

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 1 SEPTEMBER 2025 AT 7.00 P.M.

168/25 PRESENT

Councillor J Powell
Councillor S Morgans (arrived 7:39)
Councillor M Perry
Councillor T Fretten
Councillor M Thapa
Councillor C Walsh (in the Chair)
Councillor D Meredith

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

169/25 APOLOGIES

Apologies were received from Councillors Stone, Dorrance, and Davies.

170/25 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

The Town Clerk and Councillor Fretten declared an interest in the grant application received from Gouesnou Twinning Association.

171/25 MINUTES

The Minutes of the Meeting of the Finance and Commissioning of Contracts Committee held on 7 July 2025 (Pages 45 – 48) (copies of which had been previously circulated) were considered and it was

RESOLVED

THAT the Minutes of the Meeting of the Finance and Commissioning of Contracts Committee held on 7 July 2025 be taken as read, approved as a true record, and signed.

172/25 SCHEDULE OF THANK YOU LETTERS RECEIVED

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

RESOLVED

THAT this information be taken as received and noted.

173/25 APPLICATIONS FOR FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE

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

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

RESOLVED

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

COMMUNITY SHAWL PROJECT

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

RESOLVED

THAT a grant of £2000 be awarded to the Community Shawl Project, subject to any unspent funds being returned to Brecon Town Council and not divided as per box 11 of the organisations constitution should this occur.

GOUESNOU TWINNING ASSOCIATION

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

RESOLVED UNANIMOUSLY

THAT a grant of £1440 be awarded to Gouesnou Twinning Association.

THE BEACONS ORCHESTRA

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

RESOLVED UNANIMOUSLY

THAT a grant of £933 be awarded to the Beacons Orchestra.

BRECON AND DISTRICT MIND

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

RESOLVED

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THAT a grant of £4000 be awarded to Brecon And District Mind towards the Greenminds project.

174/25 GRANT MONITORING FORM - GREENMINDS

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

RESOLVED

THAT this information be taken as received and noted.

175/25 REPLIES TO QUESTIONS RAISED AT LAST MEETING – COMMUNITY SHAWL PROJECT

Submitted **F(E)** replies to questions raised at last meeting received from the Community Shawl Project.

RESOLVED

THAT this information be taken as received and noted.

176/25 TO NOTE BCA APPLICATION WITHDRAWAL

The Chair informed Members that BCA have withdrawn their grant application following an unsuccessful grant application for core funding to other organisations, which meant that BCA would be closing.

THIS information was taken as received and noted.

177/25 SPEED DETECTION DEVICE – BUDGET PROVISION

The Town Clerk informed Members that there is a sum of £190 in the budget for a speed detection device and request that this work stream be actioned. The Chair confirmed that he will provide details of the relevant item for purchase, following which, it was

RESOLVED

THAT the device be purchased.

178/25 FIRE RISK ASSESSMENT – VISIT BRECON

Submitted **F(F)** Fire Risk Assessment for Visit Brecon. The Town Clerk informed Members that she has worked with staff at Visit Brecon to look at this and minor amendments have been made. Following discussion, it was

RESOLVED

THAT the Fire Risk Assessment for Visit Brecon be approved as drafted.

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179/25 FIRE PROCEDURES – VISIT BRECON

Submitted **F(G)** fire procedures for Visit Brecon. Members discussed this item, and it was

RESOLVED

THAT the fire procedures for Visit Brecon be approved as drafted.

180/25 FIRE RISK ASSESSMENTS – TOILET BLOCKS AND BANDSTAND

Submitted **F(H)** Fire Risk Assessments for the toilet blocks and the bandstand. The Town Clerk informed Members that these buildings were previously incorporated as an addendum to the Guildhall Fire Risk Assessment, but this year separate assessments have been prepared, and identified actions carried out. Members discussed this item, and it was

RESOLVED

THAT the Fire Risk Assessments for the toilet blocks and the bandstand be approved as drafted.

181/25 ELECTRICAL INSTALLATION CERTIFICATION – TOILET BLOCKS AND BANDSTAND

Submitted **F(I)** electrical installation certification for the toilet blocks and bandstand. Members discussed this item, and it was

RESOLVED

THAT this information be taken as received and noted.

182/25 ITEMS FOR INCLUSION IN THE 2026/27 PRECEPT

There were none at this time.

183/25 PR AND PRESS OPPORTUNITIES

The grant aid awarded.

184/25 ANY OTHER BUSINESS

There were no items.

185/25 EXCLUSION OF THE PUBLIC AND PRESS

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

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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.