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MINUTES OF THE FULL COUNCIL MEETING

HELD ON WEDNESDAY, 18 JUNE 2025 AT 7PM, AT THE CIVIC CENTRE, WEST ST.,
KNIGHTON AND VIA ZOOM

Present: Mayor T Taylor
Deputy Mayor T Sharp
Councillor C Branford
Councillor S Vaughan
Councillor A Craggs
Councillor C Bevan
Councillor H Adams-Evans (on Zoom)
Councillor T Taylor
Councillor P Ford
Councillor C de Serra (on Zoom)
L. Craggs Alferoff (Clerk)
1 representative of the press, 10 Members of the Public

Apologies: Cllr M Vaughan, Cllr R Andrews, Cllr T Crail, County Cllr A Williams

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1.0 Public Participation

- 1.1 A member of the public spoke to invite the Council to an event to welcome young people from Palestine, now cancelled due to the escalating hostilities from Israel presenting issues with safe travel arrangements. Instead of a welcome event, the Council were instead invited to an event in honour of them with potentially a Zoom from the children.
- 1.2 A member of the public spoke about the lack of drop curbs by the Knighton Hotel, which have caused safety issues.

2.0 Apologies received as above.

3.0 No declarations of interest received.

4.0 To agree the minutes of the previous meeting(s)

- 4.1 Proposed by Cllr P Ford and seconded by Cllr A Craggs to approve the minutes of the 21st May as an accurate and true record. **Vote – Motion approved unanimously.**
- 4.2 Proposed by Cllr P Ford and seconded by Cllr T Sharp to approve the minutes of the 28th May as an accurate and true record. **Vote – Motion approved, 1 abstention, all else in favour.**

5.0 To approve the monthly accounts for April and to receive and approve the schedule of payments for May.

- 5.1 Proposed by Cllr P Ford and seconded by Cllr T Taylor to approve the monthly accounts for April and to receive and approve the schedule of payments for May (as attached). **Vote – Motion approved unanimously.**

6.0 Clerk's Report

- 6.1 Proposed by Cllr T Taylor and seconded by Cllr T Sharp for the Clerk to pay the insurance renewal of £2,590.06. **Motion passed unanimously.**

7.0 Mayoral Update

- 7.1 Firstly, a big thank you for putting your trust in me to be Mayor of Knighton. I am deeply honoured and hope I can live up to your expectations.
- 7.2 An additional thank you to Andrew Craggs for sorting the toilet provision at Offa's Dyke Centre in time for the cycle race.
- 7.3 I intend to conduct our meetings fairly and in an equitable manner, giving everyone a chance to air their views so that we can reach informed decisions.
- 7.4 Debates will be held according to the rules in our Standing Orders. Just to refresh: after the proposer has put the case for the motion, members will debate it according to Rule 1(o) subsections (l) to (v).

This means that a councillor will normally only be allowed to speak once, so if you intend to speak, or submit an amendment, I suggest you do some preparatory work beforehand.

There will be no interrupting whilst someone is speaking, except to raise a point of order, clarify a point, or right of reply. There will be no chatting amongst yourselves, but if necessary written notes may be exchanged.

When all have had chance to speak the proposer will end the debate, with a summary and clarifying any points raised. I will then read out the motion or proposal with any amendments passed, and then the vote will be taken.

7.5 You will see there have been some additions to the agenda: Time is allocated to each item. Though not rigid, this will help ensure we finish on time.

7.6 At future meetings we will have “Councillors Reports” after Committee and Working Group Reports. This is to allow councillors to inform the council of concerns or issues raised by their constituents and any actions they have taken.

7.7 Since Covid we have been a bit slack with planning applications and some seem to have slipped through on “No objection” Emails rather than being discussed in this chamber. From now on all planning applications will be discussed and scrutinised at Full Council Meetings even though it will mean additional meetings.

7.8 Whilst Email and other conversations between councillors are valuable, all decisions of this Council must be made in this chamber, though it will, sometimes, be necessary for follow-up actions to be made by Email.

7.9 When a motion or proposal is passed to carry out a particular action, the proposer will be expected to progress the action or actions NOT the clerk unless it requires an official letter from the Council to an organisation or individual.

8.0 County Councillors’ Update

8.1 Development on the Trouser Factory Site. The housing association, Barcud, chooses the tenants from the Housing Register which is assessed on a needs basis.

8.2 Buses – Powys County Council is tendering for new bus service over the next seven years. They have a grant of over 6 million to acquire new buses included battery powered. The choice of services will be deliberated by Cabinet this upcoming weekend.

8.3 Campaigning from Knighton has aided in the public consultation aspect of this development.

9.0 Financial Assistance

- 9.1 Application from Knighton Woodland Tots – £654 for equipment to test the river, for the River Testing Project.
- 9.2 Proposed by Cllr T Taylor and seconded by Cllr C de Serra to grant the financial assistance application. **4 in favour, 4 against.**
- 9.3 Cllr P Ford said that she is refusing in principle due to the high precept.
- 9.4 Cllr T Sharp proposed and Cllr T Taylor seconded, as an amendment, giving £250 to the Woodland Tots for purposes of equipment. **Motion passed, 5 in favour, 1 abstention, 2 against.**

10.0 Planning

- 10.1 Application Reference: 25/0762/REM Greenlands, Reeves Lane, Stanage, Knighton LD7 1NA.
- 10.2 Proposed by Cllr T Taylor, seconded by Cllr T Sharp, to give no objections to this application. **Motion passed unanimously.**
- 11.0 Motion for training to be organised and implemented to bring all councillors up to speed to hold meetings at a distance, including training on our preferred platform of zoom.**

- 11.1 Proposed by Cllr A Craggs, seconded by Cllr P Ford.
- 11.2 **Motion passed, 2 abstentions, 7 in favour.**

12.0 Tennis Courts

- 12.1 Proposed by Cllr C Branford and seconded by Cllr T Sharp that the no children covenant on the deed to the tennis courts ought to be lifted, and that the tennis courts should be cleared so that a project can be developed.
- 12.2 **Motion passed unanimously.**

13.0 Allotment working group.

- 13.1 Proposed by Cllr A Craggs and seconded by Cllr C Branford to send the drafted response to the allotment holder's letter regarding visitors to the allotments and other concerns. **Motion passed unanimously.**
- 13.2 A response will be drafted regarding the allotment holder requesting a tap.
- 13.3 9th July for the next allotment working group meeting.
- 13.4 The rules do not allow for a resident of Bledffa to hold a Knighton Allotment.

14.0 Updates from Committees.

14.1 Toilets Committee

- 14.1.1 Offa's Dyke Toilets – Chris and Tina looked at the toilets; the windows and metal grates look good, but the bottom of some of the doors are beginning to flake and need installation of a metal

kick gate. We also need confirmation of whether we are responsible for the façade.

- 14.1.2 Proposed by Cllr T Taylor and seconded by Cllr A Craggs that we sign the lease and put the ball in their court, stressing that we need the toilets open as soon as possible due to the upcoming summer holidays. **Motion approved unanimously.**

15.0 Report from meeting with the police.

- 15.1.1 They suggested that the code be changed once-monthly. The Clerk will do this starting the beginning of July.

16.0 Lost Rights of Way.

- 16.1 We were informed that there are rights of way in Radnorshire, which are not recorded on maps, and a request has been made for people to come forward with information about lost rights of way.
- 16.2 Cllr T Taylor proposed that a working group be set up to facilitate this.
- 16.3 Cllr A Craggs suggested that what would be most helpful is to publicise the request for information to the public.
- 16.4 Cllr P Ford suggested requesting the list of rights of way list in order to publicise it and ask the public if they regularly use these rights of way.
- 16.5 Proposed by Cllr T Taylor and seconded by Cllr P Ford that we get a print-out of the routes within 5 miles of Knighton which can be displayed in the Civic Centre to invite members of the public to comment, as well as to post the map on Facebook. **Motion passed, 2 against, all else in favour.**

17.0 Waste management at Barclay House

- 17.1 There is no refuse storage at Barclay House. The landlord has reached out about this, and it's a historical issue.
- 17.2 Cllr C Branford suggested writing to the landlord to propose building a refuse storage.
- 17.3 Cllr A Craggs is going to speak to a local landowner about a refuse storage being potentially built in their courtyard.
- 17.4 An update will be on the agenda for next month.

18.0 Raised by Cllr P Ford that the Council's plants and watering need reviewing.

Meeting closed at: 8:32 PM.