

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

**11/26 PRESENT**

Councillor S Drinan (Mayor in the Chair)  
Councillor M Dorrance (remote)  
Councillor J Powell  
Councillor M Thapa (remote) (joined 7:05pm)  
Councillor C Walton  
Councillor R Thomas  
Councillor D Meredith  
Councillor M Matthews  
Councillor L Rijnenberg (joined 7:18pm)  
Councillor N Stone

**In Attendance:** Fiona Williams (Town Clerk)  
Rhys Ridge-Evans (Administrative Officer)  
PS S Beaton (Dyfed Powys Police)(left  
7:11pm)  
PCSO T Woodley (Dyfed Powys Police)(left  
7:11pm)  
Miss R Jones (Youth Representative)(left  
8:12pm)

**Not in Attendance:** Councillor S Morgans  
Councillor M Davies

**12/26 PRESENTATION**

The Mayor welcomed PS Beaton and PCSO Woodley to the meeting and invited them to give their presentation. PS Beaton informed Members that there wasn't an official presentation to give but did ask if any Members had any points of concern to raise or any questions to ask. Members asked questions to which PS Beaton answered. The Mayor thanked PS Beaton and PCSO Woodley for their time this evening, and they left the chamber and did not return.

**13/26 APOLOGIES**

Apologies were received from Councillors Walsh, Perry, and Fretten. Apologies were also received from Mr R Gillard.

**14/26 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

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The Administrative Officer declared an interest in agenda item 10a.

### **15/26 YOUTH REPRESENTATIVES REPORT**

Councillor Walton informed Members that there was nothing to report at this meeting.

### **16/26 ANNOUNCEMENTS**

The Mayor informed Members that there were no announcements for this meeting.

### **SECTION A**

### **17/26 FULL COUNCIL – 27 APRIL 2026**

The Minutes of the meeting of the Council held 27 April 2026 (Pages 207 – 211) (copies of which had been previously circulated) were considered. It was noted that the date was wrong on the minutes. Subject to the foregoing, it was

#### **RESOLVED**

**THAT the Minutes of the meeting of the Council held on 27 April 2026 be taken as read, approved as a true record, and signed.**

### **18/26 PLANNING, GUILDHALL AND STAFFING COMMITTEE – 5 MAY 2026**

The Minutes of the Planning, Guildhall and Staffing Committee held on 5 May 2026 (pages 215 – 217) (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 May 2026 be taken as read, approved as a true record, and signed.**

### **19/26 FINANCE AND COMMISSIONING OF CONTRACTS COMMITTEE – 5 MAY 2026**

The Minutes of the Finance and Commissioning of Contracts Committee held on 5 May 2026 (Pages 220 – 222) (copies of which had been previously circulated) were considered

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### IT WAS RESOLVED

**THAT the Minutes of the Finance and Commissioning of Contracts Committee held on 5 May 2026 be taken as read, approved as a true record, and signed.**

### 20/26 SPECIAL MEETING OF THE COUNCIL

The Minutes of the Special Meeting of the Council held on 11 May 2026 (Pages 225 – 226) (copies of which had been previously circulated) were considered

### IT WAS RESOLVED

**THAT the Minutes of the Special Meeting of the Council held on 11 May 2026 be taken as read, approved as a true record, and signed.**

### 21/26 ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

The Minutes of the Annual General Meeting of the Council held on 11 May 2026 (Pages 1 – 3) (copies of which had been previously circulated) were considered

### IT WAS RESOLVED

**THAT the Minutes of the Annual General Meeting of the Council held on 11 May 2026 be taken as read, approved as a true record, and signed.**

### 22/26 TERMS OF REFERENCE

Submitted **C(A)(i)** Planning, Guildhall, and Staffing Committee Terms of Reference, **C(A)(ii)** Finance and Commissioning of Contracts Committee Terms of Reference, **C(A)(iii)** Environment and Events Committee Terms of Reference. Members discussed this item, and it was

### RESOLVED

**THAT Terms of Reference for each Committee be approved as drafted.**

### 23/26 APPOINTMENT OF MEMBERS TO STANDING COMMITTEES

Submitted **C(B)** Committee Membership for 2026/27.

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**RESOLVED**

**THAT the Committee Membership be approved.**

**24/26 SUGGESTED MEETING DATES FOR 2026/27 MUNICIPAL YEAR**

Submitted **C(C)** suggested meeting dates for 2026/27 Municipal Year.

**RESOLVED UNANIMOUSLY**

**THAT the suggested Meeting Dates for 2026/27 Municipal Year be approved.**

**25/26 APPOINTMENT TO OUTSIDE BODIES FOR 2026/27 MUNICIPAL YEAR**

Submitted **C(D)(i)** appointments to Outside Bodies for 2026/27 Municipal Year, and **C(D)(ii)** email received from Ysgol-y-Bannau requesting confirmation that Councillor Sian Drinan continue as governor. It was noted that Ysgol Golwg Pen-Y-Fan is not listed on the membership to outside bodies. It was also noted that Councillor Powell is the appointed representative as Christ College Governor.

**RESOLVED**

**THAT the membership be retained as noted on the attached schedule, and that the Town Clerk sends out a request to all Councillors to consider filling the position of governor at Ysgol Golwg Pen-y-Fan, and that Councillor Sian Drinan be reconfirmed as governor at Ysgol-y-Bannau in response to the email received.**

**26/26 STATEMENT OF ACCOUNTS PAID – FEBRUARY AND MARCH 2026**

Submitted **C(E)** statement of accounts paid for February and March 2026.

**RESOLVED UNANIMOUSLY**

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

**27/26 STATEMENT OF ACCOUNTS RECEIVED – FEBRUARY AND MARCH 2026**

Submitted **C(F)** statement of accounts received for February and March 2026.

**RESOLVED UNANIMOUSLY**

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

### **28/26 BUDGET V ACTUAL – FEBRUARY 2026**

Submitted **C(G)** budget v actual for February 2026.

**RESOLVED**

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

### **29/26 BANK RECONCILIATION – FEBRUARY AND MARCH 2026**

Submitted **C(H)** bank reconciliation for February and March 2026.

**RESOLVED**

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

### **30/26 REVIEW OF BANK MANDATE ARRANGEMENTS**

The Town Clerk reminded Members that it is a requirement of Financial Regulations to review the bank mandate arrangements. Following discussion, it was

**RESOLVED**

**THAT the bank mandate arrangements remain unchanged.**

### **31/26 TRAINING PLAN FOR APPROVAL**

Submitted **C(I)** Training Plan for approval.

**RESOLVED**

**THAT the Training Plan be approved as drafted, and published.**

### **32/26 GENERAL POWER OF COMPETENCY**

It was noted that consideration needs to be given as to whether Brecon Town Council remains eligible to adopt the General Power of Competence (GPoC) whereby at least two thirds of the Council Members are elected, the Clerk holds a suitable qualification, and the Council meets qualified audit criteria, and if so whether to resolve to implement GPoC for the current year.

**RESOLVED**

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**THAT Brecon Town Council is eligible to adopt GPoC and reconfirms this for immediate reimplementation.**

### **33/26 ACCOUNTS AND AUDIT FOR YEAR ENDED 31<sup>st</sup> MARCH 2026**

Submitted (copies of which had been previously circulated) :

- (a) Budget V Actual to 31 March 2026 **C(J)**
- (b) Accounts to 31<sup>st</sup> March 2026 **C(K)**
- (c) Annual Return for Audit for year ended 31 March 2026 **C(L)**
- (d) Annual Internal Audit Report within Annual Governance Statement.  
**C(M)**
- (e) Reserves analysis **C(N)**

Members considered the documents provided at (a), (b), (c), (d), and (e) and Questions 1 to 9 within the Annual Governance Statement. Following discussion, it was

#### **RESOLVED**

**THAT the Accounts to 31<sup>st</sup> March 2026 be approved as drafted, with the addition of Llanfaes Park in the notes to the financial statements, and that the figures within the Annual Return be approved, and that questions 1 to 10 in the Annual Governance Statement be answered 'yes', and that the question regarding Trust Funds be answered 'yes', and that the Approval and Certification be agreed and that the Annual Internal Audit Report be received and noted, and that the Mayor signs and dates the Return accordingly, and that the Reserves Analysis be approved as drafted.**

### **34/26 FINANCIAL REGULATIONS FOR REVIEW**

Submitted **C(O)** Financial Regulations for review. The Town Clerk noted that an amendment to paragraph 9 of the Financial Regulations is required to reflect that the maximum spend is subject to the approval of the relevant Committee or Council. It was also requested to add wording to reflect that this document is revised for the purpose of Brecon Town Council.

#### **RESOLVED**

**THAT the above amendments be approved.**

### **35/26 STANDING ORDERS FOR REVIEW**

Submitted **C(P)** Standing Orders for Review.

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### RESOLVED

**THAT The Standing Orders be re-approved as drafted.**

#### **36/26 LAUNCH OF THE ONE VOICE WALES CIVILITY AND RESPECT PLEDGE**

Submitted **C(Q)** information received from One Voice Wales in relation to the launch of the One Voice Wales Civility and Respect Pledge. Members raised queries in relation to the professional help section of the pledge. Members discussed this item, and it was

### RESOLVED

**THAT the Town Clerk seeks further information in relation to the professional help section and that this item be deferred to a later meeting of the Council.**

#### **37/26 PROPOSAL TO HAVE A GLOBAL CULTURAL EXPLOSION FESTIVAL**

Submitted **C(R)** documentation received in relation to a proposal to have a global cultural explosion festival. Members noted that further information is needed in relation to the proposal and suggested that the author of the email and associated documentation be contacted to seek further information.

### RESOLVED

**THAT this item be deferred to a future meeting of the Council for consideration once further information has been received.**

#### **38/26 TO AMEND SIGNATORIES ON MAYORS CHARITIES BANK ACCOUNT AT NATWEST**

The Town Clerk informed Members that a resolution is necessary to authorise the removal of Councillor Matthews and addition of Councillor Drinan to the signatories of the Mayors Charities Bank Account.

### RESOLVED

**THAT Councillor Matthews be removed as a signatory on the Mayors Charities Bank Account at Natwest and that Councillor Drinan be added.**

#### **39/26 ARMED FORCES COVENANT UPDATE**

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The Town Clerk informed Members that the proposed wording for Brecon Town Council's Covenant has been accepted and completed, and it is now proposed to hold a signing event either on the 19 or 22 June depending on the availability of those who ought to be in attendance, with a view to being able to launch this prior to Armed Forces Day on 27 June. Key military personnel will be invited along with other local representatives, and it is requested that the Mayor be robed in attendance, and that a tea and cake reception be provided. The Town Clerk also informed Members that she had met with Councillor Dorrance and representatives of the Airbourne Forces Association to start the ball rolling in regard to the placement of an Airbourne Forces memorial in Brecon, and that work has started in this respect.

### **RESOLVED**

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

#### **40/26 GRANT APPLICATIONS FOR FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE**

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

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

### **RESOLVED**

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

#### **BRECON FESTIVAL BALLET**

### **RESOLVED**

**THAT a grant of £4000 be awarded to Brecon Festival Ballet, for on a one off grant basis.**

#### **41/26 ANNUAL REPORT 2025/26**

Submitted **C(T)** Annual Report for 2025/26. Members discussed this item, and it was

### **RESOLVED**

**THAT the final version Annual Report for 2025/26 be approved and published as drafted.**

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### 42/26 UPDATE REPORT – WHITE RIBBON

Submitted **C(U)** update report concerning White Ribbon. Members discussed this item, and it was

#### **RESOLVED**

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

### 43/26 POWYS STREET NAMING AND NUMBERING SNN3/2026/003

Submitted **C(V)** information received from Powys County Council concerning the naming of the new development at the former Roy Hatton Car Sales site. It was noted that a previous name of the site was the preferred option of this Council as it meets the details of the Guidance provided by Powys County Council. Members discussed this item, and it was

#### **RESOLVED**

**THAT a reply is sent to Powys County Council with this Councils preferred name of Cwrt Dau Errw.**

### 44/26 PR OPPORTUNITIES ARISING FROM THE MEETING

There were no items.

### 45/26 ANY OTHER BUSINESS

There were no items.

### 46/26 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.**