

MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE BRECON TOWN COUNCIL HELD IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBER AND REMOTELY VIA ZOOM ON MONDAY 24 NOVEMBER 2025 AT 7.00 P.M.

342/25 PRESENT

Councillor M Matthews (Mayor in the Chair)
Councillor M Dorrance (remote)
Councillor J Powell
Councillor T Fretten (remote)
Councillor C Walsh (remote)
Councillor D Meredith
Councillor M Thapa
Councillor S Drinan
Councillor L Rijnenberg (remote)
Councillor N Stone
Councillor C Walton (remote)
Councillor R Thomas
Councillor M Perry (remote)

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

343/25 APOLOGIES

Apologies were received from Councillors Morgans and Davies.

344/25 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

The Administrative Officer declared an interest in agenda item 20. Councillor Drinan declared an interest in the grant application received from the Canals and Rivers Trust at agenda item 7c.

345/25 ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Mayor provided Members with updates on various events she had attended since the last meeting and also provided Members with an overview of events she is attending over the coming weeks. The Mayor also asked for assistance with the Scouts visits on Friday 28 November, and Friday 5 December.

SECTION A

346/25 ENVIRONMENT AND EVENTS COMMITTEE – 20 OCTOBER 2025

Council Meeting 24 November 2025

The Minutes of the meeting of the Environment and Events Committee held on 20 October 2025 (Pages 91 – 95) (copies of which had been previously circulated) were considered.

IT WAS RESOLVED

THAT the Minutes of the meeting of the Environment and Events Committee held on 20 October 2025 be taken as read, approved as a true record, and signed.

347/25 FULL COUNCIL – 27 OCTOBER 2025

The Minutes of the meeting of the Council held 27 October 2025 (Pages 97 – 104) (copies of which had been previously circulated) were considered.

IT WAS RESOLVED

THAT the Minutes of the meeting of the Council held on 27 October 2025 be taken as read, approved as a true record, and signed.

348/25 PLANNING, GUILDHALL AND STAFFING COMMITTEE – 3 NOVEMBER 2025

The Minutes of the Planning, Guildhall and Staffing Committee held on 3 November 2025 (pages 107 – 109) (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 3 November 2025 be taken as read, approved as a true record, and signed.

349/25 FINANCE AND COMMISSIONING OF CONTRACTS COMMITTEE – 3 NOVEMBER 2025

The Minutes of the Finance and Commissioning of Contracts Committee held on 3 November 2025 (Pages 111 – 114) (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 3 November 2025 be taken as read, approved as a true record, and signed.

Council Meeting 24 November 2025

350/25 WORKING GROUP REPORT – ADOPT A KIOSK

Submitted **C(A)** report of the Working Group for the Adopt a Kiosk scheme dated 24 October 2025. Members discussed this item in lengthy detail, and during discussions, it was noted that consultation should take place prior to a decision being made in relation to the kiosks within town.

RESOLVED

THAT at this stage a consultation be undertaken to establish interest from groups that might wish to take responsibility for the kiosks along with public support for adoption and order of importance of the kiosks concerned and to obtain costings for refurbishment and to reconsider content of this report once this information and the consultation response is known.

351/25 GRANT APPLICATIONS

Submitted **C(B)(i)** Schedule of Grant Applications, **C(B)(ii)** query raised with Pontfaen YFC and reply provided, **C(B)(iii)** grant applications for financial assistance and accounts, and **C(B)(iv)** grant monitoring form received from Pontfaen YFC.

RESOLVED

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

PONTFAEN YFC

Members noted the response received from Pontfaen YFC and it was

RESOLVED UNANIMOUSLY

THAT a grant of £449.16 be awarded to Pontfaen YFC being the second year payment of a three year application.

CANALS AND RIVERS TRUST

Members discussed this application, with 10 votes in favour and 3 abstentions, it was

RESOLVED

Council Meeting 24 November 2025

THAT a grant of £1995 be awarded to the Canals and Rivers Trust.

352/25 ROAD CLOSURE NOTICES

Submitted **C(C)** road closure notice received in relation to Brecon With Bells On.

RESOLVED

THAT this information be taken as received and noted.

353/25 BUDGET V ACTUAL FOR AUGUST AND SEPTEMBER 2025

Submitted **C(D)** Budget V Actual for August and September 2025.

RESOLVED

THAT this information be taken as received and noted.

354/25 STATEMENT OF ACCOUNTS PAID FOR AUGUST AND SEPTEMBER 2025

Submitted **C(E)** Statement of Accounts Paid for August and September 2025.

RESOLVED

THAT this information be taken as received and noted.

355/25 STATEMENT OF ACCOUNTS RECEIVED FOR AUGUST AND SEPTEMBER 2025

Submitted **C(F)** Statement of Accounts Received for August and September 2025.

RESOLVED

THAT this information be taken as received and noted.

356/25 ANTUR CYMRU – BRECON MARKET HALL PROJECT UPDATE REPORT

Submitted **C(G)** Brecon Market Hall project update report prepared by the Town Clerk dated 12 November 2025.

RESOLVED

Council Meeting 24 November 2025

THAT this information be taken as received and noted.

357/25 DRAFT PRECEPT 2026/27

Submitted **C(H)(i)** report relating to draft Precept/Budget 2026/27, **C(H)(ii)** Draft Precept/Budget 2026/27 for approval, **C(H)(iii)** Reserves Projection, and **C(H)(iv)** New Earmarked Reserves. The Town Clerk and Councillor Walsh provided additional information and explanation about the proposed budget, and the Town Clerk asked Members to note that it includes £20,000 for Y Gaer and that if the budget is approved this amount of support needs to be confirmed under the terms of the Service Level Agreement relating to Y Gaer for 2026/27.

RESOLVED

THAT the report relating to the draft Precept/Budget 2026/27 be taken as received and noted;

THAT the Draft Precept/Budget 2026/27 be approved as drafted;

THAT the Reserves Projection be taken as received and noted;

THAT the New Earmarked Reserves be taken as received and noted;

AND THAT any amount required for BT kiosk adoptions in 2026/27 will need to be agreed to be paid from reserves and not budgeted for during that financial year.

358/25 PR OPPORTUNITIES ARISING FROM THE MEETING

The grant aid, the kiosks, and Brecon With Bells On feedback received.

359/25 ANY OTHER BUSINESS

The Mayor informed Members of an email received from One Voice Wales in relation to their Annual General Meeting and asked if anyone would be willing to attend this to represent the Council, and to vote on its behalf. Councillor Walton informed Members that she has attended One Voice Wales meetings in the past and is happy to attend the Annual General Meeting on behalf of this Council. This was agreed.

360/25 EXCLUSION OF THE PUBLIC AND PRESS

SECTION B

RESOLVED

Council Meeting 24 November 2025

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.