

BRECON TOWN COUNCIL

MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE FINANCE AND COMMISSIONING OF CONTRACTS COMMITTEE OF BRECON TOWN COUNCIL HELD REMOTELY VIA ZOOM ON MONDAY 7 JULY 2025 AT 7.00 P.M.

84/25 PRESENT

Councillor J Powell
Councillor S Morgans
Councillor N Stone
Councillor M Perry
Councillor S Drinan (left at 8:19pm)
Councillor M Thapa
Councillor M Dorrance
Councillor C Walsh (in the Chair)

In Attendance: Mrs. Fiona Williams (Town Clerk)
Mr Rhys Ridge-Evans (Administrative Officer)
Mr Gethin Amoss (Brecon and District MIND)(left 7:25pm)

Not in attendance: Councillor M Davies

85/25 PRESENTATION

The Chair welcomed Mr Gethin Amoss to the meeting, and invited him to give his presentation in relation to the Greenminds project. Mr Amoss thanked Members for the opportunity to give a presentation on the project. After the presentation, Members had the opportunity to ask Mr Amoss questions. Members did not have any questions, but a suggestion arose that if any further questions did come up, that they get passed to the Town Clerk for forwarding to Mr Amoss. Mr Amoss left the meeting at this point and did not return.

86/25 APOLOGIES

Apologies were received from Councillor Meredith.

87/25 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no declarations.

88/25 MINUTES

The Minutes of the Meeting of the Finance and Commissioning of Contracts Committee held on 2 June 2025 (Pages 20 – 22) (copies of which had been previously circulated) were considered and it was

RESOLVED

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THAT the Minutes of the Meeting of the Finance and Commissioning of Contracts Committee held on 2 June 2025 be taken as read, approved as a true record, and signed.

89/25 TERMS OF REFERENCE

Submitted **F(A)** approved Terms of Reference for the Finance and Commissioning of Contracts Committee.

RESOLVED

THAT the Terms of Reference be taken as received and noted.

90/25 SCHEDULE OF THANK YOU LETTERS RECEIVED

Submitted **F(B)** schedule of thank you letters received.

RESOLVED

THAT this information be taken as received and noted.

91/25 APPLICATIONS FOR FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE

Submitted - Schedule of applications received for financial assistance (copies of which had been previously circulated - **Attachment F(C)**).

Having considered the financial aspects and other details of all the applications received (**attachment F(D)**) it was –

RESOLVED

THAT the undermentioned applications for financial assistance be dealt with as follows:

BCA

Member discussed this application in lengthy detail, and following discussion, it was

RESOLVED

THAT the Chair, Vice Chair, and Town Clerk meet with the applicant to discuss the application, and raise questions posed by Members, and that the application be deferred to the September meeting of this Committee.

BRECON AND DISTRICT MIND

Members discussed this application in lengthy detail, and following discussion with 6 votes in favour, and 1 against, it was

RESOLVED UNANIMOUSLY

THAT this application be deferred to the September meeting of this Committee, and to revert to the applicant with queries surrounding the level of reserves held.

92/25 GRANT MONITORING FORM - GREENMINDS

Submitted **F(E)** Grant Monitoring Form received from Greenminds.

RESOLVED

THAT this information be taken as received and noted.

93/25 FSCS LETTER

Submitted **F(F)** letters dated May 2024 received in relation to FSCS.

RESOLVED

THAT this information be taken as received and noted.

94/25 CHRISTMAS LIGHTS CONTRACT 2026 ONWARDS

The Chair explained that plans for the Christmas lights contract 2026 onwards needs to be developed, and recommended that a working group be set up to look at requirements. It was

RESOLVED

THAT a working group be set up consisting of Councillors Powell, Dorrance, Perry, Drinan, and Morgans to look at this, and to invite any other Member onto the working group as well if they wished to do so.

95/25 INSURANCE CONSIDERATION FOR NEW DEAL IN APRIL 2026 AND TO CONSIDER WHETHER VALUATIONS ARE REQUIRED

The Town Clerk informed Members that the current insurance arrangements will come to an end in April 2026, and that prior to the renewal would be a good time to consider obtaining updated valuations. Members discussed this item, and it was

RESOLVED

THAT the Town Clerk seeks quotations for valuation updates to be considered at a later meeting.

96/25 PR AND PRESS OPPORTUNITIES

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There were no items.

97/25 ANY OTHER BUSINESS

There were no items.

98/25 EXCLUSION OF THE PUBLIC AND PRESS

It was recommended that for the purposes of this section the Committee pass the following resolution:-

THAT in view of the confidential nature of the business about to be transacted whereby matters of either a sensitive nature or of a possible personal nature might be discussed in relation to the finances or staff of the Council, it was advisable in the public interest, that the public and press be temporarily excluded and they were instructed to withdraw from the meeting.