

BRECON TOWN COUNCIL

MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE OF BRECON TOWN COUNCIL HELD REMOTELY VIA ZOOM ON TUESDAY 8 APRIL 2025 AT 6.00 P.M.

712/24 PRESENT

Councillor R Thomas
Councillor M Davies (arrived 6:02pm)
Councillor S Morgans
Councillor C Walton
Councillor T Fretten (arrived 6:05pm)
Councillor M Matthews (in the Chair)
Councillor L Rijnenberg
Councillor M Dorrance
Councillor M Thapa

In Attendance: Fiona Williams (Town Clerk)
Rhys Ridge-Evans (Administrative Officer)
Ms Francesa Bell (co-opted member)(left
6:42pm)

713/24 APOLOGIES

Apologies were received from Councillor Powell, and Mr M Rich, co-opted member.

714/24 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no declarations.

715/24 MINUTES ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE

The Minutes of the Meeting of the Environment Committee held on 7 January 2025 (Pages 133 – 137) (copies of which had been previously circulated)

716/24 ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

CLIMATE AND NATURE CONFERENCE REPORT (MINUTE NO 476/24)

Councillor Thomas provided Members with an update in relation to the group in general. Subject to the foregoing, it was

RESOLVED

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THAT the Minutes of the Environment and Events Committee held on 7 January 2025 be taken as read, approved as a true record, and signed.

717/24 YOUTH REPRESENTATIVE REPORT

There was nothing to report.

718/24 FISHING ACCOUNTS FOR 2024 SEASON AUDIT

Submitted **E(A)** audited fishing accounts for the 2024 season. The Town Clerk confirmed that the accounts have been audited by Brecon Town Councils Financial Officer, and also the internal auditor.

RESOLVED

THAT the fishing accounts for the 2024 season be approved.

719/24 LONE OUTSIDE WORKERS RISK ASSESSMENT

Submitted **E(B)** Lone Outside Workers Risk Assessment relating to fishing. Members discussed this item, and it was

RESOLVED

THAT the Lone Outside Workers Risk Assessment relating to fishing be approved as drafted.

720/24 ONLINE BANKING FOR FISHING ACCOUNT AND BANK CHARGES FISHING ACCOUNT

The Town Clerk suggested that as the next two agenda items are related that they be taken at the same time. The Town Clerk informed Members that small charity accounts held with Lloyds bank are facing charges of around £4 - £5 pound per month. The Town Clerk recommended that options be looked at for online banking for this account. Members discussed this item, and it was

RESOLVED

THAT the Town Clerk arranges online banking for the fishing account and also investigates alternative banking arrangements without charges.

721/24 RISK ASSESSMENTS BEACONS PARK AND MAENDU WELL

Submitted **E(C)(i)** Risk Assessment for Beacons Park and **E(C)(ii)** Risk Assessment for Maendu Well, including the pond. Councillor Dorrance informed Members that there is gravel in the pond that has been washed in with the rainfall and suggested that a meeting is held with the Town

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Clerk, ward Councillors, and the Nature Recovery Partnership for collaborative working. Members discussed this item and it was

RESOLVED

THAT the risk assessments be approved, and that a meeting is set up as discussed.

722/24 UPDATE REPORT: EROSION CONCERNS RIVER USK

Submitted **E(D)** an update report concerning the erosion concerns on the River Usk dated 29 January 2025, prepared by the Town Clerk. Councillor Thomas provided Members with an updated in relation to this agenda item. The Town Clerk also provided Members with an update on this agenda item. It was suggested that 50% of the funding for the environmental search be taken from the fishing accounts. Members discussed this item, and it was

RESOLVED

THAT 50% of the cost of the Environmental Search be approved with funding being provided from the fishing account, that the content of the report be noted and that the relevant work streams be approved.

723/24 ISLAND FIELDS UPDATE REPORT

Submitted **E(E)** Island Fields update report prepared by the Town Clerk, dated 27 March 2025. The Town Clerk notified Members that commencement work on the five year plan works will start shortly with Councillor Thomas, and that the tree works noted within the report have been completed. It was also suggested that that the results of the consultation be published on Brecon Town Councils website. Members discussed this item, and it was

RESOLVED

THAT this information be taken as received and noted, that the works identified as complete be noted, and that the results of the consultation be published on Brecon Town Councils website.

724/24 ARRANGEMENTS FOR HANGING BASKETS AND PLANTERS 2025

Councillor Rijnenberg informed Members that new hanging basket brackets are due to be installed on the Guildhall and queried the budget for the brackets and planters for 2025 and the Town Clerk confirmed that the budget is £2000. Members discussed this item in lengthy detail, and it was

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RESOLVED

THAT quotes obtained for provision of hanging baskets, and that this be organised, along with the planting of the planters, by Councillor Rijnenberg and Brecon Town Councils Park Keeper, within budget.

725/24 BUSKING REVIEW

Councillor Davies provided Members with an update in relation to the busking project undertaken in 2024. It was noted that the scheduling was done externally to Brecon Town Council and no conversations have happened in relation to 2025 yet. Members discussed this item, and it was

RESOLVED

THAT the busking project for 2025 continue as in 2024 if possible, with an alternative of Councillor Michaela Davies administering the bookings if necessary.

726/24 PR AND PRESS OPPORTUNITES

There were no items.

727/24 ANY OTHER BUSINESS

The Town Clerk informed Members about a request for a change of arrangements at Llanfaes Park and that this would be on the agenda for full council for further discussion.

Councillor Davies informed Members that she has been informed by Councillor Powell that the phone box on the Struet is due to have the phone removed and the door locked and proposed that options be looked at for repurposing them by way of plant swap or community library. It was suggested that a working group be formed to look at this in further detail, along with other potential phone boxes.

728/24 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.