

MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE BRECON TOWN COUNCIL HELD IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBER, THE GUILDHALL, BRECON ON MONDAY 27th APRIL AT 7.00 P.M.

619/14 PRESENT

Councillor D Meredith (Deputy Mayor in the Chair)
Councillor A M Morgan
Councillor Mrs R Evans
Councillor Mrs E Pritchard
Councillor R Lewis
Councillor C Walsh
Councillor I Williams
Councillor S Bennett

In Attendance: Mrs Fiona Williams (Town Clerk)
Mrs Alison Jones (Assistant Town Clerk)

The Deputy Mayor commenced the meeting by welcoming Councillor Sam Bennett to his first meeting of the Full Council. The Deputy Mayor then requested the meeting stand and observe two minutes silence in memory of Carwyn Scott-Howell and the people of Nepal following the earthquake disaster.

620/14 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors N Sandford, P J Ashton, M J Dorrance, Mrs M Phillips A M C Weale and K Wilbud.

621/14 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no Declarations of Interest.

622/41 MAYOR'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Mayor was unable to be present due to illness but had circulated a list of engagements he had attended. The Deputy Mayor requested that the best wishes of the Council for a speedy recovery be sent to the Mayor.

623/14 TOWN CLERK'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Town Clerk reported that the Town Council Website was going to be updated in the near future and requested members to provide any amendments to their details and up-to-date profiles for inclusion. The Town Clerk advised that the hanging baskets for the Guildhall had been

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ordered. She requested any members who had not yet replied to the invitation for the Annual General Meeting to kindly do so.

Finally the Town Clerk advised that the Mayor had sent letters of condolence to the local Nepalese Groups following the earthquake disaster. Councillor Mrs R Evans had organised a coffee morning at the Guildhall to raise funds for the disaster appeal. Members requested that a Book of Condolence be opened up at the Guildhall for members of the public to sign and a letter of condolence be sent to the Nepalese Embassy in London.

SECTION A

624/14 MINUTES

The Minutes of the meeting of the Council held on 31 March 2015 (pages 196 to 206) (copies of which had been previously circulated)

Arising from the Minutes

625/14 BRECON BEACONS NATIONAL PARK AUTHORITY – TOWN PLAN (MINUTE 552/14)

Councillor Walsh enquired whether any Steering Group had been set up following this presentation and were the Town Council participating in the Town Plan Project.

THE Town Clerk advised that further information had been requested from Brecon Beacons National Park Authority and that this documentation would be considered by the Planning Committee once received.

626/14 NOTICE OF MOTION – LIVING WAGE (MINUTE 569/14)

The Chair of Finance Councillor Walsh, who was unable to attend the meeting when this Motion was discussed, welcomed the Town Council's commitment to paying the living wage but did raise issues in relation to the matters of National Insurance and Pensions. Councillor Walsh queried whether a policy needed to be formalised in relation to the introduction of the Living Wage and whether a working group should be formed to look at the issues surrounding its introduction. Councillor Walsh was advised that the Living Wage had been implemented and that the matter of the Council becoming an 'Accredited Living Wage Employer' would be considered in the future. Councillor Walsh requested that his name be put forward to sit on any working group that was formed to consider this matter.

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627/14 REPORT

Subject to the foregoing

IT WAS RESOLVED THAT

The Minutes of the Meeting of the Full Council held on the 31 March 2015 were taken as read, approved as a true record and signed.

CORRESPONDENCE

628/14 POWYS COUNTY COUNCIL – WASTE RECYCLING

Submitted – email from Powys County Council in reply to the Town Council's queries concerning the collection of recycling and trade waste– a copy of which had previously been circulated - **Appendix C(A)(1)**

THIS email was received and the contents noted.

629/14 POWYS COUNTY COUNCIL – COMMUNITY DELIVERY INITIATIVE

Submitted letter from Powys County Council advising as to latest progress and next steps in relation to their Community Delivery Initiative – a copy of which had previously been circulated – **Appendix C(A)(2)**

THIS letter was received and the contents noted. Members again expressed concern that Brecon has been excluded from all of the pilot schemes.

630/14 PLANNING COMMITTEE MEETING – 8 APRIL 2015

Submitted – Minutes of the Meeting of the Planning Committee held on 8 April 2015 (pages 210 to 212) (copies of which had been previously circulated.

RESOLVED

THAT, the Minutes of the Planning Committee Meeting held on the 8 April 2015 be taken as read, approved as a true record and signed.

631/14 CIVIC COMMITTEE MEETING – 8 APRIL 2015

Submitted – Minutes of the Meeting of the Civic Committee held on 8 April

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2015 (pages 214 to 217) (copies of which had been previously circulated).

Arising from the Meeting

632/14 CALL FOR HONOURS NOMINATIONS – MINUTE 608/14.

Councillor R Lewis enquired whether the Town Council put forward nominations for the St David's Day Awards via the Welsh Government.

RESOLVED

THAT the Town Clerk would make enquiries as to how nominations for this award should be made for the next year and request details of the timeline.

633/14 NOMINATION – GOOD CITIZENSHIP AWARD – (MINUTE 611/14)

The Deputy Mayor advised that this presentation was going to take place in the Mayor's parlour following the conclusion of the meeting

Subject to the foregoing it was

RESOLVED

THAT, the Minutes of the Civic Committee Meeting held on the 8 April 2015 be taken as read, approved as a true record and signed.

634/14 COMMITTEE RESTRUCTURING

Councillor R Lewis gave a brief outline as to the work that had been undertaken by this working group in particular looking at whether the Committees were functioning as they should, and could any improvements be made. Members agreed at this stage to accept the first two recommendations put forward the Working Group. Members then considered the questions that had been specifically raised by the Working Group for Full Council to consider and after discussions concerning whether Members should be limited to the number of posts held, how fair representations on each Committee could be achieved and whether Chairmanships should be voted on by full Council or by each Committee.

IT WAS RESOLVED THAT

There be no change to the Committees and the status quo would prevail.

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635/14 COMMITTEES – APPOINTMENT OF

The Council was invited to consider membership of all the Standing Committees of the Council (a copy of which had previously been circulated – **Appendix C (C)**)

Following discussion it was –

RESOLVED THAT membership of the Council's Standing Committee would be emailed to all members with a request for any amendments to be sent to the Town Clerk by return.

STANDING COMMITTEES MEMBERSHIP 2015/2016

Environmental Committee (with powers to co-opt)

Councillor P. J. Ashton
Councillor R. Lewis
Councillor Mrs. R. Evans
Councillor A. M. C. Weale
Councillor N Sandford
Councillor Mrs E Pritchard
Councillor K Wilbud

Planning Committee

Councillor Mrs. M. Phillips
Councillor A. M. Morgan
Councillor N. Sandford
Councillor Mrs. R. Evans
Councillor Mrs E Pritchard
Councillor A M C Weale
Councillor K Wilbud
Councillor S Bennett

Finance and Establishment Committee

Councillor I. Williams
Councillor C. T. Walsh
Councillor Mrs. R. Evans
Councillor A. M. C. Weale
Councillor Mrs M Phillips

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Councillor P J Ashton
Councillor D Meredith
Councillor R Lewis
Councillor M Dorrance

Civic Committee

Councillor I. Williams
Councillor A. M. Morgan
Councillor Mrs. R. Evans
Councillor A. M. C. Weale
Councillor N Sandford
Councillor P Ashton
Councillor K Wilbud
Councillor S Bennett

Fishing Committee

Councillor A. M. Morgan
Councillor N. Sandford
Councillor Mrs. R. Evans
Councillor P. J. Ashton
Councillor K Wilbud
Councillor I Williams

**NOTE: THE MAYOR IS EX OFFICIO
ON ALL COMMITTEES**

636/14/OUTSIDE BODIES AND ORGANISATIONS – MEMBERSHIP AND REPRESENTATION – MUNICIPAL YEAR 2015/2016

The Council was invited to consider representation on outside Bodies and Organisations (a draft copy of which had previously been circulated – **Appendix C(D)**)

Following discussion and minor alterations it was –

RESOLVED

THAT membership of Representation on Outside Bodies and Organisations be as follows:

SCHEDULE OF CURRENT MEMBERSHIP 2015/2016

Mount Street Infant School

Councillor N Sandford

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Mount Street C P Junior School	Councillor I Williams
Llanfaes C P Infant & Junior School	Councillor D Meredith
Priory School in Wales	Councillor A M Morgan
Ysgol-y-Bannau	Councillor R Lewis
Brecon Advice Centre	Councillor Mrs. R.Evans
Brecon/Saline Twinning Association	Councillor Mrs. R. Evans
Brecon/Gouesnou Twinning Association	Councillor A.M. C. Weale Councillor Mrs R Evans Councillor I Williams
Edmund Jones' Charity (3 Councillor Trustees and 4 Trustees appointed by the Trust – 25.11.03)	Councillor Trustees (3) Mrs. R. Evans Mark Morgan Sam Bennett
Brecknock Welfare Trust	Mayor in Office together with:- Councillors Mrs. R. Evans I Williams A M Morgan E A Pritchard
Theatr Brycheiniog	Councillor D. Meredith
Powys County Council - Brecknock Museum and Art Gallery - Task and Finishing Working Group	Councillor K Wilbud
Brecknock Access Group	Councillor I Williams
Powys County Council – Brecon Refurbishment/Reorganisation:	Councillor I Williams
Brecon Community Alcohol Partnership	Councillor Mrs E A Pritchard
Dementia Friendly Brecon	Councillor P Ashton
Jazz Stakeholder Group	Councillor Mrs M Phillips

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637/14 STANDING COMMITTEES SUGGESTED DATES

Members had before them a schedule of suggested dates of Standing Committees of the Council for the Municipal Year 2015-2016 - a copy of which had previously been circulated – **Appendix C(D)**

After discussion and minor amendment it was :

RESOLVED

THAT the dates for Committees and of the Council be as follows:

MUNICIPAL YEAR 2015/2016

TIME	DATE	MEETING
7.00 p.m.	MON 11.05.15	ANNUAL MEETING
7.00 p.m.	TUES 26.05.15	COUNCIL
6.15 p.m.	MON 01.06.15	PLANNING COMMITTEE
7.00 p.m.	MON 01.06.15	FINANCE AND ESTABLISHMENT COMMITTEE
	SUN 14.06.15	CIVIC SUNDAY
7.00 p.m.	MON 22.06.15	COUNCIL
6.15 p.m.	MON 06.07.15	PLANNING COMMITTEE
7.00 p.m.	MON 06.07.15	CIVIC AND CEREMONIAL COMMITTEE
	MON 07.07.15	FISHING COMMITTEE
7.00 p.m.	MON 27.07.15	COUNCIL

AUGUST - SUMMER RECESS

	SUN 02.08.15	GURKHA PARADE
6.00 p.m.	MON 07.09.15	PLANNING COMMITTEE
7.00 p.m.	MON 07.09.15	ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE
7.00 p.m.	MON 28.09.15	COUNCIL
6.00 p.m.	MON 05.10.15	PLANNING COMMITTEE
7.00 p.m.	MON 05.10.15	FINANCE AND ESTABLISHMENT COMMITTEE
7.30 P.M.	MON 05.10.15	CIVIC COMMITTEE
7.00 p.m.	MON 26.10.15	COUNCIL
6.00 p.m.	MON 02.11.15	PLANNING COMMITTEE
7.00 p.m.	MON 02.11.15	FISHING COMMITTEE
	SUN 08.11.15	REMEMBRANCE SUNDAY

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7.00 p.m.	MON	23.11.15	COUNCIL
6.00 p.m.	MON	04.01.16	PLANNING COMMITTEE
7.00 p.m.	MON	04.01.16	ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE
7.00 p.m.	MON	25.01.16	COUNCIL
6.00 p.m.	MON	01.02.16	PLANNING COMMITTEE
7.00 p.m.	MON	01.02.16	FINANCE AND ESTABLISHMENT COMMITTEE
7.00 p.m.	MON	22.02.16	COUNCIL
6.00 p.m.	MON	07.03.16	PLANNING COMMITTEE
6.45 p.m.	MON	07.03.16	FISHING COMMITTEE
7.15 p.m.	MON	07.03.16	ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE**
7.00 p.m.	WED	30.03.16	COUNCIL
6.00 p.m.	MON	04.04.16	PLANNING COMMITTEE
7.00 p.m.	MON	04.04.16	CIVIC COMMITTEE
7.00 p.m.	MON	25.04.16	COUNCIL
6.00 p.m.	TUES	03.05.16	PLANNING COMMITTEE
7.00 p.m.	TUES	03.05.16	ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE
7.00 p.m.	MON	09.05.16	ANNUAL MEETING
7.00 p.m.	MON	23.05.16	COUNCIL

638/14 INTERNAL AUDITOR – APPOINTMENT OF

Members were invited to agree to the appointment of the Internal Auditor

RESOLVED

THAT Mr Peter Jenkins be re-appointed as the Council's Internal Auditor for the year 2015/2016.

639/14 LOCAL GOVERNMENT (DEMOCRACY) (WALES) ACT

Submitted details of the Local Government (Democracy) (Wales) Act 2013 (Commencement No. 2) Order 2015 which comes into effect on the 1 May 2015 – a copy of which had previously been circulated – **Appendix C(F)**

THIS document was received.

640/14 APPLICATION FOR FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE – BRECON AND HAY DEMENTIA SUPPORTIVE COMMUNITY

Submitted an application for financial assistance from the Brecon and Hay Dementia Supportive Community to assist with the putting on of a concert at the Guildhall Theatre.

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Members discussed the application in detail and concerns were raised that the promotional costs were high when compared with the total possible revenue that could be achieved bearing in mind the capacity of the theatre and the ticket price. Members also questioned whether Hay-on-Wye were providing any funding towards the event. Whilst being very supportive of the event and the cause

IT WAS RESOLVED THAT

THE Council would award the sum of £300 towards the cost of the posters, flyers and invitations that were produced. The Town Clerk to enquire whether any funding was being provided by Hay on Wye towards this event.

641/14 NEW BENCH – RIVER PATH

Councillor Meredith requested members to consider the purchase and erection of a bench along the river path leading from the Usk Bridge to the Theatre to commemorate the 70th anniversary of VE Day.

RESOLVED

THAT Members agreed to the purchase of a new bench to be erected on the River Path.

642/14 DECLARATION OF VACANCY- ST JOHN'S WARD WEST

Members were requested to declare the vacancy for St John's West Ward.

THE vacancy was duly declared.

643/14 AGINCOURT 600 - PROPOSED RECEPTION

Submitted an email from Councillor Wilbud on behalf of the Agincourt 600 Brecon Committee asking Members to consider a request for a reception to be held at the Guildhall and other matters concerning the Pageant.

RESOLVED

THAT the requests be agreed.

644/14 EVENTS CALENDAR – BRECON

Due to time constraints this matter was deferred to the next meeting of the Full Council

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REPORTS OF MEMBERS

There were no reports of Members.

ANY OTHER BUSINESS

There was no 'Any Other Business' to be discussed.

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SECTION B

Staff and Establishment

644/14 EXCLUSION OF THE PUBLIC AND PRESS

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.

645/14 DYFED –POWYS POLICE CCTV – UPDATE

Inspector Scrase was in attendance and introduced the new Neighbourhood Police Sergeant Adam Ellis.

Inspector Scrase gave members a brief outline of the current position in relation to the provision of CCTV. He advised that the issue of obtaining consent to erect a camera on St Mary's Church Tower could be overcome by the use of a freestanding transmitter.

Inspector Scrase advised that three bids had been obtained and Mr Tim Madeley had scrutinised these and a preferred bidder had been identified. A field test had been undertaken and the pictures that had been received at the station were of excellent quality. Inspector Scrase reported that businesses in the town were prepared to contribute and discussion needed to be entered into as to how this revenue would be collected and who would be responsible for collecting this. The Town Clerk advised that she would do some research to see whether the Town Council had powers to enable them to do this.

Members discussed the three bids that had been submitted and were of the opinion that that a presentation should take place either written or verbally by Mr Tim Madeley to enable a considered decision to be made on the preferred bidder.

Members also again discussed the position in relation to ownership of the system. The drawing up of a formal partnership agreement was discussed and Inspector Scrase advised he would speak to legal services to draft an agreement and the Town Clerk and Chair of Finance would let Inspector Scrase have details of matters they would wish to have included in any agreement.

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It was agreed that this matter did need to move forward and the matter of whether a smaller working group should be formed to deal with the ongoing issues. It was requested that Mr Tim Madeley attend the next meeting of the Full Council.

646/14 COUNCIL MEETING – 31 MARCH 2015

Submitted - Minutes of the confidential part of the Meeting of the Council held on 31 March 2015 (Pages 207 to 209) (copies of which had been previously circulated).

RESOLVED

THAT the minutes of the confidential part of the Meeting of the Council held on 31 March 2015 be taken as read, approved as a true record and signed.

647/14 PLANNING MEETING – 8 APRIL 2015

Submitted - Minutes of the confidential part of the Meeting of the Planning Committee held on 8 April 2015 (Page 213) (copies of which had been previously circulated).

RESOLVED

THAT the minutes of the confidential part of the Planning Committee held on 8 April 2015 be taken as read, approved as a true record and signed

648/14 CIVIC MEETING – 8 APRIL 2015

Submitted - Minutes of the confidential part of the Meeting of the Civic Committee held on 8 April 2015 (Page 218) (copies of which had been previously circulated).

RESOLVED

THAT the minutes of the confidential part of the Meeting of the Civic Committee held on 8 April 2015 be taken as read,

649/14 PUBLIC TOILET PROVISION

Members had before them a written report from the Town Clerk setting out the latest position regarding the provision of public toilets.

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Following discussion

**IT WAS RESOLVED THAT the recommendations set out by the
Town Clerk be accepted and implemented in full.**

650/14 TERMINATION

The meeting concluded at 8.30 p.m.

MRS. FIONA WILLIAMS

Town Clerk

MayorDate:...