

**MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE BRECON TOWN COUNCIL HELD IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBER AND REMOTELY VIA ZOOM ON MONDAY 28 APRIL 2025 AT 7.00 P.M.**

**733/24 PRESENT**

Councillor J Powell (Mayor in the Chair)  
Councillor R Thomas  
Councillor M Dorrance  
Councillor M Matthews  
Councillor T Fretten (remote)  
Councillor M Davies (remote) (arrived 7:04pm)  
Councillor M Perry (remote)  
Councillor D Meredith  
Councillor M Thapa

**In Attendance:** Fiona Williams (Town Clerk)  
Rhys Ridge-Evans (Administrative Officer)  
Rhys Gillard (Youth Representative)(arrived 7:03pm and left 7:24pm)(remote)

**Not in attendance:** Councillor S Morgans

**734/24 APOLOGIES**

Apologies were received from Councillors Walsh, Walton, Rijnenberg, and Stone.

**735/24 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

There were no declarations.

**736/24 ANNOUNCEMENTS**

The Mayor reminded Members about the VE Day celebrations, the Brecon/Dhampus Twinning Event, the Best of Brecon Awards, and the Annual General Meeting.

**737/24 YOUTH REPRESENTATIVE REPORT**

Mr Rhys Gillard asked Members for an update in regard to the pumptrack and it was confirmed that discussions are still ongoing.

**SECTION A**

**738/24 MINUTES**

## **Council Meeting 28 April 2025**

The Minutes of the meeting of the Council held on 24 March 2025 (Pages 180 – 189) (copies of which had been previously circulated) were considered

### **IT WAS RESOLVED**

**THAT the Minutes of Full Council held on 24 March 2025 be taken as read, approved as a true record, and signed.**

### **739/24 PLANNING, GUILDHALL AND STAFFING COMMITTEE – 7 APRIL 2025**

The Minutes of the Planning, Guildhall and Staffing Committee held on 7 April 2025 (pages 193 – 195) (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 7 April 2025 be taken as read, approved as a true record, and signed.**

### **740/24 FINANCE AND COMMISSIONING OF CONTRACTS COMMITTEE – 7 APRIL 2025**

The Minutes of the Finance and Commissioning of Contracts Committee held on 7 April 2025 (Pages 198 – 201) (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 7 April 2025 be taken as read, approved as a true record, and signed.**

### **741/24 ENVIRONMENT AND EVENTS COMMITTEE – 8 APRIL 2025**

The Minutes of the Environment and Events Committee held 8 April 2025 (pages 203 – 206) (copies of which had been previously circulated) were considered

### **IT WAS RESOLVED**

**THAT the Minutes of the Environment and Events Committee held 8 April 2025 be taken as read, approved as a true record, and signed.**

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### **742/24 REPORT OF THE INTERNAL AUDITOR**

Submitted **C(A)** report of the internal auditor dated 10 April 2025. Members discussed this item, and it was

#### **RESOLVED**

**THAT the report of the internal auditor be taken as received and noted.**

### **743/24 LETTER RECEIVED FROM MR DAVID CHADWICK MP**

Submitted **C(B)** letter received from Mr David Chadwick MP, dated 25 March 2025. Members discussed this item, and it was

#### **RESOLVED**

**THAT the content of the letter be approved and noted.**

### **744/24 REPLY FROM POWYS COUNTY COUNCIL – BOATHOUSE**

Submitted **C(C)** a response received from County Councillor Jake Berriman concerning the Boathouse. Members discussed this item in lengthy detail and queried what the wish of this Council is going forward. Following further lengthy discussion, it was

#### **RESOLVED UNANIMOUSLY**

**THAT an Expression of Interest is submitted to Powys County Council in regard to the sale of the boathouse, with a view to exploring the potential of facilitating a community organisation acquisition of the site.**

### **745/24 MEMBERS REPORT – THEATR BRYCHEINIOG**

Submitted **C(D)** Member Report from Councillor Fretten, dated 17 April concerning Theatr Brycheiniog.

#### **RESOLVED**

**THAT the content of the report be taken as received and noted.**

### **746/24 PR OPPORTUNITIES ARISING FROM THE MEETING**

There were no items.

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### 747/24 ANY OTHER BUSINESS

The Mayor informed Members that following his reporting of the intended removal of the payphone on the Struet, three of the kiosks that are on St Mary's Street are now also locked. The Town Clerk reminded Members that a working group has been set up to look at this in further detail.

Councillor Fretten informed Members that the Watton Allotment Committee would like to donate apple trees to be planted on the Island Fields and that the Committee would be writing to the Town Clerk to confirm the details.

The Mayor reminded Members about the place plan survey, and informed Members about options for scoping documents relating to Canal Road and Bell Lane, which was noted.

The Town Clerk stated that some Members are yet to complete the Standing Orders and Financial Regulations familiarisation. This needs to be done before the next meeting of this Council to enable the Council to implement the General Power of Competency.

The Town Clerk noted that the annual change to the signatory for the Mayors bank account was needed to add Councillor Matthews and to remove Councillor Powell. This was noted and agreed.

The Town Clerk informed Members that she has today circulated an email from Powys Teaching Health Board which introduces the 'Better Together' programme. The email is asking for comments by 25 May which is before the next meeting of this Council so requested that any Members who wishes to do so reply individually.

### 748/24 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.**