

Council Meeting 27 July 2026

BRECON TOWN COUNCIL

MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE BRECON TOWN COUNCIL HELD IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBER AND REMOTELY VIA ZOOM ON MONDAY 27TH JULY 2026 AT 7.00 P.M.

146/26 PRESENT Councillor S Drinan (Mayor in Chair) (remote)
Councillor D Meredith
Councillor M Dorrance (remote)
Councillor J Powell
Councillor M Thapa (remote)
Councillor M Perry (remote)
Councillor T Fretten
Councillor C Walton (remote)
Councillor M Matthews (remote)
Councillor L Rijnenberg
Councillor N Stone
Councillor C Walsh (remote)
Councillor R Thomas

In attendance: Mrs Fiona Williams (Town Clerk)
Miss Yachana Gurung (Administrative Officer)
Mr R Gillard (Youth Representative)
Ms Sara St George (CEO Theatr Brycheiniog)

Not in attendance: Councillor S Morgans
Councillor M Davies

147/26 PRESENTATION

The Mayor welcomed Ms Sara St George, the Chief Executive of Theatr Brycheiniog to the meeting and invited her to discuss Theatr Brycheiniog and its development since her appointment. The Members asked Ms St George questions, which she answered. The Mayor thanked Ms St George for her attendance. Ms St George left at 7:24pm and did not return.

148/26 APOLOGIES

Apologies were received from Youth Representative Miss R Jones.

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149/26 DECLARATION OF INTEREST

Councillor S Drinan declared an interest on item 12 - Grant application for Theatr Brycheiniog.

150/26 ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Mayor discussed events she had attended in July such as the End of Year service at Christ College Brecon, Brecon Beacons Film Festival, the 70th anniversary of Abbeyfield, Star Awards at Brecon High School and the Brecon Choir Festival.

151/26 YOUTH REPRESENTATIVES REPORT

Mr R Gillard mentioned he had seen a post on a public forum discussing the want for a pump track several years ago but was unsuccessful. He suggested the Council publicly announce the developments of the Pump Track project to inform residents of the plans. Councillor C Walton clarified that announcements will be made once more development in the project is made.

152/26 FULL COUNCIL – 22 JUNE 2026

The Minutes of the meeting of the Council held 22 June 2026 (Pages 4 – 8) (copies of which had been previously circulated) were considered.

RESOLVED

THAT the Minutes of the meeting of the Council held on 22 June 2026 be taken as read, approved as a true record, and signed.

153/26 PLANNING, GUILDHALL AND STAFFING COMMITTEE – 6 JULY 2026

The Minutes of the Planning, Guildhall and Staffing Committee held on 6 July 2026 (Pages 12-14) (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 6 July 2026 be taken as read, approved as a true record, and signed.

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154/26 FINANCE AND COMMISSIONING OF CONTRACTS COMMITTEE - 6 JULY 2026

The Minutes of the Finance and Commissioning of Contracts Committee held on 6 July 2026 (Pages 16-18) (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 6 July 2026 be taken as read, approved as a true record, and signed.

155/26 ENVIRONMENT AND EVENTS COMMITTEE – 7 JULY 2026

The Minutes of the Environment and Events Committee held on 7 July 2026 (Pages 20-23) (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 7 July 2026 be taken as read, approved as a true record, and signed.

SECTION A

156/26 STATEMENT OF ACCOUNTS PAID – APRIL 2026

Submitted **C(A)** statement of accounts received for April 2026.

RESOLVED

THAT this information be taken as received and noted.

157/26 STATEMENT OF ACCOUNTS RECEIVED - APRIL 2026

Submitted **C(B)** statement of accounts received for April 2026.

RESOLVED

THAT this information be taken as received and noted.

158/26 BUDGET V ACTUAL – APRIL 2026

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Submitted **C(C)** budget v actual for April 2026.

RESOLVED

THAT this information be taken as received and noted

159/26 BANK RECONCILIATION – APRIL 2026

Submitted **C(D)** bank reconciliation for April 2026.

RESOLVED

THAT this information be taken as received and noted

160/26 MEMBER'S REPORT – THEATR BRYCHEINIOG

Submitted **C(E)** Member's report from Theatr Brycheiniog

RESOLVED

THAT this information be taken as received and noted

161/26 APPLICATION FOR FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE

As Councillor S Drinan declared interest on this item, she was removed from the meeting and took no part in discussions. Councillor D Meredith assumed Chair at this point.

Submitted **C(F)** schedule of grant applications received for financial assistance (copies of which had been previously circulated).

Having considered the financial aspects and other details of the application received (**attachment C(G)**) it was

RESOLVED

That the undermentioned application for financial assistance be dealt with as follows:

THEATR BRYCHEINIOG

Members discussed this application, following which it was

RESOLVED UNANIMOUSLY

THAT a grant of £15,000 be awarded to Theatr Brycheiniog.

Councillor S Drinan was unable to rejoin the online meeting, so Councillor D Meredith continued as Chair till her return.

162/26 REQUEST FOR JAZZ RECEPTION

The Town Clerk informed Members of Brecon Jazz Festival's request to host a Mayor's drinks reception at the Guildhall prior to the opening of the festival and outlined the requirements and budget provision.

RESOLVED UNANIMOUSLY

THAT the request for the reception be agreed and organised by the Town Clerk.

163/26 THANK YOU LETTER – L'ARCHE

Submitted **C(H)** thank you letter from L'Arche.

RESOLVED

THAT this information be taken as received and noted.

164/26 LETTER TO STAGECOACH AND REPLY

Submitted **C(I)** letter to Stagecoach and their reply.

RESOLVED

THAT this information be taken as received and noted.

165/26 GAS PIPE UPDATE WORK

Submitted **C(J)** gas pipe update work.

RESOLVED

THAT this information be taken as received and noted.

166/26 CHANGES TO BUS STOPS IN BRECON TOWN

This item was deferred to the next Council meeting due to the absence of Councillor S Drinan.

167/26 ACCOUNTS AND AUDITS RETURN VARIATION

Submitted **C(K)** amended accounts and amended audits return following correspondence from external auditor.

RESOLVED

THAT the accounts and audit return be approved as amended.

168/26 PLANNING APPLICATION – 26/24777/FUL

Submitted **C(L)** planning application 26/24777/FUL. Councillor R Thomas explained to Members the proposal of work for planning application 26/24777/FUL. Councillor M Dorrance stated that it is important that the Imperial War museum and other relevant stake holders put forward their views in regard to the plans as elements of the garden including the fencing and pavers form part of the war memorial.

RESOLVED

THAT the Town Clerk organises a meeting with the applicants to discuss the plans further and to facilitate sharing of information with the relevant stake holders.

169/26 PR AND PRESS OPPORTUNITIES

Grant application and pump track.

170/26 ANY OTHER BUSINESS

The Town Clerk informed Members of a request from PCI Pharmaceutical Services in Hay to kindly undertake a litter pick and requested suggestions for areas to target, which Members provided.

171/26 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.