MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE BRECON TOWN COUNCIL HELD IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBER AND REMOTELY VIA ZOOM ON MONDAY 26TH OCTOBER 2026 AT 7:00PM.

311/26 PRESENT

Councillor S Drinan (Mayor in the Chair)
Councillor R Thomas
Councillor C Walton
Councillor C Walsh (remote)
Councillor T Fretten
Councillor N Stone
Councillor D Meredith (arrived at 7:11pm)
Councillor J Powell
Councillor M Dorrance
Councillor M Thapa (remote) (arrived at 7:01pm)
Councillor S Morgans (remote)

In Attendance: Mrs Fiona Williams (Town Clerk)
Miss Yachana Gurung (Administrative Officer)
Miss R Jones (Youth Representative) (remote) (left at 7:45pm)
Mr R Gillard (Youth Representative) (remote) (left at 7:45pm)
Mr J Morgan, St Davids Church (left at 7:09pm)

312/26 PRESENTATION

Mr J Morgan provided members an update regarding progress with works at St Davids Church. That are to be funded by s.106 monies held by Brecon Town Council. Members noted the update and thanked Mr Morgan for his attendance. Following this update, Mr J Morgan left the chamber and did not return.

313/26 APOLOGIES

Apologies were received from Councillors M Perry, L Rijnenberg, M Matthews and M Davies.

314/26 DECLARATION OF INTEREST

There were no items.

315/26 ANNOUNCEMENTS

Councillor S Drinan provided members with an update of events she has attended since the last Council meeting

316/26 YOUTH REPRESENTATIVE REPORT

Youth Representative Miss R Jones gave members a brief overview of her ideas for 'Brecon Beats'. A working group was formed of Councillors J Powell, M Matthews, C Walton and S Drinan, together with both youth representatives, to take the project forward.

Youth Representative Mr R Gillard expressed his enthusiasm about the recent pump track meeting.

317/26 FULL COUNCIL – 28 SEPTEMBER 2026

The Minutes of the meeting of the Council held 28 September 2026 (Pages 45 - 50) (copies of which had been previously circulated) were considered.

RESOLVED

THAT the Minutes of the meeting of the Council held on 28 September 2026 be taken as read, approved as a true record, and signed.

318/26 PLANNING, GUILDHALL AND STAFFING COMMITTEE – 5 OCTOBER 2026

The Minutes of the Planning, Guildhall and Staffing Committee held on 5 October 2026 (pages 53 – 55) (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 October 2026 be taken as read, approved as a true record, and signed.

319/26 FINANCE AND COMMISSIONING OF CONTRACTS COMMITTEE – 5 OCTOBER 2026

The Minutes of the Finance and Commissioning of Contracts Committee held on 5 October 2026 (Pages 57 – 60) (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 October 2026 be taken as read, approved as a true record, and signed.

320/26 ENVIRONMENT AND EVENTS COMMITTEE – 6 OCTOBER 2026

The Minutes of the Environment and Events Committee held on 6 October 2026 (Pages 62 - 65) (copies of which had been previously circulated) were considered

IT WAS RESOLVED

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

321/26 COMPAINTS POLICY FOR REVIEW

Submitted **C(A)** Complaints policy for review. It was,

RESOLVED

THAT the complaints policy be approved as drafted.

322/26 DRAFT ANNUAL REMUNERATION REPORT 2027/28

Submitted **C(B)** Draft annual remunerations report. It was

RESOLVED

THAT this information be taken as received and noted.

323/26 POLITICALLY RESTRICTED POSTS

Submitted **C(C)** Politically restricted posts letter dated 12th October 2026. It was

RESOLVED

THAT this information be taken as received and noted.

324/26 MODEL STANDING ORDERS

Submitted **C(D)** Model Standing Order and Procurement Advice dated 3 February 2026. The Town Clerk provided Members with an overview. It was

RESOLVED

THAT Councillor T Fretten, Councillor S Drinan and the Town Clerk consider the new model alongside current Standing Orders and revert to a later meeting with any proposed changes.

325/26 EXTERNAL AUDIT REPORT 2025/26

Submitted **C(E)** External Audit Report 2025/26. Councillor C Walsh thanked the Town Clerk and the team for their work. It was,

RESOLVED

THAT this information be taken as received and noted.

326/26 DRAFT PRECEPT/BUDGET 2027/28

Submitted **C(F)** Budget Precept 2027/28, **C(G)** Report on First Draft Budget and **C(H)** Reserves. At the start of this item the Mayor declared that Section 106 of the Local Government Finance Act 1992 applies to her and did not participate in this agenda item. Councillor C Walsh and the Town Clerk provided members with an explanation of the draft budget presented, and the options for reductions/delay of project, and spend from reserves. Following full discussion. It was

RESOLVED

THAT the amendments suggested during discussion be included for version 2 of the budget to be presented to the November Council meeting.

327/26 PRIDE IN PLACE IMPACT FUND PROJECT VARIATION REQUEST

Submitted **C(I)** Pride in Place Impact Fund Project Variation Request Report dated 19th October 2026. The Town Clerk provided members with an explanation of the request, following which it was

RESOLVED

THAT the request to vary the spend be approved.

328/26 PR AND PRESS OPPORTUNITIES

There we no items.

329/26 ANY OTHER BUSINESS

The Town Clerk informed Members about a leak at the Lion Yard toilets, caused by a crack in the casing of Welsh Water's equipment, which has recurred after being repaired back in the summer. The Town Clerk is awaiting reassurance about charges for lost water as this could now be significant. Despite chasing it several times, the leak still exists. Councillor M Dorrance suggested that Members seek an update from Welsh Water representatives at the Big Advice Day, which was agreed.

330/26 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.