

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 7 OCTOBER 2024 AT 7.00 P.M.

279/24 PRESENT

Councillor J Powell
Councillor C Walsh
Councillor M Dorrance
Councillor D Meredith
Councillor M Perry
Councillor S Morgans

In Attendance:- Mrs. Fiona Williams (Town Clerk)
Mr Rhys Ridge-Evans (Administrative Officer)
Mr Phillip Harris (Powys County Council) (left 7:15pm)

Not in attendance: Councillor M Davies

280/24 PRESENTATION ALONG WITH STREET CLEANING UPDATE

The Chair welcomed Mr Phillip Harris from Powys County Council to the meeting and invited him to give an update in regard to the street cleaning. Mr Harris thanked Members for their time this evening and gave an update in regard to the street cleaning. After the presentation, Members had the opportunity to ask Mr Harris questions which he answered. Mr Harris then left the meeting and did not return.

281/24 APOLOGIES

Apologies were received from Councillors Stone and Drinan.

282/24 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Councillor Powell declared an interest in agenda items 6 and 7, in particular the grant application for the Men's Shed. Councillor Dorrance declared an interest in agenda item 11. The Administrative Officer declared an interest in agenda item 6, in particular the grant application for the Men's Shed.

283/24 MINUTES

The Minutes of the Meeting of the Finance and Commissioning of Contracts Committee held on 2 September 2024 (Pages 60 – 61) (copies of which had been previously circulated) were considered and it was

RESOLVED

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THAT the Minutes of the Meeting of the Finance and Commissioning of Contracts Committee held on 2 September 2024 be taken as read, approved as a true record, and signed.

284/24 SCHEDULE OF THANK YOU LETTERS

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

THIS information was taken as received and noted.

285/24 APPLICATIONS FOR FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE

Submitted - Schedule of applications received for financial assistance (copies of which had been previously circulated - **Attachment F(C)**).

Having considered the financial aspects and other details of all the applications received (**attachment F(D)**) it was –

RESOLVED

THAT the undermentioned applications for financial assistance be dealt with as follows:

BRECON MEN'S SHED

As Councillor Powell declared an interest in this application, he was placed in the waiting room on Zoom and took no part in discussions. The Administrative Officer declared an interest at the start of this agenda item, but was not required to leave the meeting.

The Town Clerk informed Members that upon reflection, this application should not be considered under S142. Members discussed this application, and noted that queries arose from the application. After lengthy discussion, it was

RESOLVED UNANIMOUSLY

THAT this application be deferred to the Full Council meeting following answers to the queries raised.

BRECON BUZZ

Members discussed this application and noted that queries also arose from this application. After further discussion, it was

RESOLVED UNANIMOUSLY

THAT this application be deferred to the Full Council meeting following answers to the queries raised.

286/24 RECEIPT OF PAYMENT SCHEDULES – APRIL – JULY 2024

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Submitted **F(E)** receipts of payments from April – July 2024.

RESOLVED

THAT this information be taken as received and noted.

287/24 VISIT BRECON VISITORS FEEDBACK REPORT

Submitted **F(F)** Visit Brecon visitors feedback report. Members discussed this item, and it was

RESOLVED

THAT this information be taken as received and noted.

288/24 VISIT BRECON VOLUNTEERING POLICY FOR REVIEW

Submitted **F(G)** Visit Brecon Volunteering Policy for review. The Chair suggested that any amendments be sent to the Town Clerk, and that if no comments are received, that the Policy be reapproved.

RESOLVED

THAT this information be taken as noted, and agreed.

289/24 EMAIL CONCERNING BRECON PRIDE FUNDING

As Councillor Dorrance declared an interest in this agenda item, he was placed in the waiting room on Zoom and took no part in discussions.

Submitted **F(H)** an email received concerning future Brecon Pride funding amounts, provided by the Brecon Pride Group by way of information for budget planning. Members discussed this item, and it was

RESOLVED

THAT the amounts for potential future grant applications by Brecon Pride be noted.

290/24 ITEMS FOR INCLUSION IN THE 2025/26 PRECEPT

It was requested that funding is put in the budget for a bus shelter in Maes-y-Ffynnon, for replacement locks at the Promenade toilet block, and an amount for additional equipment within the smart towns project. The potential grant application amounts noted in this meeting were also agreed for inclusion.

291/24 PR AND PRESS OPPORTUNITIES

There were none.

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292/24 ANY OTHER BUSINESS

There were no items.

293/24 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.