

BRECON TOWN COUNCIL

MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE OF BRECON TOWN COUNCIL HELD REMOTELY VIA ZOOM ON TUESDAY 4 JULY 2022 AT 6.00 P.M.

144/23 PRESENT

Councillor L Rijnenberg
Councillor T Fretten
Councillor M Davies (left 6:39pm)
Councillor R Thomas
Councillor J Powell
Councillor S Morgans (arrived 6:44pm)

In Attendance: Fiona Williams (Town Clerk)
Rhys Ridge-Evans (Administrative Officer)
Mr Malcolm Rich (co-opted member)(left 7:25pm)
Ms Francesa Bell (co-opted member)(left 7:25pm)
1 Member of the public (left 7:25pm)

Not in attendance: Councillor N Kilgallon

145/23 CHAIR – ELECTION OF

In the absence of the immediate past Chair, the immediate past Vice Chair called for nominations for the position of Chair of the Committee, and it was

RESOLVED UNANIMOUSLY

THAT Councillor M Matthews be re-elected Chair of the Environment and Events Committee for the current Municipal Year.

146/23 VICE CHAIR – ELECTION OF

Nominations for the position of Vice Chair of the Committee were invited, and it was

RESOLVED UNANIMOUSLY

THAT Councillor T Fretten be elected Vice Chair of the Environment and Events Committee for the current Municipal Year.

147/23 APOLOGIES

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Apologies were received from Councillors Dorrance, Walton, and Matthews.

148/23 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no items.

149/23 MINUTES ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE

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

RESOLVED

THAT the Minutes of the Environment and Events Committee held on 4 April 2022 be taken as read, approved as a true record, and signed.

150/23 YOUTH REPRESENTATIVE REPORT

There was no report. At this point however, the Town Clerk notified Members that following the Youth Representatives request at the last Council meeting to consider a drinking fountain in the town centre, she had looked into the current position regarding the water refill scheme which had been entered into by Brecon Town Council and other local organisations pre-covid. Staff at Visit Brecon are in the process of reactivating this and re-establishing which other organisations are participating in the scheme.

RESOLVED

THAT this information be taken as received and noted.

151/23 TERMS OF REFERENCE

Submitted **E(A)** terms of reference for the Environment and Events Committee.

RESOLVED

THAT the terms of reference be approved.

152/23 BUSKING UPDATE

Councillor Davies provided Members with an update in regard to busking following two expressions of interest to take the scheme on, and both expressions being rescinded. Councillor Davies explained that the working group met the previous week and the proposal being put forward to this Committee is to have a condensed version of the scheme on three

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dates this summer with there being one pitch on the Bulwark. Following discussion, it was

RESOLVED

THAT the busking scheme be approved as suggested for 2023.

153/23 TO CONSIDER CONCERNS RAISED IN REGARD TO REFRESHMENTS RESTRICTIONS AT PROMENADE EVENTS

Submitted **E(B)** an email received concerning concerns raised in regard to refreshment restrictions at promenade events. Members noted that this issue is being looked at. Members discussed this item in detail, and it was

RESOLVED

THAT the Town Clerk obtains and/or requests a copy of the lease to understand the terms of the restriction, and to write to Powys County Council to request flexibility around catering at future events at the Promenade.

154/23 REPORT – NEW PLANTERS PROPOSALS

Submitted **E(C)** a report concerning new planter proposals dated 20 June 2023, prepared by the Town Clerk. Councillor Rijnenberg explained this agenda item for the benefit of Members. Members discussed this item in lengthy detail, and it was

RESOLVED

THAT the options as detailed within the report be approved, with the wooden options for the two planter benches being the type chosen.

155/23 UPDATE REPORT – PRIDE EVENT

The Town Clerk provided Members with an overview of the plans so far in respect of the Pride event in September and explained that the event has become larger than at first anticipated with lots of public participation in the planning, resulting in the working group being split into subgroups with various elements of responsibilities of the work being shared. The Town Clerk explained that the budget for the event is presently at a projected overspend of around £3,000 though one of the subgroups is working on fundraising and there will be other income streams available and requested that the Committee consider agreeing an overspend on the budget line, which hopefully will be on a temporary basis. Members discussed this item, and it was

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RESOLVED

THAT the information provided by the Town Clerk be taken as received and noted, and that the temporary overspend as detailed be approved.

154/23 REQUEST FOR A JAZZ RECEPTION 11 AUGUST 2023

Submitted **E(D)** a request received for a Jazz reception on 11 August 2023. Members discussed this item, and it was

RESOLVED

THAT the request be approved for a Jazz reception.

155/23 CANALS COMMUNITIES AND WELLBEING PROJECT UPDATE

Submitted **E(E)** information received concerning the canals, communities, and wellbeing project update. Ms Bell provided Members with an update in this regard. Members discussed this item, and it was

RESOLVED

THAT this information be taken as received and noted.

156/23 ON YOUR BIKE MEMBERS REPORT

Submitted **E(F)** information relating to the “On Your Bike” project. Councillor Powell explained this agenda item for the benefit of Members. Members discussed this item and noted that consultation could be done with the Youth Representative.

RESOLVED

THAT Councillors Powell and Thomas form a working group to look at the options further.

157/23 ADDITIONAL CIGARETTE BIN

The Town Clerk provided Members with an update in regard to the damaged cigarette bin which has been repaired by the Park Keeper. The Town Clerk informed Members that the bins can be unsightly when they are full, and that it might be an option to look at replacements in the future. Members discussed this item, and it was

RESOLVED

THAT powers be delegated to the Town Clerk to investigate other suitable options and purchase as and when necessary.

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158/23 OAK SAPLINGS

Submitted **E(G)** information received from Councillor Rijnenberg concerning oak saplings. Councillor Rijnenberg informed Members that the site has now become a no mow zone to enable to saplings to grow. Mr Rich suggested that it would be preferable to lift the saplings and bring them on in pots.

RESOLVED

THAT this information be taken as received and noted.

159/23 50 YEAR ANNIVERSARY OF GURKHAS BEING IN BRECON / 50 YEAR ANNIVERSARY OF BRECON TOWN COUNCIL / D-DA7 80 – 6 JUNE 2024

As items 18, 19, and 20 relate to the same, the Vice Chair suggested that these items be discussed together.

Members discussed these items in detail and queried the exact date that the Gurkhas came to Brecon and the date of formation of Brecon Town Council.

In relation to the D-Day 80 event for 6 June 2024, Members noted that there might be another organisation within the town who would be taking this forward.

Members discussed these items in lengthy detail, and it was

RESOLVED

THAT the Town Clerk establishes potential costings for a typical event for each of the above and works up proposals for each event with the assistance of Councillor Thomas and contacts and officer from the Gurkha Wing to bring back more detailed proposals to the next meeting of this Committee.

160/23 PR AND PRESS OPPORTUNITIES

The busking project.

161/23 ANY OTHER BUSINESS

The Town Clerk informed Members that the Mayor was planning on hosting winners of the special Olympics to a reception at the Guildhall and that she would keep Members updated.

The Town Clerk informed Members that there are two projects that were in the budget for this financial year that had not been started yet. The

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King George Playing Fields play equipment and the basketball provision in Llanfaes park. Councillors Rijnenberg and Fretten agreed to form a working group for the King George Playing Field play equipment, and Councillor Morgans formed a working group to look at basketball provision for Llanfaes Park.

The Town Clerk informed Members that an offer of Makaton signage for Camden Road park has been received which will allow non-verbal children to communicate by pointing to the symbols, which are all play park related. The Town Clerk confirmed she has also enquired whether similar signage is available for Llanfaes park. Members confirmed they are happy to accept the donated signs.

162/23 EXCLUSION OF PUBLIC AND PRESS

RESOLVED

THAT in view of the confidential nature of the business about to be transacted whereby matters of a sensitive nature were to be discussed 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.

Mr M Rich, Ms F Bell and the member of the public left the meeting at this point, and did not return.