

Confirmed as accurate at FCM meeting 15/10/2025 signed T. Sharp (Deputy Mayor).

MINUTES OF THE FULL COUNCIL MEETING

HELD ON WEDNESDAY 17TH SEPTEMBER AT 7PM, AT THE CIVIC CENTRE, WEST ST.,
KNIGHTON AND VIA ZOOM

Present: Mayor T Taylor
Councillor T Sharp
Councillor M Vaughan
Councillor R Andrews
Councillor A Craggs
Councillor T Crail (on Zoom)
Councillor C Bevan (from 5.0)
Councillor H Adams-Evans (on Zoom) (from 9.0)
Councillor C Branford
Councillor P Ford (on Zoom)
Councillor C de Serra
L. Craggs Alferoff (Clerk)
County Cllr C Kenyon-Wade
2 Members of the Public

Apologies: Cllr H Adams-Evans, Cllr S Vaughan, Cllr B Butler

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- 5.0 Cllr C Bevan arrived at the meeting.**
- 6.0 Motion to investigate the possibility of providing a covered bandstand on Pinner's Hole.**
- 6.1 Cllr T Taylor proposed, and Cllr C Bevan seconded, putting a working group together to investigate the possibility of a bandstand and to look for funding sources.
- 6.2 Cllr A Craggs suggested that this doesn't need a Council vote until there's a more detailed proposal, including funding plans.
- 6.3 Vote 2 against, all else for, motion passed.
- 7.0 Cllr T Taylor excused himself from the meeting due to ill health.**
- 8.0 To agree the minutes of the previous meeting(s)**
- 8.1 Proposed by Cllr T Sharp and seconded by Cllr R Andrews to approve the minutes of the 20/08/2025 as an accurate and true record. **Vote – 3 abstentions, all in favour. Motion passed.**
- 9.0 Cllr H Adams-Evans arrived at the meeting.**
- 10.0 To approve the monthly accounts for August and to receive and approve the schedule of payments for September.**
- 10.1 Proposed by Cllr A Craggs and seconded by Cllr T Sharp to approve the monthly accounts for August and to receive and approve the schedule of payments for September (minus the payment regarding an event which Cllr C Branford is confirming) (as attached). **Vote – Motion passed unanimously.**
- 11.0 Clerk's Report**
- 11.1 The Offa's Dyke Toilets roof – leaves collect in there and it needs regular checking to ensure they don't block the roof drain.
- 11.2 Proposed by Cllr A Craggs and seconded by Cllr M Vaughan to ask Chris Ray to check on a regular basis. **Motion passed unanimously.**

- 11.3 Proposed by Cllr T Sharp and seconded by Cllr C Branford to contact the First Minister about the issues with Powys Teaching Health Board raised in last month's motion. **Motion passed unanimously.**

12.0 Deputy Mayoral Update

- 12.1 Cllr T Sharp would like to thank Cllr C Branford for asking the road workers to clear the alley at the back of the cottages ready for the carnival. Brian and John did a great job.
- 12.2 Cllr T Sharp went to a meeting on the 26th August with PTHB and other representatives regarding the dentist. PTHB are hoping to get another dentist in Knighton within the next twelve months.
- 12.3 Thanks to Rob Edwards, Brendan Branford, Isaac Branford, Brian Paul and Cllr C Branford for their work clearing the Knighton Tennis Courts.
- 12.4 On 10th September 2025 we had the Knighton in Bloom ceremony. Cllr T Sharp would like to thank Cllr Branford and the clerk for their help organising this event. And to thank the judges for giving up their time, and to those who attended the evening.
- 12.5 On Sunday 14th September Cllr T Sharp laid a wreath on behalf of KTC to commemorate the battle of Britain and the lives lost.

13.0 County Councillors' Update

- 13.1 The Shared Prosperity Fund has come through and County Cllr C Kenyon-Wade will be donating hers in part to the Community Transport Scheme.

14.0 The Clerk's Report – further items (missed earlier)

- 14.1 To review the use of the Civic Centre by Kaleidoscope.
- 14.2 Kaleidoscope, thanks to their work to combat addiction in Knighton, have been granted use of the Civic Centre for a period of time which is now expiring. They provided testimonies of the beneficial effects of their work.
- 14.3 Proposed Cllr R Andrews and seconded by Cllr T Sharp that the Council offer Kaleidoscope the Civic Centre for a further two months, within that time requesting sight of their accounts, and for the matter to be discussed again after two months. **Motion passed unanimously.**
- 14.4 Proposed by Cllr A Craggs and seconded Cllr T Sharp to adopt the phone kiosk at the clocktower. **Motion passed unanimously.**

15.0 To invite Cllr R Andrews to join the Personnel Committee.

Proposer: Cllr T Sharp

Seconder: Cllr Chris Branford

- 15.1 1 abstention, 2 nays, all else in favour. Motion passed.

16.0 To deposit the remainder of the £300 previously allocated to office supplies for the new community transport group directly, to cover costs.

Proposer Cllr T Sharp

Seconder: Cllr H Adams-Evans

16.1 Motion passed unanimously.

17.0 Correspondence

17.1 A local resident would like permission from the Town Council to adopt three boxes and fill them himself next year.

17.1.1 Cllr A Craggs suggested that it would be better to either do all of them this way, or none, and that it sets a precedent.

17.1.2 Cllr R Andrews reminds the Council that they motioned to ask the supplier from this year to put forward suggestions for more colourful displays.

17.1.3 Cllr P Ford said that the judge from Wales in Bloom liked our displays and that perennials go against the Council's eco friendly policy.

17.1.4 Cllr H Adams-Evans suggested that some perennials be included with the biodiverse plants in next year's displays.

17.1.5 Cllr R Andrews suggested that the Council could request financial sponsorship from local businesses.

17.1.6 Proposed by Cllr C Branford and seconded by Cllr T Sharp to allow the resident to adopt three planters. 3 in favour, 5 against, 2 abstentions. **Motion not carried.**

17.1.7 Proposed by Cllr R Andrews and seconded by Cllr A Craggs to formally adopt a working group to look into the floral displays in the whole town and to seek sponsorship of the hanging baskets and troughs. Members to be Cllr R Andrews, Cllr P Ford, Cllr C Branford, Cllr T Sharp, Cllr H Adams-Evans.

17.1.8 The Clerk will write to the resident responding to their request.

17.2 A resident wants to know whether the Council will take on the maintenance of a verge/piece of landscaping. It was concluded that this is not the Town Council's remit, but residents are welcome to adopt the area and the Town Council will make sure Powys are aware of the need to include the verge in cuts.

17.3 The Clerk will contact the resident responding to their request.

18.0 Updates from Committees.

- 18.1 Civic Centre Committee
- 18.1.1 Cllr T Sharp thanks Cllr A Craggs for putting bolts, locks, and a key safe to the new office.
- 18.1.2 The Civic Centre committee is currently still looking into becoming a charitable trust. Proposed by Cllr T Sharp and seconded by Cllr C Branford to request a PAVO representative to consult with the group on this. **Motion passed unanimously.**
- 18.1.3 Proposed by Cllr T Sharp approve the welcome pack as circulated to the Council. **Motion passed unanimously.**
- 18.1.4 Proposed by Cllr T Sharp and seconded by Cllr C Branford to request the cleaner come twice a week now that bookings are more often. **Motion passed unanimously.**
- 18.2 Allotments Working Group
- 18.2.1 Proposed by Cllr T Sharp to and seconded by Cllr C Branford to accept the estimate for 929.19 to erect a fence at the bottom of the allotments and move forward due to current safety issues. **Motion passed, one 1 abstention and all else in favour.**
- 18.2.2 Proposed by Cllr M Vaughan and seconded by Cllr T Sharp to request that any significant deviations to the estimate be notified to the Council. **Motion passed unanimously.**
- 18.2.3 The Clerk has contacted suppliers for work to the road by the allotments who will be making site visits to give full quotations.
- 18.2.4 Cllr T Taylor has made a map of work to be done on the allotments.
- 18.2.5 There are a number of trees behind Radnor which may be planted by Powys, which needs following up.

Meeting closed at: 8:29