

## BRECON TOWN COUNCIL

### MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE OF BRECON TOWN COUNCIL HELD REMOTELY VIA ZOOM ON TUESDAY 1 JULY 2025 AT 6.00 P.M.

#### 40/25 PRESENT

Councillor R Thomas  
Councillor C Walton  
Councillor T Fretten  
Councillor M Matthews (in the Chair)  
Councillor L Rijnenberg  
Councillor M Dorrance  
Councillor J Powell

**In Attendance:** Fiona Williams (Town Clerk)  
Rhys Ridge-Evans (Administrative Officer)  
Mr Malcolm Rich (Co-opted Member) (left 7:07pm)  
Mr Rhys Gillard (Youth Representative)(left 6:37pm)

**Not in attendance:** Councillor S Morgans  
Councillor M Thapa

The meeting commenced at 6:17pm.

#### 41/25 CHAIR – ELECTION OF

A temporary Chair was elected and nominations for the position of Chair of the Committee were invited. Members discussed this in detail, though no nomination for a Chair was submitted. Following discussion, it was agreed to appoint a temporary Chair for this meeting, and a Committee Chair and Vice Chair at the forthcoming Full Council meeting. The Town Clerk advised that this delay will impact the payment of the IRP payment to Members until a permanent Chair is appointed. Following discussion, it was

#### RESOLVED

**THAT Councillor Marie Matthews Chair this meeting, and that the Chair and Vice Chair for this Committee for the forthcoming Municipal Year be appointed at the July 2025 Council meeting.**

#### 42/25 APOLOGIES

Apologies were received from Councillor Davies, and Ms Francesca Bell.

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### 43/25 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no declarations.

### 44/25 MINUTES ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE

The Minutes of the Meeting of the Environment Committee held on 8 April 2025 (Pages 203 – 206) (copies of which had been previously circulated)

#### **RESOLVED**

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

### 45/25 YOUTH REPRESENTATIVE REPORT

Mr Gillard spoke about ideas relating to the bike rack which were noted for the agenda item in this respect later in the meeting.

### 46/25 TO RECEIVE APPROVED TERMS OF REFERENCE

Submitted **E(A)** approved Terms of Reference.

#### **RESOLVED**

**THAT these be taken as received and noted.**

### 47/25 BANK ACCOUNT INFORMATION

Submitted **E(B)** information relating to the bank account options for the Fishing Association. Members discussed this item, and it was

#### **RESOLVED**

**THAT the fishing account be moved to NatWest as per the information submitted.**

### 48/25 CYCLE RACK

Submitted **E(C)** email from Councillor Perry in relation to a bike rack. The information provided by the Youth Representative earlier in the meeting was noted. Following discussion, it was

#### **RESOLVED**

**THAT the Town Clerk seeks permission from Powys County Council to locate a new bike rack near to Cotswold and that**

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**this be placed on the agenda for the next meeting of this Committee for further consideration.**

### **49/25 WATER FOUNTAIN**

The Town Clerk reminded Members that there is £7,500 in the budget for this project and that work is yet to commence. Members discussed this item, and it was

#### **RESOLVED**

**THAT a working group consisting of Councillors Powell, Matthews, and Walton, and the Youth Representative be formed to look at this project.**

### **50/25 POWYS COUNTY COUNCIL HIGHWAY TREES**

Submitted **E(D)** email received from Powys County Council in relation to trees on the highways.

#### **RESOLVED**

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

### **51/25 RIDE CYMRU 2025 EVENT**

Submitted **E(E)** information received from Ride Cymru relating to its 2025 event.

#### **RESOLVED**

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

### **52/25 REPORT – BENCHES 2025**

Submitted **E(F)** report relating to benches Belle Vue Road and play area at Uplands. Following consideration of the report, it was

#### **RESOLVED**

**THAT option two be selected for both sites with a recycled plastic bench in a black finish, 2m for Belle Vue and 2.2m for Uplands. It was also requested to add routing to commemorate VE / VJ Day 80 as an optional extra on both benches.**

Mr Gillard left the meeting at this point and did not return.

### **53/25 REPORT – ADOPT A KIOSK SCHEME**

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Submitted **E(J)** report dated 12 June 2025 relating to the adopt a kiosk scheme. The Town Clerk informed Members that since writing the report, BT has replied to advise that all kiosks are available for adoption, and that this Council or Powys County Council are able to adopt. A draft Agreement has been provided by BT which needs careful consideration. Following discussion, it was

### **RESOLVED**

**THAT the working group considers the options further and reports back to the next meeting of this Committee with an update for further consideration.**

#### **54/25 PENLAN PONDS**

Councillor Rijnenberg informed Members that there are three ponds in Penlan that require attention. Councillor Rijnenberg informed those present that she has requested sight of the Management Plan for the ponds but is still awaiting receipt of this. Members discussed this item, and it was

### **RESOLVED**

**THAT this Committee writes to Powys County Council to request a copy of the Management Plan, and also writes to Natural Resources Wales to request their advice for this site.**

#### **55/25 FLY POSTING CONCERNS**

Councillor Matthews informed those present that an email has been received raising concerns about fly posting in town, which has recently caused damage to the newly installed bus stop. Members discussed this item, and it was

### **RESOLVED**

**THAT any concerns in this respect be reported to Powys County Council for action.**

#### **56/25 DRAFT BIODIVERSITY ACTION PLAN – JUNE 2025**

Submitted **E(G)** draft Biodiversity Action Plan dated June 2025. The Town Clerk reminded Members that this Council has a published Biodiversity Action Plan in a different format that has been updated in recent years to show the work and actions that have been achieved. However, this report is now very detailed and it would be appropriate to use the tabled Action Plan going forward. Members discussed this item, and it was

### **RESOLVED**

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**THAT the draft Biodiversity Action Plan be approved as Drafted, and published, in addition to the existing report that is published.**

### 57/25 UPDATE – MUGA

The Town Clerk advised that this item ought to be moved to the confidential session of the agenda due to the commercially sensitive content in the report.

#### **RESOLVED**

**THAT this item be moved for discussion in the confidential session.**

### 58/25 REPORT – OUTDOOR GYM EQUIPMENT

Submitted **E(I)** report dated 24 June 2025 concerning on your bike / green gym project. Members discussed this item, following which it was

#### **RESOLVED**

**THAT the £10,000 held in relation to this project be allocated to the MUGA project to cover the anticipated budget shortfall and any balance allocated to the pump track project and that further financial provision be considered for an outdoor gym equipment project during precept discussions for the 2026/27 budget.**

### 59/25 UPDATE – VJ DAY

Councillor Matthews reported to the Committee that the VJ 80 working group has arranged for this Council to contribute to the VJ Day celebrations being organised by the Royal Welsh Regimental Museum at the Barracks by way of contribution of acts.

#### **RESOLVED**

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

### 60/25 PR AND PRESS OPPORTUNITIES

There were no items.

### 61/25 ANY OTHER BUSINESS

The Town Clerk informed Members that Ms Francesca Bell has decided to step down as a co-opted Member of this Committee. It was agreed to

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write to Ms Bell to thank her for her contribution to the Committee during her time as a co-opted member of the public.

The Town Clerk informed Members that the white lining project at the King George playing fields football pitch would be commencing in the next few weeks in readiness for the school summer holidays.

### **62/25 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.**

Mr Rich left the meeting at this point and did not return.