MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE BRECON TOWN COUNCIL HELD IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBER AND REMOTELY VIA ZOOM ON MONDAY 23rd NOVEMBER 2026 AT 7:00PM.

369/26 PRESENT Councillor S Drinan (Mayor in Chair)
Councillor R Thomas
Councillor C Walsh (remote)
Councillor T Fretten
Councillor N Stone
Councillor M Matthews
Councillor M Thapa (remote)
Councillor J Powell
Councillor S Morgans (remote)
Councillor C Walton
Councillor M Dorrance

In attendance: Mrs Fiona Williams (Town Clerk)
Miss Yachana Gurung (Administrative Officer)
Mr Rhys Gillard (Youth Representative) (remote)
A/Insp Adam Clark, Dyfed Powys Police (left at 7:16pm)
Sgt Lucy Basset, Dyfed Powys Police (left at 7:16pm)
2 members of the public (left at 7:25pm)

Not in attendance: Miss Rosie Jones (Youth Representative)

370/26 PRESENTATION

Councillor S Drinan welcomed Acting Inspector Adam Clark and Sgt Lucy Basset of Dyfed Powys Police. They invited questions from Councillors, which both Officers answered. At this point, one member of the public present put forward a viewpoint which the Mayor permitted. Following discussion, the Police Officers left the meeting and did not return.

371/26 APOLOGIES

Apologies were received from Councillors D Meredith, L Rijnenberg, M Perry and M Davies

372/26 DECLARATION OF INTEREST

There were no items.

373/26 ANNOUNCEMENTS

Councillor S Drinan declared that Section 106 of the Local Government Finance Act 1992 applies to her and did not participate in agenda item 11. Councillor S Drinan provided members with an update of events she has attended since the last Council Meeting

374/26 YOUTH REPRESENTATIVE REPORT

There were no items.

375/26 FULL COUNCIL – 26 OCTOBER 2026

The Minutes of the meeting of the Council held 26 October 2026 (Pages 67 - 71) (copies of which had been previously circulated) were considered.

RESOLVED

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

376/26 PLANNING, GUILDHALL AND STAFFING COMMITTEE – 2 NOVEMBER 2026

The Minutes of the Planning, Guildhall and Staffing Committee held on 2 November (pages 74 – 76) (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 November 2026 be taken as read, approved as a true record, and signed.

377/26 FINANCE AND COMMISSIONING OF CONTRACTS COMMITTEE – 2 NOVEMBER 2026

The Minutes of the Finance and Commissioning of Contracts Committee held on 2 November 2026 (Pages 78 - 81) (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 November 2026 be taken as read, approved as a true record, and signed.

378/26 STATEMENT OF ACCOUNTS PAID – AUGUST & SEPTEMBER 2026

Submitted **C(A)** statement of accounts paid for August and September 2026.

RESOLVED

THAT this information be received and noted.

379/26 STATEMENT OF ACCOUNTS RECEIVED – AUGUST & SEPTEMBER 2026

Submitted **C(B)** statement of accounts received for August and September 2026.

RESOLVED

THAT this information be received and noted.

380/26 BUDGET V ACTUAL – AUGUST & SEPTEMBER 2026

Submitted **C(C)** budget v actual for August and September 2026

RESOLVED

THAT this information be received and noted.

381/26 BANK RECONCILIATION – AUGUST & SEPTEMBER 2026

Submitted **C(D)** bank reconciliation for August and September 2026.

RESOLVED

THAT this information be received and noted.

382/26 DRAFT BUDGET V2 27-28

Submitted **C(E)** report on v2 draft budget 27-28 dated 5th November 2026 and **C(F)** Draft Budget v2 27-28. At the start of this meeting Councillor S Drinan declared that Section 106 of the Local Government Finance Act 1992 applies to her and therefore, did not participate in this agenda item. The Town Clerk provided members with an overview and recommended that an additional provision be made for the elections expense as since preparing the budget presented has been informed by Powys County Council the election costs will be approximately £1,500 more than presently provided for. Councillor C Walsh thanked the Town Clerk for her work on this item. Following discussion, it was

RESOLVED UNANIMOUSLY

THAT version 2 of the draft budget for 2027–28 be approved with the additional election costs as noted above and that the precept request noted in the budget be confirmed.

383/26 GOVERNOR VACANCY – YSGOL PENMAES

Members were notified of a Town Council Governor Vacancy at Ysgol Penmaes. It was,

RESOLVED

THAT Councillor M Matthews be appointed to this vacancy.

384/26 PR AND PRESS OPPORTUNITIES

There were no items.

385/26 ANY OTHER BUSINESS

The Town Clerk informed members that correspondences have been received regarding the CCLA investments for the Brecknock Welfare Trust and the Thomas Williams Trust advising funds are merging into regulated CAIF structures and that the letters inform Trustees that this is in the best interest of the investments. There is a detailed information booklets available for Trustee's information. This information was received and noted.

386/26 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.