

MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE BRECON TOWN COUNCIL HELD IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBER AND REMOTELY VIA ZOOM ON MONDAY 24 FEBRUARY 2025 AT 7.00 P.M.

567/24 PRESENT

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

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

Not in attendance: Miss Belle Arthur (Youth Representative)

568/24 APOLOGIES

Apologies were received from Mr R Gillard, Youth Representative.

569/24 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Councillor Meredith declared an interest in agenda item 25. Councillor Perry declared an interest in agenda item 11a.

570/24 ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Mayor welcomed Councillor Thapa to his first Full Council meeting. The Mayor reminded Members of the fundraiser quiz at the Foundry this coming Wednesday, and also reminded Members of the Nepali/Welsh evening in the Guildhall this coming Saturday. The Mayor also mentioned the upcoming Reclaim the Night walk scheduled for 8 March 2025.

571/24 YOUTH REPRESENTATIVE REPORT

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There were no items.

SECTION A

572/24 MINUTES

The Minutes of the meeting of the Council held on 27 January 2025 (Pages 139 – 146) (copies of which had been previously circulated) were considered

IT WAS RESOLVED

THAT the Minutes of Full Council held on 27 January 2025 be taken as read, approved as a true record, and signed.

573/24 PLANNING, GUILDHALL AND STAFFING COMMITTEE – 3 FEBRUARY 2025

The Minutes of the Planning, Guildhall and Staffing Committee held on 3 February 2025 (pages 150 – 152) (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 3 February 2025 be taken as read, approved as a true record, and signed.

574/24 FINANCE AND COMMISSIONING OF CONTRACTS COMMITTEE – 3 FEBRUARY 2025

The Minutes of the Finance and Commissioning of Contracts Committee held on 6 January 2025 (Pages 155 – 159) (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 3 February 2025 be taken as read, approved as a true record, and signed.

575/24 EMAIL CONCERNING PROPOSAL FOR SUPPORT OF THE S.E.A DRAGONS – BRECON'S FIRST ESPORTS TEAM

As the presentation did not go ahead, this item was deferred to the next meeting of the Council for consideration.

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RESOLVED

THAT this item be deferred to the March meeting of Full Council for consideration.

576/24 POLICIES FOR REVIEW

Submitted **C(B)(i) – C(B)(viii)** Energy Policy, Corporate Retention Schedule, Removable Media Policy, Subject Access Policy, Health and Safety Policy, Information and Data Protection Policy, Privacy Notices, and Privacy Impact Assessments for review. Members discussed these policies in detail. It was requested that an amendment be made to the Health and Safety Policy in relation to pregnant women. Subject to the foregoing, it was

RESOLVED

THAT the policies as noted above be approved subject to amendments being made where noted.

577/24 EMAIL FROM ONE VOICE WALES – ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Submitted **C(C)** an email received from One Voice Wales concerning their Annual General Meeting. Members noted the content of the email, and it was

RESOLVED

THAT the Mayor attends the One Voice Wales Annual General Meeting.

578/24 FREE PARKING DATES FOR 2025/26

The Town Clerk reminded Members that the current free parking arrangements come to an end on 31 March 2025, and that this agenda item is to agree free parking arrangements for 2025/26 within the allocated budget. The Town Clerk informed Members that following previous consultation with the business community, it has been requested for the free parking to cover the shoulder seasons and also key events. Following discussion, it was

RESOLVED UNANIMOUSLY

THAT the free parking dates are implemented for key Saturday events and shoulder seasons.

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579/24 BOATHOUSE

Submitted **C(D)(i)** Letter received from a member of the public dated 25 January 2025, and **C(D)(ii)** email correspondence with Powys County Council dated 4 February 2025. Councillor Perry declared an interest in attachment **C(D)(i)** at this point. Members discussed this agenda item in lengthy detail, and it was,

RESOLVED

THAT the letter at attachment C(D)(i) be forwarded to the Trading Standards department at Powys County Council to enquire about the rules and requirements, including supervision requirements, and that a further letter be sent to Powys County Council concerning questions raised by Members about the potential sale of the boathouse.

580/24 LETTER FROM YSCIR COMMUNITY COUNCIL

Submitted **C(E)** a letter received from Yscir Community Council concerning a donation for the provision of the Visit Brecon service.

RESOLVED

THAT a letter of thanks be drafted and sent to Yscir Community Council for their continued support of Visit Brecon.

581/24 YSGOL GOLWG PEN-Y-FAN

Submitted **C(F)** an email received concerning governor vacancy at Ysgol Golwg Pen-y-Fan. Members discussed this item, following which, it was

RESOLVED

THAT no nomination is submitted from this Council on this occasion.

582/24 FINANCIAL REGULATIONS

Submitted **C(G)(i)** recommendation from Finance and Commissioning of Contracts Committee and **C(G)(ii)** Draft Financial Regulations. The Town Clerk explained this agenda item for the benefit of Members and recommended that in relation to point 9.1 of the Financial Regulations that this amount be increased from £500 to £1000 because of difficulties with access to cash due to the closure of Lloyds Bank.

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RESOLVED

THAT the recommendation from the Finance and Commissioning of Contracts Committee be approved, and that the draft Financial Regulations be approved for immediate implementation with the inclusion of an increased amount of £1000 for petty cash.

583/24 BT POLE RESPONSE

Submitted **C(H)** an email response received from BT concerning the siting of a new pole dated 17 February 2025.

RESOLVED

THAT this information be taken as received and noted.

584/24 REPORT TO COUNCIL – YOUTH REPRESENTATIVES

Submitted **C(I)** report to Council concerning Youth Representatives. The Town Clerk provided Members with an overview of this agenda item. Members discussed this item in detail, and it was

RESOLVED

THAT this information be taken as received, that a letter of thanks be sent to Miss B Arthur for her support over the two years, and that advertising and recruitment be carried out for both positions at the same time after the 2025 summer holidays.

585/24 TREE INSPECTION REPORT

Submitted **C(J)** tree inspection report for the Island Fields.

RESOLVED

THAT this information be taken as received and noted.

586/24 PR OPPORTUNITIES ARISING FROM THE MEETING

Car Parking / support from Yscir Community Council.

587/24 ANY OTHER BUSINESS

The Mayor informed Members that the Police and Crime Commissioner is holding an engagement event on the 26 March 2025 and that a request has

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been received for a Councillor to Chair the event. It was agreed that the Mayor is the Chair of the engagement event.

588/24 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.