

MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE BRECON TOWN COUNCIL HELD IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBER AND REMOTELY VIA ZOOM ON MONDAY 23 FEBRUARY 2026 AT 7.00 P.M.

505/25 PRESENT

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

In Attendance: Fiona Williams (Town Clerk)
Rhys Ridge-Evans (Administrative Officer)
Youth Representative Applicants (left at 7:27pm)
Mr G Gillard (left at 7:27pm)
Ms Julie Lewis (Powys County Council) (remote) (left at 7:26pm)
Ms Diane Reynolds (Powys County Council) (left at 7:26pm)

506/25 PRESENTATIONS

The Mayor welcomed the two applicants for the Youth Representative Scheme to the meeting and invited them to give their presentations. During the first presentation, the second applicant's connection remotely had cut out, and they did not return to the meeting. The Mayor thanked the applicant who attended in person for their time. The applicant thanked the Council for their time and remained in the chamber until after the following presentation.

The Mayor welcomed Ms Julie Lewis, and Ms Diane Reynolds to the meeting, and invited them to give their presentation. Ms Reynolds thanked the Mayor for the introduction, and provided a presentation relating to the 2027 Tour de France event that would be taking place in Wales. After her presentation, Members had the opportunity to ask questions which Ms Reynolds answered. The Mayor thanked Ms Reynolds and Ms Lewis for their time, and they left the meeting.

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507/25 APOLOGIES

Apologies were received from Councillors Stone and Davies.

508/25 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Councillors Meredith and Dorrance declared an interest in agenda item 9.

509/25 ANNOUNCEMENTS

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

SECTION A

510/25 FULL COUNCIL – 24 NOVEMBER 2025

The Minutes of the meeting of the Council held 26 January 2026 (Pages 141 – 147) (copies of which had been previously circulated) were considered.

IT WAS RESOLVED

THAT the Minutes of the meeting of the Council held on 26 January 2026 be taken as read, approved as a true record, and signed.

511/25 PLANNING, GUILDHALL AND STAFFING COMMITTEE – 2 FEBRUARY 2026

The Minutes of the Planning, Guildhall and Staffing Committee held on 2 February 2026 (pages 151 – 153) (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 2 February 2026 be taken as read, approved as a true record, and signed.

512/25 FINANCE AND COMMISSIONING OF CONTRACTS COMMITTEE – 2 FEBRUARY 2026

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The Minutes of the Finance and Commissioning of Contracts Committee held on 2 February 2026 (Pages 155 – 157) (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 2 February 2026 be taken as read, approved as a true record, and signed.

513/25 APPOINTMENT OF YOUTH REPRESENTATIVE(S)

The Mayor informed Members that only two applications have been received for the vacancies, and that they had been circulated prior to the meeting. Members discussed this item, and it was

RESOLVED

THAT both applicants be offered the position of Youth Representative.

514/25 POLICIES FOR REVIEW

Submitted **C(A)** Recruitment Policy, **C(B)** Health and Safety Policy, **C(C)** Fire Safety Policy, and **C(D)** Pension Policy for review. The Town Clerk informed Members that following the recently undertaken Manual Handling Training it was brought up that the Manual Handling Risk Assessment should be included within the Health and Safety Policy. Subject to this information, it was

RESOLVED

THAT the policies noted above be approved.

515/25 REFURBISHMENT AND MAINTENANCE REPORT – DUKE OF WELLINGTON STATUE

Submitted **C(E)** Refurbishment and Maintenance Report concerning the Duke of Wellington Statue. The Town Clerk informed Members that within the report it was noted that potential future works to the statue may need to be undertaken. Members discussed this item, and it was

RESOLVED

THAT the content of the report be taken as received and noted, and that funds be put into future precepts for further works.

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516/25 COMMUNITY LED PLANS FOR THE FUTURE OF CRADOC SCHOOL SITE

As Councillors Meredith and Dorrance declared an interest in this agenda item, they left the chamber and took no part in discussions.

Submitted **C(F)** email received from Cradoc Community Hub and School Project Team relating to the future of Cradoc School site. Members discussed this item in lengthy detail, and with 9 votes in favour and 2 against, it was

RESOLVED

THAT the information taken within the email be taken as received and noted, and that no further action is taken by this Council.

517/25 CO-OPTED MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC

Submitted **C(G)(i)** Report concerning Co-Opted Members of the public dated 27 January 2026 prepared by the Town Clerk, **C(G)(ii)** Acceptance of Terms of Office for Co-Opted Members of the Public, **C(G)(iii)** Code of Conduct for Co-Opted Members of the Public, and **C(G)(iv)** Terms of Appointment for Co-Opted Members of the Public. Members discussed this item, and it was

RESOLVED

THAT the content of the report be approved, and that the other documents as noted above be approved as drafted.

518/25 UPDATE MOORINGS DEVELOPMENT

Councillor Rijnenberg provided Members with an overview of this agenda item for the benefit of Members. Councillor Rijnenberg informed those present that conversations are still ongoing in relation to the two empty properties, and that hopefully these will be occupied soon.

RESOLVED

THAT this information be taken as received and noted.

519/25 PR OPPORTUNITIES ARISING FROM THE MEETING

The appointment of the two youth representatives.

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520/25 ANY OTHER BUSINESS

There were no items.

521/25 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.