

Submitted **F(D)** information relating to a 32 day notice account with Lloyds Bank. The Town Clerk provided an explanation about this account and gave examples of the benefits of interest rates payable to Members. The Town Clerk explained that if used this would require monthly analysis and forecast of spend to be undertaken to ensure that the funds invested were not required for that particular month. The Town Clerk also advised that there is also a need to investigate tax liability as the funds are paid gross. Following discussion, it was

RESOLVED

THAT the 32 day notice account be implemented as appropriate.

135/23 EMAIL FROM BRECON TENNIS CLUB

Submitted **F(E)** an email received from Brecon Tennis Club.

RESOLVED

THAT this information be taken as received and noted.

136/23 STREET CLEANING REPORTS 2022/23 AND 2023/24

Submitted **F(F)** street cleaning reports for 2022/23 and 2023/24. Members noted that the pavements in the town centre need a deep clean as they haven't

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been done for months. Queries were raised surrounding weeding, and the Town Clerk confirmed that it has been included in this year's contract. Members noted that the costs for 2024/25 would need to be received soon as this Council will be looking at precept requests in the coming months. Members discussed this item, and it was

RESOLVED

THAT if any Member has any questions to ask Powys County Council, that they be forwarded to the Town Clerk so that she is able to send them to Mr Parry before he attends the September meeting of this Committee.

137/23 PR AND PRESS OPPORTUNITIES

The grant aid.

138/23 ANY OTHER BUSINESS

The Town Clerk informed Members that a request has been made from the new school crossing patrol officer for additional PPE so that she is able to wash and dry one set while wearing another and confirmed that the cost would be in the region of £80. This was approved.

The Town Clerk also provided Members with an update about the redevelopment of the Lion Yard toilets. The Town Clerk confirmed that a bat survey would need to be undertaken before any planning application is submitted and that the cost would be in the region of £800, and confirmed that the survey is valid for two years. Members requested that quotes are obtained and brought back to this Committee for consideration.

139/23 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.