

**MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE BRECON TOWN COUNCIL HELD IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBER, THE GUILDHALL, BRECON ON WEDNESDAY 16 JULY 2014 AT 7.00 P.M.**

**136/14 PRESENT**

Councillor N Sandford (Mayor in the Chair)  
Councillor M Dorrance  
Councillor R. Lewis  
Councillor I Williams  
Councillor A M Morgan  
Councillor K Wilbud  
Councillor C T Walsh  
Councillor P Ashton  
Councillor Mrs R Evans  
Councillor D Meredith  
Councillor Mrs M Phillips  
Councillor Mrs E A Pritchard

**In Attendance:** Mrs Fiona Williams (Town Clerk)

**137/14 DYFED-POWYS POLICE**

Sgt Adele Pitt of Dyfed-Powys Police was present at the meeting to discuss with Members the problem of rubbish on the streets during the Jazz Festival. Sgt Pitt asked for ideas about how the problem could be addressed and Councillors suggested various ideas which were noted by Sgt Pitt. Members agreed that this Council would write to Powys County Council to request that bins are emptied in the Town Centre more frequently during the Jazz Festival.

Members then voiced concerns to Sgt Pitt relating to car damage in St John's Ward, illegal parking including parking on pavements and traffic speeds. These concerns were noted by Sgt Pitt.

**138/14 BRECON BEACONS NATIONAL PARK AUTHORITY – PRESENTATION BY CLARE PARSONS**

Clare Parsons from Brecon Beacons National Park Authority attended the meeting to provide a presentation to Members relating to social resilience. Members were asked to consider what Brecon Beacons National Park Authority can do and/or could do. After discussion, points were put forward to Clare Parsons were the future attendances at Council meetings by a Brecon Beacons National Park Authority representative, maintenance of the pathway alongside the River Tarrell, increased profiles and briefing and sustainability and long term funding concerns.

**139/14 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors J Deveney and A M C Weale

#### **140/14 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

Councillor Dorrance declared a personal interest but not a prejudicial interest in Agenda item 8 inasmuch as he is a County Councillor.

#### **141/14 MAYOR'S ANNOUNCEMENTS**

The Mayor thanked Members for their condolences and attendance at the funeral following the recent passing of his mother. The Mayor then proceeded to advise Members of the duties he had had carried out since the last meeting of the Full Council.

#### **142/14 TOWN CLERK'S ANNOUNCEMENTS**

The Town Clerk advised Members that the Minutes for the recent Planning, Civic and Extra-ordinary Finance Meeting were not available for approval due to the short period since the meetings but they would be submitted at the next meeting of the Full Council.

### **SECTION A**

#### **143/14 MINUTES**

The Minutes of the meeting of the Council held on 23 June 2014 (pages 24 – 30) (Pages 4 - 8) (copies of which had been previously circulated) were taken as read, approved as a true record and signed.

### **CORRESPONDENCE**

#### **144/14 BRECON DEMENTIA ACTION ALLIANCE**

Submitted a letter of thanks from Brecon Dementia Action Alliance in relation to the grant received in respect of the launch of the Alliance – a copy of which was previously circulated – **Appendix C(A)(1)**.

#### **THIS LETTER WAS RECEIVED**

#### **145/14 POWYS COUNTY COUNCIL – GROUND MAINTENANCE**

Submitted letter from Powys County concerning grounds maintenance services in 2014.

Members discussed their concerns in relation to the reduced grounds maintenance throughout various areas in the Town. Councillor Dorrance suggested that Members keep a note of the issues within the Town in regard to grounds maintenance and that a dossier is compiled and forwarded to

Powys County Council with a request for grounds maintenance to be reviewed.

### **RESOLVED**

**THAT the letter be received and members would take note of grounds maintenance issues with a view to the compilation of a dossier at a later date.**

### **MEMBERS REPORTS**

There were no Reports by Members.

### **ANY OTHER BUSINESS**

**146/14 Councillor I Williams** requested that the Council Books continue to be prepared in their current format without plastic binding covers as it was more convenient.

**147/14 Councillor M Dorrance** informed Members that the food bank was starting next Friday and asked for Members' support where possible.