

**MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE BRECON TOWN COUNCIL HELD IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBER AND REMOTELY VIA ZOOM ON MONDAY 25 MARCH 2024 AT 7.00 P.M.**

**594/23 PRESENT**

Councillor M Davies (Mayor in the Chair)  
Councillor J Powell  
Councillor C Walton  
Councillor N Stone (remote)  
Councillor S Drinan (remote)  
Councillor M Perry  
Councillor D Meredith  
Councillor M Matthews  
Councillor L Rijnenberg OBE (remote)  
Councillor M Dorrance  
Councillor S Morgans  
Councillor T Fretten

**In Attendance:** Rhys Ridge-Evans (Administrative Officer)

**Not in attendance:** Councillor N Kilgallon  
Miss B Arthur (Youth Representative)

Before the meeting commenced, a moments silence was held for former Mayor of Brecon, Ieuan Williams, and in memory of the Town Clerk's mother.

**595/23 APOLOGIES**

Apologies were received from Councillors Walsh and Thomas. Apologies were also received from the Town Clerk, and Mr R Gillard, Youth Representative.

**596/23 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

There were no declarations of interest.

**597/23 ANNOUNCEMENTS**

There were no announcements.

**598/23 YOUTH REPRESENTATIVE REPORT**

There was no report.

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### **SECTION A**

#### **599/23 MINUTES**

The Minutes of the meeting of the Council held on 26 February 2024 (Pages 152 – 156) (copies of which had been previously circulated) were considered

#### **IT WAS RESOLVED**

**THAT the Minutes of the Meeting of the Town Council held on 26 February 2024 be taken as read, approved as a true record, and signed.**

#### **600/23 PLANNING, GUILDHALL AND STAFFING COMMITTEE – 4 MARCH 2024**

The Minutes of the Planning, Guildhall and Staffing Committee held on 4 March 2024 (pages 161 – 163) (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 4 March 2024 be taken as read, approved as a true record, and signed.**

#### **601/23 FINANCE AND COMMISSIONING OF CONTRACTS COMMITTEE – 4 MARCH 2024**

The Minutes of the Finance and Commissioning of Contracts Committee held on 4 March 2024 (Pages 167 – 170) (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 4 March 2024 (be taken as read, approved as a true record, and signed.**

#### **602/23 NOMINATION OF MAYOR FOR THE MUNICIPAL YEAR 2024/25**

The Mayor informed Members that one nomination paper had been received proposing and seconding Councillor John Powell as Mayor for 2024/25. Councillor Walton nominated Councillor John Powell as Mayor for 2024/25 this was seconded by Councillor Davies and the Mayor called for a vote. It was

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**RESOLVED UNANIMOUSLY**

**That Councillor John Powell be elected as Mayor for the Municipal Year 2024/245**

**603/22 NOMINATION OF DEPUTY MAYOR FOR THE MUNICIPAL YEAR 2024/25**

The Mayor informed Members that one nomination paper had been received proposing and seconding Councillor Marie Matthews as Deputy Mayor for 2024/25. Councillor Rijnenberg nominated Councillor Marie Matthews as Deputy Mayor for 2024/25 this was seconded by Councillor Fretten and the Mayor called for a vote. It was

**RESOLVED UNANIMOUSLY**

**THAT Councillor Marie Matthews be elected as Deputy Mayor for the Municipal year 2024/25.**

**604/23 POLICIES FOR REVIEW**

Submitted **C(A)** Complaints Policy for review, **C(B)** Youth Representatives Policy for review, and **C(C)** Health and Safety Policy for review. Members noted that with reference to the Complaints Policy there were some alterations that needed to be discussed with the Town Clerk , and therefore was deferred to the April meeting of the Council. There was a minor amendment to the Youth Representative Policy, and no amendments to the Health and Safety Policy.

**RESOLVED**

**THAT the Complaints Policy be deferred to the April meeting of the Council, subject to the minor amendment to the Youth Representatives Policy this be approved, and that the Health and Safety Policy be approved as drafted.**

**605/23 TO CONSIDER PURCHASE OF FURTHER PARASOLS**

Submitted **C(D)** a report prepared by the Town Clerk concerning purchase of further parasols dated 15 March 2024. Members discussed this item in detail, and it was

**RESOLVED**

**THAT the purchase of further parasols be approved with the**

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**funding being vired from budget heading 8012 IRP allowances.**

### **606/23 TRAFFIC ORDER FUNDING – CONSIDER RELEASE OF EARMARKED RESERVE INTO GENERAL RESERVES**

The Mayor explained that following a conversation with the Town Clerk, and an explanation was given on this agenda item, and Councillor Dorrance informed those present that it would be worthwhile to open conversations with the relevant officer at Powys County Council to see if a bill would be forthcoming for this.

#### **RESOLVED**

**THAT this item be deferred to the April meeting of the Council once further information is received.**

### **607/23 ONE VOICE WALES MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL**

Submitted **C(E)** One Voice Wales renewal documentation. Members discussed this item, and it was

#### **RESOLVED**

**THAT the One Voice Wales Membership Renewal be approved.**

### **608/23 TO CONFIRM RENEWAL OF SCHOOL CROSSING PATROL SERVICES AND BUDGET PROVISION**

The Mayor informed Members that the school crossing patrol at Priory School is ongoing and that the approved budget reflect this. The Mayor then informed Members that the new school crossing patrol service has been omitted from the budget. Members discussed this item in detail, and it was

#### **RESOLVED**

**THAT the school crossing patrol services be approved, and that the surplus funding from nominal codes 8000 and 6004 at the year end be used to fund the service, and that the new school crossing patrol service be added to the base budget going forward.**

### **609/23 PR OPPORTUNITIES ARISING FROM THE MEETING**

School Crossing Patrol Services

### **610/23 ANY OTHER BUSINESS**

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The Mayor explained that a request has been received from the organisers of the Parkrun to utilise the lockup as storage once the parasols and bases have been put out this year. This was approved.

The Mayor informed Members that a request has been received from the Chair of the Royston Memorial Hall to return the Eisteddfod Chair that is on loan to the Town Council. This was approved.

### **611/23 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.**