

## **BRECON TOWN COUNCIL**

### **MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE PLANNING, GUILDHALL AND STAFFING COMMITTEE OF BRECON TOWN COUNCIL HELD REMOTELY VIA ZOOM ON MONDAY 3 MARCH 2025 AT 6.00 P.M.**

#### **598/24 PRESENT**

Councillor R Thomas (in the Chair)  
Councillor M Perry  
Councillor T Fretten  
Councillor M Matthews  
Councillor S Drinan  
Councillor C Walton (arrived 6:11pm)  
Councillor N Stone  
Councillor C Walsh  
Councillor D Meredith  
Councillor L Rijnenberg

**In attendance:** Mrs. Fiona Williams (Town Clerk)  
Mr Rhys Ridge-Evans (Administrative Officer)

#### **599/24 APOLOGIES**

There were no apologies.

#### **600/24 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

There were no declarations of interest.

#### **601/24 MINUTES – PLANNING, GUILDHALL AND STAFFING COMMITTEE**

The Minutes of the Meeting of the Planning, Guildhall and Staffing Committee held on 3 February 2025 (Pages 150 – 152) (copies of which had been previously circulated) were considered.

#### **RESOLVED**

**THAT the Minutes of the Planning, Guildhall and Staffing Committee held on 3 February 2025 be taken as read, approved as a true record, and signed.**

#### **602/24 PLANNING APPLICATIONS**

- (a) Submitted – Schedule of applications from the Bannau Brycheiniog National Park Authority (*hereafter referred as*

- BBNPA*) reference number 4665 – 4669 (copies of which had been previously circulated –**P(A)**).
- (b) Submitted – Schedule of decisions from BBNPA (copies of which had been previously circulated – **P(B)**).

**RESOLVED**

- (a) **THAT the schedule contained in the attached P(A) be received and noted, and that a reply be forwarded in relation 25/23593/TRCA as set out in minute 604/24 below.**
- (b) **THAT the schedule contained in the attached P(B) be received and noted.**

**603/24 GUILDHALL CLOCK UPDATE AND LISTED BUILDING CONSENT ADVICE**

Submitted **P(C)** Guildhall clock update and Listed Building Consent advice. The Town Clerk explained this agenda item for the benefit of Members and informed Members that a date is awaited for the contractor to attend.

**RESOLVED**

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

**604/24 DOGWOOD TPO UPDATE**

Submitted **P(D)** an updated in relation to the Tree Protection Order (*hereafter referred to as TPO*) for the Japanese Dogwood outside the old library. Members discussed this item in lengthy detail.

**RESOLVED**

**THAT the Town Clerk replies to BBNPA to state that it accepts that pruning is required for the Japanese Dogwood but asks that this is carried out by a suitably qualified contractor, and that the implementation of the TPO be undertaken as soon as possible.**

**605/24 SICKNESS AND ABSENCE MANAGEMENT POLICY UPDATED TO INCLUDE WHITE RIBBON TERMINOLOGY**

Submitted **P(E)** Sickness and Absence Management Policy updated to include White Ribbon terminology. The Town Clerk informed Members that this policy was approved in November 2024 but has since been updated to include White Ribbon terminology. The Town Clerk also

informed Members that she has received an email from Councillor Fretten relating to a typing error. Subject to the foregoing, it was

**RESOLVED**

**THAT the Sickness and Absence Management Policy be approved with the inclusion of the White Ribbon terminology.**

**606/24 FLAGS – TO CONSIDER REQUEST TO FLY FLAG**

The Town Clerk and the Chair explained a request received to fly a flag at the Guildhall. Members discussed this request, along with the usual flag flying protocols in lengthy detail, following which, it was

**RESOLVED**

**THAT the request be declined, and an offer to promote the organisation be way of poster be given.**

**607/24 PR AND PRESS OPPORTUNITIES**

There were no items.

**608/24 ANY OTHER BUSINESS**

The Town Clerk informed Members that photos and name plaques have recently been ordered to bring the past mayor's displays up-to-date and this should be completed shortly. Also, that the framed photographs in the chamber need updating, and there will be some cost in reframing work. It was noted that there is no official portrait of Councillor Walsh for his Mayoral term due to Covid. Following discussion it was agreed for Councillor Walsh to have an official portrait taken at the next AGM, and for the photography displays to be brought up to date.

**609/24 EXCLUSION OF PUBLIC AND PRESS**

**RESOLVED**

**THAT in view of the confidential nature of the business about to be transacted whereby matters of a sensitive nature were to be discussed 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.**