

MINUTES OF THE FULL COUNCIL MEETING

HELD ON WEDNESDAY 15TH APRIL 2026 AT 7PM, AT THE CIVIC CENTRE, WEST ST, KNIGHTON
AND VIA ZOOM

Present: Mayor T Taylor
Deputy Mayor T Sharp
Councillor S Vaughan
Councillor R Andrews
Councillor B Butler
Councillor H Adams-Evans (Temporary Clerk)
Councillor P Ford
Councillor C Branford
3 Members of the Public
Member of the press (zoom)
Apologies: Cllr T Crail, Cllr C de Serra, L. Craggs Alferoff (Clerk), Cllr M
Vaughan
County Cllr C Kenyon-Wade, County Cllr A Williams

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Presentation by Mayor T Taylor for Volunteer of the Year 2026 to David Morgan. (Photo was taken)

1.0 Public Participation

2.0 Apologies received as above.

3.0 No expressions of interest received

4.0 To approve minutes of the previous meeting

4.1 Proposed by Cllr B Andrews, seconded by Mayor T Taylor. 5 in favour, 2 abstained

5.0 To approve the accounts for March, approve the schedule of payments for April.

5.1 Proposed by Cllr P Ford, seconded by Cllr C Branford. 6 in favour, 1 abstained

6.0 Clerks Report

6.1 I am currently working on our end of year/audit – it will be a full audit this year. So, it is a considerable amount of work.

6.2 Wales in Bloom. The deadline to join the Wales in Bloom competition deadline is due. There will be a fee of £90.

6.3 Roads works by the allotments. The money for the repairs has been made available as it is the new financial year. I am looking to provide quote options and get work booked in a.s.a.p.

6.4 Door replacement/repair. I have been in touch with multiple companies to source quotes and hope to send options to the council soon.

6.5 Toilet leak. I am going to send a full update about the leak out by the end of this week, but I am getting some details confirmed first.

7.0 Mayoral Report

7.1 I wish to make a belated apology to Cllr Sharp. I had intended to say this at the February meeting but unfortunately it was postponed to a bad weather forecast and I couldn't attend the following week.

Tina is, in my view, the most diligent and hardworking of all councillors on our Council and I appreciate the work she does.

I am truly sorry for what I said to her here on the 17th December and 14th January and apologise unreservedly for the distress I caused to her.

I have every desire to work with her, and all other councillors, in a respectful and productive way, and will endeavour to do so.

8.0 Vice Mayoral Report

8.1 None

9.0 Issues with dogs in Knighton

9.1 proposed by Cllr B Andrews and seconded by Deputy Mayor T Sharp.

9.2 Cllr B Andrews suggested supplying the road cleaners with gloves, disinfectant and water, and Cllr B Butler agreed.

9.3 Cllr C Branford said the poo bags don't fit in the holders. Cllr H Adams-Evans suggested starting from scratch and maybe ask the men's shed to make some new bones. Cllr P Ford to use the existing bags and attach with zip ties/string.

9.4 Cllr P Ford suggested looking into signage for unfriendly dogs, and placing them at the Offa's Dyke park, and cricket pitch.

9.5 Deputy Mayor T Sharp suggested going back to businesses for more sponsorship for the bones.

9.6 To replenish the bones with dog poo bags even if we have to tie them on, get costing for vandal proof poo bag dispensers, and to cost signs for dogs on leads.

Proposed by Cllr B Andrews and seconded by Deputy Mayor T Sharp. All in favour.

10.0 Offer free parking on a Saturday

10.1 Proposed by Cllr S Vaughan and seconded by Cllr C Branford.

10.2 Cllr S Vaughan suggested we do 1 or 2 Saturdays a month. PCC have said they will only hire out Bowling Green Lane car park as its long stay. Costs to hire are roughly £59.51 per day and single admin fee of £98.40 + VAT for the dates we would want. PCC won't let us have Knighton hotel car park because it's a short stay.

10.3 Mayor T Taylor said Presteigne has the bus station car park for free parking.

10.4 Cllr P Ford suggested we do it when the farmers market is on.

10.5 Cllr B Andrews suggested we get a representative from PCC to speak at FCM.

10.6 Mayor T Taylor said can we collect data on BGL car park usage. He estimated it would cost £1200 per year.

10.7 Cllr S Vaughan to discuss it at next year's precept meeting.

10.8 Cllr P Ford suggested 7 Saturdays which would be under £500

10.9 Propose that we subsidise BGL car park if the reserves allow. From last Saturday in May to last Saturday in October (6 months). To check with the carnival committee if they have booked the car park for carnival day.

Proposed by Cllr S Vaughan and seconded by Cllr C Branford.

All in favour.

11.0 Town criers' competition

11.1 Proposed by Mayor T Taylor and seconded by Cllr C Bevan.

11.2 Cllr C Bevan was not in attendance. Mayor T Taylor will gather more information and costings, and bring it back to full council.

12.0 To submit expressions of interest for the Pride in Place fund.

12.1 Pinner's Hole.

12.2 Tennis Courts

12.3 Propose we endorse the submission of both of these expressions of interest.

Proposed by Mayor T Taylor and seconded by Cllr P Ford. All in favour.

13.0 Financial Assistance

13.1 Mind. Deputy Mayor T Sharp reminded everyone that there was only £750 available in the precept which has to cover 12 months of donations. Cllr P Ford said it's a shame it only benefits 10 people and what are they going to do after 5 months? Cllr B Andrews asked if they have provided their accounts.

13.2 Proposed we defer until we get their accounts.

Proposed by Cllr B Andrews and seconded by Deputy Mayor T Sharp. All in favour.

13.3 Wood chopping competition. Event will be on the cricket pitch. They are asking for sponsorship. Cllr P Ford said it could raise our profile.

13.4 Proposed we sponsor £100 to the two-day open lumberjack championship.

Proposed by Cllr S Vaughan and seconded by Cllr B Butler. All in favour.

14.0 Committees

14.1 Knighton in Bloom. HAE to contact Dave Williams and Andrew Craggs ask for their help taking down the hanging baskets. To look at re-positioning the planters over the railings at the back of the Knighton Hotel and opposite the Jockey. Some of them are facing the wrong way. We contacted Rob Edwards about carrying out work for wildflower verge, but it's more complicated than we thought. The letters to the businesses are ready to be printed and sent out. Tom has offered to water the 3 Market street baskets and railway baskets. KIB to ask FCM to purchase back pack pressure sprayer with wand and to check the one they have is in good working order. Check that they have purchased a sharpening stone. CB will go to Bradfords and order some plants to sort out the planter at the cenotaph.

Some items to be discussed in private session.

15.0 Councillors Report

15.1 Deputy Mayor T Sharp reported that the ODT need to be opened until 6-6.30pm now the clocks have changed. The clerk to ask the cleaner.

15.2 Mayor T Taylor had an email from Samantha Skrymie– Chair of Heart of Wales committee thanking KTC for our support with the railway building.

16.0 Private session

16.1 To discuss the road cleaners' hours. To offer the road an extra hour each a week for watering from the end of May.

16.2 Propose that we offer John and Lewis one extra hour each per week commencing 25th May until the end of September.

Proposed by Deputy Mayor T Sharp and seconded by Cllr B Butler. All in favour.

16.3 To contract a gardener for regular maintenance.

Propose we contract the current volunteer gardener on a self-employed basis two hours per week from April to the end of September.

Proposed by Deputy Mayor T Sharp and seconded by Cllr H Adams-Evans. All in favour.

16.4 To defer to the Civic centre committee.

16.5 To select quote for hanging baskets.

Propose we accept the quote from Bradfords.

Proposed by Cllr B Andrews and seconded by Mayor T Taylor. 7 in favour, 1 against.

Meeting closed: 20:54