

**MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE BRECON TOWN COUNCIL HELD IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBER AND REMOTELY VIA ZOOM ON MONDAY 26 JANUARY 2026 AT 7.00 P.M.**

**433/25 PRESENT**

Councillor M Matthews (Mayor in the Chair)  
Councillor M Dorrance  
Councillor J Powell  
Councillor T Fretten (remote)  
Councillor C Walsh (remote)  
Councillor M Thapa  
Councillor S Drinan (remote)(arrived 7:05pm)  
Councillor L Rijnenberg (remote)  
Councillor N Stone  
Councillor C Walton  
Councillor R Thomas  
Councillor S Morgans (remote)  
Councillor M Davies (remote)

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

Prior to the meeting starting, the Mayor asked for a minutes silence to mark Holocaust Memorial day.

**434/25 APOLOGIES**

Apologies were received from Councillors Perry and Meredith.

**435/25 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

Councillors Powell and Walsh declared an interest in agenda item 18.

**436/25 ANNOUNCEMENTS**

The Mayor provided Members with updates about various events she had attended since the last meeting.

**SECTION A**

**437/25 FULL COUNCIL – 24 NOVEMBER 2025**

The Minutes of the meeting of the Council held 24 November 2025 (Pages 116 – 121) (copies of which had been previously circulated) were considered.

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### **IT WAS RESOLVED**

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

### **438/25 PLANNING, GUILDHALL AND STAFFING COMMITTEE – 5 JANUARY 2026**

The Minutes of the Planning, Guildhall and Staffing Committee held on 5 January 2026 (pages 125 – 128) (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 5 January 2026 be taken as read, approved as a true record, and signed.**

### **439/25 FINANCE AND COMMISSIONING OF CONTRACTS COMMITTEE – 5 JANUARY 2026**

The Minutes of the Finance and Commissioning of Contracts Committee held on 5 January 2026 (Pages 130 – 133) (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 5 January 2026 be taken as read, approved as a true record, and signed.**

### **440/25 ENVIRONMENT AND EVENTS COMMITTEE – 6 JANUARY 2026**

The Minutes of the meeting of the Environment and Events Committee held on 6 January 2026 (Pages 136 – 139) (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 6 January 2026 on be taken as read, approved as a true record, and signed.**

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### 441/25 ARMED FORCES COVENANT

Councillor Dorrance provided Members with an overview about this agenda item and the Town Clerk confirmed that information had been circulated. Following discussion, it was

#### **RESOLVED**

**THAT a working group be set up consisting of Councillors Dorrance, Matthews, Walton, Davies, and Drinan to look at the detail and report back to a future meeting.**

### 442/25 WHITE RIBBON BADGES

Councillor Thomas provided Members with an overview of this agenda item and thanked the Town Clerk for the provision of the badge prior to the meeting and encouraged all those present to wear a white ribbon badge.

#### **RESOLVED**

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

### 443/25 UPDATE – YOUTH REPRESENTATIVE SCHEME AND AGREEMENT TO RENEW DBS CERTIFICATES

The Town Clerk reminded Members that the closing date for Youth Representative applications is Friday 30 January, and informed Members that it is necessary to repeat DBS applications.

#### **RESOLVED**

**THAT this information be taken as received and noted, and t agreement was given to renew DBS certificates.**

### 444/25 EMAIL FROM CORPORATE JOINT COMMITTEE FOR SOUTH WALES CONCERNING STRATEGIC DEVELOPMENT PLAN

Submitted **C(A)** email received from Corporate Joint Committee (CJC) for South Wales concerning Strategic Development Plan. Members queried whether this was meant for this Council as there is a separate CJC for Powys.

#### **RESOLVED**

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**THAT the Town Clerk finds out more information about this agenda item and report back.**

### **445/25 REQUEST FOR RECEPTION**

Submitted **C(B)** a request for a reception. The Town Clerk informed Members that the Guildhall isn't available on the day requested due to a prior booking and suggested asking Y Gaer whether it would be possible to hold the reception there. The Town Clerk confirmed that it would require staff working, and some budget spend on catering.

#### **RESOLVED**

**THAT a request be made to host the reception at Y Gaer, and that the catering spend be approved.**

### **446/25 CAPTAINS WALK REPORT**

Submitted **C(C)** Captains Walk update report prepared by the Town Clerk. Councillor Rijnenberg provided Members with an update in regard to the project. Members discussed this item, and it was

#### **RESOLVED**

**THAT this information be taken as received and noted, and that the four recommendations detailed within the report be approved.**

### **447/25 BANK RECONCILIATION FOR OCTOBER AND NOVEMBER 2025**

Submitted **C(D)** Bank Reconciliations for October and November 2025.

#### **RESOLVED**

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

### **448/25 BUDGET V ACTUAL – OCTOBER AND NOVEMBER 2025**

Submitted **C(E)** Budget V Actual for October and November 2025.

#### **RESOLVED**

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

### **449/25 STATEMENT OF ACCOUNTS PAID – OCTOBER AND NOVEMBER 2025**

Submitted **C(F)** Statement of Accounts Paid for October and November

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**RESOLVED**

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

**450/25 STATEMENT OF ACCOUNTS RECEIVED – OCTOBER AND NOVEMBER 2025**

Submitted **C(F)** Statement of Accounts Received for October and November 2025.

**RESOLVED**

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

**451/25 TRUST ACCOUNTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2025**

Submitted **C(G)** Harley Thomas Accounts, **C(H)** Brecknock Welfare Trust Accounts, and **C(I)** Alderman Thomas Williams Accounts

**RESOLVED**

**THAT the Trust accounts for the year ended 31 December 2024 be approved and signed.**

**452/25 MEMBERS REPORT – ONE VOICE WALES BRECON AND RADNOR AREA COMMITTEE MEETING**

Submitted **C(K)** Members Report concerning One Voice Wales Brecon and Radnor Area Committee Meeting prepared by Councillor Walton. Councillor Walton provided Members with an overview of the content of her report.

**RESOLVED**

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

**453/25 LETTER RECEIVED FROM LLANDRINDOD WELLS TOWN COUNCIL – 2 JANUARY 2026**

As Councillors Walsh and Powell declared an interest in this agenda item, Councillor Powell left the chamber, and Councillor Walsh was placed in the waiting room on Zoom, and neither of them took place in discussions.

Submitted **C(L)** letter received from Llandrindod Wells Town Council dated 2 January 2026. Members discussed this item, and it was noted that there

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are already established organisations with the expertise, remit, and capacity to address these issues more effectively and questioned whether the creation of an additional group could risk duplicating existing monitoring and governing work and may, despite best intentions, become more of a forum for discussion rather than a vehicle for action. It was also felt that the content of the letter to some extent conflated the roles and responsibilities of the different Trusts and Bodies.

### **RESOLVED**

**TO not join the proposed group at this time.**

#### **454/25 BUCKINGHAM PALACE GARDEN PARTY NOMINATION REQUEST**

Submitted **C(M)** email received from One Voice Wales request a nomination for the draw for the Buckingham Palace garden party. No nominations were put forward, so the Town Clerk requested that any Member wishing to be nominated or wishing to make a nomination please do so by the end of the week due to the tight turnaround time.

### **RESOLVED**

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

#### **455/25 EMAIL FROM YSGOL GOLWG PEN-Y-FAN CONCERNING ADDITIONAL COMMUNITY GOVERNOR**

Submitted **C(N)** email received in relation to an additional community governor at Ysgol Golwg Pen-y-Fan. Members discussed this item, and it was

### **RESOLVED**

**THAT this information be taken as received and noted. No nomination for a governor was made at this time.**

#### **456/25 TOWN OF CULTURE EXPRESSION OF INTEREST**

Submitted **C(O)** information relation to the Town of Culture expression of interest. Councillor Powell explained this agenda item for the benefit of Members, with assistance from Councillor Drinan. Members discussed this item in lengthy detail, and it was

### **RESOLVED**

**THAT this Council is supportive of the Town of Culture**

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**expression of interest being submitted, and that any interested parties wishing to be involved liaise with Councillors Powell and Drinan directly.**

### **457/25 PR OPPORTUNITIES ARISING FROM THE MEETING**

There were no items.

### **458/25 ANY OTHER BUSINESS**

The Town Clerk informed Members that the Welsh Government grant for the St Davids Day event has been approved, and asked Members to note that the Working Group would like to purchase t-shirts for those attending, however, this will push the budget over the allocated grant amount. The Town Clerk asked Members whether they were supportive in principle to funding this overspend if a suitable budget could be identified and if this is the case it will be on the agenda for the Finance and Commissioning of Contracts meeting. Members were in support of this overspend in principle.

### **459/25 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.**