

**MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE BRECON TOWN COUNCIL HELD IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBER AND REMOTELY VIA ZOOM ON MONDAY 26 FEBRUARY 2024 AT 7.00 P.M.**

**524/23 PRESENT**

Councillor J Powell (Deputy Mayor in the Chair)  
Councillor R Thomas  
Councillor C Walton  
Councillor N Stone  
Councillor S Drinan  
Councillor M Perry (remote)  
Councillor D Meredith  
Councillor M Matthews  
Councillor L Rijnenberg OBE

**In Attendance:** Fiona Williams (Town Clerk)  
Rhys Ridge-Evans (Administrative Officer)  
Belle Arthur (Youth Representative)(left  
7:18pm)  
Rhys Gillard (Youth Representative)(left  
7:18pm)

**Not in attendance:** Councillor N Kilgallon  
Councillor S Morgans

**525/23 APOLOGIES**

Apologies were received from Councillors Dorrance, Walsh, Fretten, and Davies.

**526/23 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

There were no declarations of interest.

**527/23 ANNOUNCEMENTS**

The Deputy Mayor read out a card that has been received following the funeral of Mr M Gittins.

**528/23 YOUTH REPRESENTATIVE REPORT**

Councillor Walton read out a report that has been prepared by her, along with the Youth Representatives about the work that they have undertaken since taking up the office, as well as some of their future plans.

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### **SECTION A**

#### **529/23 MINUTES**

The Minutes of the meeting of the Council held on 22 January 2024 (Pages 135 – 139) (copies of which had been previously circulated) were considered

#### **IT WAS RESOLVED**

**THAT the Minutes of the Meeting of the Town Council held on 22 January 2024 be taken as read, approved as a true record, and signed.**

#### **530/23 PLANNING, GUILDHALL AND STAFFING COMMITTEE – 5 FEBRUARY 2024**

The Minutes of the Planning, Guildhall and Staffing Committee held on 5 February 2024 (pages 144 – 147) (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 February 2024 be taken as read, approved as a true record, and signed.**

#### **531/23 FINANCE AND COMMISSIONING OF CONTRACTS COMMITTEE – 5 FEBRUARY 2024**

The Minutes of the Finance and Commissioning of Contracts Committee held on 5 February 2024 (Page 151) (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 February 2024 (be taken as read, approved as a true record, and signed.**

#### **532/23 ON YOUR BIKE PROJECT**

Submitted **C(A)** report following the On Your Bike project working group meeting. Councillor Powell explained this agenda item for the benefit of Members.

#### **RESOLVED**

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**THAT this item and the content of the report be taken as received, noted, and approved.**

**533/23 BUDGET V ACTUAL DECEMBER 2023 AND JANUARY 2024**

Submitted **C(B)** budget v actual for December 2023 and January 2024.

**RESOLVED**

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

**534/23 BANK RECONCILIATION – DECEMBER 2023 AND JANUARY 2024**

Submitted **C(C)** bank reconciliation for December 2023 and January 2024.

**RESOLVED**

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

**535/23 REVISED PENSION POLICY**

Submitted **C(D)** revised Pension Policy. The Town Clerk explained this agenda item for the benefit of Members. Members discussed this item, and it was

**RESOLVED**

**THAT the revised Pension Policy be approved as drafted.**

**536/23 UPDATE REPORT – GURKHA PARADE**

Submitted **C(E)** an update report relating to the Gurkha Parade dated 8 February 2024. Members discussed this item in detail, and it was

**RESOLVED**

**THAT the content of the report be noted, and that the actions as detailed within the report be approved.**

**537/23 SALINE TWINNING BANK ACCOUNT**

The Town Clerk notified Members that a letter has been received from the Saline Twinning Association' bank, saying that unless a payment is made in or out of the account before the 22 March it will become a restricted account, and then there will need to be a process to operate the account in future. The Town Clerk reminded Members that the Saline Twinning

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Association has been in abeyance since 2017, and although there has been 1 or 2 attempts since then to revive the association, it is currently still dormant. Following discussion, it was

### **RESOLVED**

**THAT a nominal sum is paid into the account to keep it active.**

#### **538/23 REQUEST TO USE LLANFAES PARK**

The Town Clerk informed Members that a request has been received to use Llanfaes Park for a charitable / celebration event on 20 July 2024, and that a request has been made for a risk assessment and insurance to be provided. Subject to this, it was

### **RESOLVED**

**THAT the request to use Llanfaes Park be approved.**

#### **539/23 APPOINTMENT OF JAZZ FESTIVAL REPRESENTATIVE**

The Deputy Mayor called for any nominations for Brecon Town Council Jazz Festival representative. One nomination was received for Councillor Sian Drinan to be the representative. The Deputy Mayor asked Councillor Drinan if she was willing to take on the position, and Councillor Drinan confirmed that she is willing. Following this it was

### **RESOLVED**

**THAT Councillor Drinan be Brecon Town Council's representative to the Jazz Festival.**

#### **540/23 BRECON TOWN COUNCIL 50 YEARS ANNIVERSARY – UPDATE**

The Town Clerk informed Members that meetings and discussions have taken place discussing how to commemorate the 50 year anniversary of Brecon Town Council. The proposal from the Working Group is for a competition to be run amongst the schools, with the winning schools receiving Brecon Town Council branded water bottles for each pupil. The Working Group is liaising with the Youth Representatives in this respect to develop the competition and a further meeting is due later this week.

**THIS information was taken as received, noted, and approved.**

#### **541/23 PR OPPORTUNITIES ARISING FROM THE MEETING**

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### **542/23 ANY OTHER BUSINESS**

There were no items.

### **543/23 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.**

The Youth Representative left the meeting at this point and did not return.