

## 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 6 NOVEMBER 2023 AT 7.00 P.M.

#### 368/23 PRESENT

Councillor S Drinan (arrived 7:03pm)  
Councillor J Powell  
Councillor C Walsh (in the Chair)  
Councillor D Meredith  
Councillor S Morgans  
Councillor N Kilgallon  
Councillor M Perry  
Councillor M Dorrance  
Councillor N Stone

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

**Not in attendance:** Councillor M Davies

#### 369/23 APOLOGIES

There were no apologies.

#### 370/23 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Councillor Stone declared an interest in the grant application from the Brecknock Society.

#### 371/23 MINUTES

The Minutes of the Meeting of the Finance and Commissioning of Contracts Committee held on 2 October 2023 (Pages 78 – 79) (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 2 October 2023 be taken as read, approved as a true record, and signed.**

#### 372/23 SCHEDULE OF THANK YOU LETTERS RECEIVED

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

#### **RESOLVED**

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2023**

**THAT this information be taken as received and noted.**

**373/23 APPLICATIONS FOR FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE**

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:**

**BRECKNOCK SOCIETY**

As Councillor Stone declared an interest in this application, he 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 £450 be awarded to the Brecknock Society.**

**BRECON STORY**

Members discussed this application in lengthy detail, and it was

**RESOLVED UNANIMOUSLY**

**THAT a grant of £2,000 be awarded to Brecon Story in the 2024/25 financial year.**

**374/23 STREET CLEANING SCHEDULE**

Submitted **F(D)** an up-to-date street cleaning schedule received from Powys County Council. Following a query about the amount provided in the draft budget for 2024/25, the Town Clerk informed Members that this had been based on information provided by Mr Parry at the previous meeting. Members discussed ongoing concerns with regard to briquettes and some areas within the town and also with particular concern about the cleanliness of the pavements. Discussions took place surrounding possible alternative arrangements. Following discussion, it was

**RESOLVED**

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**THAT this information be taken as received and noted, and that Councillors Walsh and Morgans meet to look at possible future options and report back to a later meeting of the Committee.**

**375/23 UPDATE – GREEN MINDS**

Submitted **F(E)** an update report received from Green Minds.

**RESOLVED**

**THAT this information be taken as received and noted.**

**376/23 PR AND PRESS OPPORTUNITIES**

The grant aid.

**377/23 ANY OTHER BUSINESS**

There were no items.

**378/23 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.**