

## BRECON TOWN COUNCIL

### MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE OF BRECON TOWN COUNCIL HELD REMOTELY VIA ZOOM ON TUESDAY 14 APRIL 2026 AT 5.00 P.M.

#### 650/25 PRESENT

Councillor R Thomas  
Councillor C Walton  
Councillor L Rijnenberg  
Councillor M Dorrance  
Councillor J Powell  
Councillor M Davies (In the Chair)  
Councillor M Matthews

**In Attendance:** Fiona Williams (Town Clerk)  
Rhys Ridge-Evans (Administrative Officer)  
Rhys Gillard (Youth Representative) (left 5:45pm)  
Rosie Jones (Youth Representative) (left 5:45pm)

**Not in attendance:** Councillor S Morgans  
Councillor M Thapa  
Mr M Rich (co-opted member of the public)

#### 651/25 APOLOGIES

Apologies were received from Councillor Drinan

#### 652/25 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no declarations of interest.

#### 653/25 MINUTES ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE

The Minutes of the Meeting of the Environment Committee held on 6 January 2026 (Pages 136 – 139) (copies of which had been previously circulated)

#### RESOLVED

**THAT the Minutes of the Environment and Events Committee held on 6 January 2026 be taken as read, approved as a true record, and signed.**

#### 654/25 FISHING INSURANCE RENEWAL UPDATE

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The Town Clerk informed Members that the previous insurer is no longer able to offer a suitable policy, so alternatives have been sought. Limited options are available, and the cheapest suitable alternative found was at a cost of £259. The Town Clerk confirmed that this had been approved of this Committee to ensure continuity of cover, and confirmed that cover is in place.

### **RESOLVED**

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

#### **656/25 FISHING PLATFORM – RESPONSE FROM BRECON SHOW**

The Town Clerk informed Members that no response has been received in relation to the proposed fishing platform improvements. The Town Clerk recommended that another letter be sent to the Brecon Show Committee from this Committee to chase this work.

### **RESOLVED**

**THAT a further letter is sent to the Brecon Show Committee requesting a response.**

#### **657/25 LONE WORKING – BRECONSHIRE USK FISHING ASSOCIATION RISK ASSESSMENT**

Submitted **E(A)** Lone Working Risk Assessment – Breconshire Usk Fishing Association for review.

### **RESOLVED**

**THAT Lone Working Risk Assessment – Breconshire Usk Fishing Association be approved as drafted.**

#### **658/25 RISK ASSESSMENTS FOR REVIEW**

Submitted **E(B)** Beacons Park Risk Assessment for review, **E(C)** Maendu Well Risk Assessment for review, **E(D)** Plinth at Maendu Well Risk Assessment, and **E(E)** Maendu Well Pond Risk Assessment for review. Members discussed this item in detail, and it was noted that an ownership sign could be purchased for placement at the Maendu Well site, and suggestions were put forward for the sign to be made of wood to be in keeping with its surroundings. Following discussion, it was

### **RESOLVED**

**THAT the risk assessments be approved as drafted and that options are looked at for an ownership sign to be placed at Maendu Well made of wood.**

**659/25 ST DAVID'S DAY EVENT EVALUATION SUMMARY REPORT**

Submitted **E(F)** St David's Day Event Evaluation Summary Report dated 18 March 2026. Members noted their thanks to the Town Clerk and Councillor Dorrance for pulling the event together. Queries were raised surrounding the artwork created and where it could be located once it comes down from Y Gaer. Members also requested that funding be included in the 27/28 budget for future cultural events.

**RESOLVED**

**THAT this information be taken as received and noted, and that funds are included in the 27/28 budget for future cultural events.**

**660/25 GUILDHALL HANGING BASKETS**

The Town Clerk informed Members that Councillor Rijnenberg and the Park Keeper will be planting the town centre planters next week and enquired about preferences for hanging baskets at the Guildhall. Following discussion, it was

**RESOLVED**

**THAT Councillor Rijnenberg works with the Park Keeper and the Town Clerk to organise hanging baskets for the Guildhall within the relevant budget.**

**661/25 TOUR DE FRANCE REPORT**

Councillor Matthews provided an overview of this agenda item following a meeting she had attended. It was noted that there should be a benefit and legacy to Brecon both during and after the event. It was suggested that a working group be set up to look at options for this event.

**RESOLVED**

**THAT a working group consisting of all Councillors present, and Mr Gillard to look at plans for this event in further detail, and that the offer to join the working group be offered to those not on this Committee as well.**

**662/25 BUSKING 2026**

Councillor Davies informed Members that she would like the support of the Committee for organising another busking project in the town centre during August and September. Councillor Davies informed Members that she is willing to administer the scheme and suggested that if the area

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around the monument is not available due to road works to seek permission to utilise Bethel Square.

### **RESOLVED**

**THAT this proposal be approved.**

#### **663/25 PRIDE IN PLACE IMPACT FUND**

The Town Clerk informed Members that details about the three proposed projects have been circulated prior to the meeting and gave an overview of the Expression of Interest requirements. The Town Clerk also explained the options with regard to the Town Council being the lead applicant and the role of the property owner. Members discussed this item in lengthy detail, following which, it was

### **RESOLVED**

**THAT an Expression of Interest be submitted to Powys County Council for the Pride In Place Impact Fund to be split between the Westenders, Brecon Market Hall, and seating at Penlan track, with the Town Council being the lead applicant and the property owner receiving grant funding under terms and conditions to be agreed between the Town Council and the property owner.**

#### **664/25 GOCOACHE PLACEMENT REQUEST – MAENDU WELL**

Councillor Thomas provided an overview of this agenda item following a meeting with a member of the public on the site. It was noted that the geocache would be in keeping with the surroundings.

### **RESOLVED**

**THAT the geocache placement be approved at Maendu Well.**

#### **665/25 ISLAND FIELDS UPDATE REPORT**

Submitted **E(G)** Island Fields update report dated 31 March 2026. The Town Clerk provided Members with an update in this regard. It was noted that Councillor Matthews and a member of the public have organised a volunteer recruitment evening for volunteers to assist with the schemes of work within the Island Fields.

### **RESOLVED**

**THAT the content of the report be received and noted, and the actions as detailed within be approved.**

#### **666/25 TREE INSPECTION REPORTS**

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Submitted **E(H)** Beacons Park Tree Inspection Report, **E(I)** Maendu Well Tree Inspection Report, **E(J)** Camden Road Park Tree Inspection Report, and **E(K)** Llanfaes Park Tree Inspection Report. The Town Clerk provided an overview of this agenda item and informed those present that any identified works are usually undertaken by the Park Keeper unless specialist works are required.

### **RESOLVED**

**THAT the content of the reports be taken as received and Noted, and that any works that need commissioning by contractors be approved.**

### **667/25 BRECON BOATHOUSE PROMFEST**

The Town Clerk informed Members that Councillor Drinan was due to speak on this matter following direct liaison with the boathouse proprietors and therefore in her absence this matter is unable to proceed at this meeting.

### **RESOLVED**

**THAT this item be deferred to a future meeting, if appropriate.**

### **668/25 PR AND PRESS OPPORTUNITIES**

Busking / Island Fields / Nominations for the Pride In Place fund.

### **669/25 ANY OTHER BUSINESS**

There were no items.

### **670/25 EXCLUSION OF PUBLIC AND PRESS**

### **RESOLVED**

**THAT in view of the confidential nature of the business about to be transacted whereby matters of a sensitive nature were to be discussed 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.**

Mr Gillard and Miss Jones left the meeting at this time and did not return.