

MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE BRECON TOWN COUNCIL HELD IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBER AND REMOTELY VIA ZOOM ON MONDAY 22 JULY 2024 AT 7.00 P.M.

156/24 PRESENT

Councillor J Powell (Mayor in the Chair)
Councillor C Walsh (remote)
Councillor N Stone
Councillor D Meredith
Councillor T Fretten (remote)
Councillor R Thomas
Councillor C Walton
Councillor M Dorrance (remote)
Councillor M Matthews
Councillor L Rijnenberg OBE
Councillor M Davies (remote)

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

Not in attendance: Councillor N Kilgallon
Councillor S Morgans

157/24 APOLOGIES

Apologies were received from Councillors Perry and Drinan, and from the Youth Representatives Miss B Arthur, and Mr R Gillard.

158/24 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Councillor Mathews declared an interest in agenda item 28. Councillor Meredith declared an interest in agenda item 31.

159/24 ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Mayor informed Members that there were no announcements to be made this month and reminded Members of the upcoming Brecon Pride event and Brecon Jazz reception.

160/24 YOUTH REPRESENTATIVE REPORT

There were no items.

SECTION A

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161/24 MINUTES

The Minutes of the meeting of the Council held on 24 June 2024 (Pages 24 – 29) (copies of which had been previously circulated) were considered

IT WAS RESOLVED

THAT the Minutes of the Meeting of the Town Council held on 24 June 2024 be taken as read, approved as a true record, and signed.

162/24 PLANNING, GUILDHALL AND STAFFING COMMITTEE – 1 JULY 2024

The Minutes of the Planning, Guildhall and Staffing Committee held on 1 July 2024 (pages 33 – 34) (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 1 July 2024 be taken as read, approved as a true record, and signed.

163/24 FINANCE AND COMMISSIONING OF CONTRACTS COMMITTEE – 1 JULY 2024

The Minutes of the Finance and Commissioning of Contracts Committee held on 1 July 2024 (Pages 38 – 40) (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 1 July 2024 be taken as read, approved as a true record, and signed.

164/24 ENVIRONMENT AND EVENTS COMMITTEE – 2 JULY 2024

The Minutes of the Finance and Commissioning of Contracts Committee held on 2 July 2024 (Pages 42 – 44) (copies of which had been previously circulated) were considered

IT WAS RESOLVED

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THAT the Minutes of the Environment and Events Committee held on 2 July 2024 be taken as read, approved as a true record, and signed.

165/24 MAYOR'S HANDBOOK FOR APPROVAL

Submitted **C(A)** Mayor's Handbook for approval. Members noted that the proposed amendments are as recommended by the Planning, Guildhall, and Staffing Committee, and it was

RESOLVED

THAT the Mayor's Handbook be approved as drafted.

166/24 LETTER RECEIVED FROM L'ARCHE

Submitted **C(B)** a letter received from L'Arche.

RESOLVED

THAT the letter be taken as read and the contents noted.

167/24 LETTER RECEIVED FROM POWYS COUNTY COUNCIL

Submitted **C(C)** a letter received from Powys County Council concerning Senior Leadership Team Officers.

RESOLVED

THAT this information be taken as received, and the contents noted.

168/24 2025 – 2029 POLICE AND CRIME PLAN CONSULTATION

Submitted **C(D)** an email received from Dyfed Powys Police concerning the 2025 – 2029 Police and Crime Plan consultation. Members discussed this item, and it was

RESOLVED

THAT the content of the email be taken as received and the contents noted.

169/24 Y GAER QUARTERLY REPORT

Submitted **C(E)** Y Gaer quarterly report. Members discussed this item and noted the content. Following discussion, it was

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RESOLVED

TO respond to request the number of children visiting Y Gaer in the last quarter along with information why the café remains closed at weekend.

170/24 FOOTBALL PITCH REPORT

Submitted **C(F)** football pitch report dated 1 July 2024, prepared by the Town Clerk. Councillor Rijnenberg explained this agenda item for the benefit of Members. Members discussed this item in lengthy detail and suggested alternative locations for the scheme. After lengthy discussion, it was

RESOLVED UNANIMOUSLY

THAT a trial be undertaken for provision of football pitch markings at King George playing field with other locations considered in future, with funding for the trial to be taken from nominal codes identified within the report of 1 July 2024.

171/24 BUSKING REPORT

Submitted **C(G)** busking report prepared by Councillor Davies. Councillor Davies explained this agenda item for the benefit of Members. It was suggested that the working group along with this Council takes on the responsibility of the risk assessment and stewarding for this year, with the Foundry taking over the scheduling of buskers for this year. Following discussion, it was

RESOLVED

THAT the actions as discussed be approved.

172/24 BANK RECONCILIATION – APRIL AND MAY 2024

Submitted **C(H)** bank reconciliation for April and May 2024.

RESOLVED

THAT the bank reconciliations be taken as received, and approved.

173/24 BUDGET V ACTUAL –MAY 2024

Submitted **C(I)** budget v actual for May 2024.

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RESOLVED

THAT this information be taken as received and approved.

174/24 STATEMENTS OF PAYMENTS AND RECEIPTS – APRIL AND MAY 2024

Submitted **C(J)** statements of payments and receipts for April and May 2024.

RESOLVED

THAT this information be taken as received and noted.

175/24 UPDATE REPORT – PARKS PROJECTS

Submitted **C(K)** an update report concerning parks projects dated 11 July 2024 prepared by the Town Clerk. Members discussed this item in lengthy detail, and noted the information provided in regard to the three separate projects. The Town Clerk explained options in regard to using general reserves and or earmarked reserves towards the costings for this project and suggested potential project funds that are not likely to be used in the short term. Following discussion, it was

RESOLVED

- 1) THAT in regard to the basketball provision at Llanfaes park, that consultation work be undertaken before this project proceeds**
- 2) THAT the actions noted in the report in relation to King George playing field be approved**
- 3) THAT in regard to the basketball / MUGA at the Promenade that all actions be approved within the report of 11 July 2024, and that additional funds for the project be vired from earmarked reserves held in relation to outside power supply (£10,000), and art installation projects x3 (£14,000)**

176/24 APPOINTMENT OF MEMBERS TO CHRISTMAS LIGHTS WORKING GROUP

The Mayor explained this agenda item for the benefit of Members. Members discussed this item, and it was

RESOLVED

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THAT Councillors Matthews, Powell, Thomas, Walsh, and Rijnenberg form a working group to look at the current contract and recommend a way forward.

177/24 GRASS AT THE PROMENADE

Submitted **E(L)** a message from Mr M Rich co-opted member on the Environment and Events Committee concerning grass cutting. Members discussed this item, and it was

RESOLVED

THAT this information be taken as received and noted, and that the condition of the grass in this area be monitored in the coming months.

178/24 EMAIL FROM CULTIVATE

Submitted **E(M)** an email from Cultivate concerning a programme of food events for Brecon. Members discussed this item, and it was

RESOLVED

THAT Councillor Matthews attends the meeting planned in September in relation to food events in Brecon and reports back to this Council.

179/24 PR OPPORTUNITIES ARISING FROM THE MEETING

Football pitch / pride / busking

180/24 ANY OTHER BUSINESS

The Mayor informed Members of an issue with the working Mayoral Chain and repairs required. Authority was requested to arrange repair and this was agreed.

The Administrative Officer queried whether options should be looked at for additional microphones for the use in hybrid meetings, with costs being brought back to a future meeting. This was agreed.

181/24 EXCLUSION OF THE PUBLIC AND PRESS

SECTION B

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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.