

Confirmed as accurate at FCM meeting 21 01 2026 signed Cllr T Taylor (Mayor).

MINUTES OF THE FULL COUNCIL MEETING

HELD ON WEDNESDAY, 17 DECEMBER 2025 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 B Butler
Councillor S Vaughan
Councillor A Craggs
Councillor C Bevan
Councillor H Adams-Evans
Councillor C Branford
Councillor C de Serra
L. Craggs Alferoff (Clerk)
2 Members of the Public
County Councillor C Kenyon-Wade

Apologies:

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1.0 Public Participation

- 1.1 A representative of Knighton Community Centre read a letter from the Community Centre management committee, proposing funding for Knighton Library from Knighton Town Council from April 2026.

2.0 Apologies received as above.

3.0 Declaration of Interest

- 3.1 Declaration of Interest received from Cllr R Andrews regarding item 11.2, Knighton Library.

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

- 4.1 Proposed by Cllr C Bevan and seconded by Cllr T Sharp to approve the minutes of the 19/11/2025 as an accurate and true record. **4 abstentions, 7 in favour, motion carried.**

- 4.2 Proposed by Cllr T Sharp and seconded by Cllr T Taylor to approve the minutes of the 03/12/2025 as an accurate and true record. **4 abstentions, 8 in favour, motion carried.**

5.0 To approve the monthly accounts for November and to receive and approve the schedule of payments for December.

- 5.1 Proposed by Cllr B Butler and seconded by Cllr R Andrews to approve the monthly accounts for November and to receive and approve the schedule of payments for December (as attached). **Motion carried unanimously.**

6.0 Clerk's Report

- 6.1 Proposed by Cllr R Andrews and seconded by Cllr T Taylor to hold an additional Full Council Precept meeting on 14th January. **Motion carried unanimously.**

- 6.2 To review the use of the Civic Centre by Kaleidoscope.

- 6.2.1 Cllr T Sharp suggests that with the Community Transport Group in the building, and Kaleidoscope having used the building for free for 12 months.
- 6.2.2 Cllr B Butler said that Kaleidoscope provide an important service to the community. Cllr A Craggs said that the Civic Centre will never make money, so what the building should be for is to provide community services.
- 6.2.3 Cllr S Vaughan said that if any groups are having the building for free, then they all should.
- 6.2.4 Cllr R Andrews proposed and Cllr C Branford seconded that the Civic be offered from 9 until 1 for 12 months.
- 6.2.5 Cllr T Taylor proposed and Cllr B Butler seconded an amendment to the proposal, that Kaleidoscope be offered the Civic Centre

from 9 until 3 for 12 months. **7 in favour, 5 against. Amendment carried.**

6.3 To approve a Draft Section 6 Report.

6.3.1 Proposed by Cllr B Butler and seconded by Cllr A Craggs to approve the Draft Section 6 Report. **Motion carried unanimously.**

7.0 Mayoral Update

7.1 Well it's been a difficult few months for me but thanks to our wonderful NHS I am on the way to a full recovery now.

7.2 I have spent some more of the Mayor's Allowance on two planters for the Cwrt y Clawdd bus stop in West Street, compost to fill them and shortly they will be planted with bulbs and perennials, supplemented with a few annuals.

7.3 There have been some major alterations to our public transport services: The late afternoon service, departing Ludlow at 17.50 has been withdrawn, which is a bit disappointing, but since there is no subsidy from Powys to support this service it has to cover its costs.

We have gained an extra train in both directions on the Heart of Wales Line and this is welcome. As a result the supplementary X48 bus service has been reduced to two in each direction because the other services were duplicating the new train service. A big improvement is the late service now starts from Shrewbury station at 21.25 instead of Craven Arms where connections were not guaranteed.

7.4 I have been compiling new timetables for the bus station, Cwrt y Offa and Pontfaen/Fronhir and they will be put up tomorrow.

7.5 Since I became Mayor three new businesses have opened in our town centre, and I have introduced myself to them all and asked if they wanted an official opening ceremony. The first two, the Turkish Barber and Honey Bees, declined my offer, but LR Silver Jewellery accepted and was officially opened by me, the Mayor, last Saturday.

7.6 In January we will be having the all important Precept Meeting. If anyone has any thoughts on what we should or should not be spending our council tax payers' money on, can I ask that you prepare your case in advance of the meeting with costings or savings and notify members by Email beforehand, so that they can also prepare to support or object to it.

8.0 Deputy Mayoral Report

8.1 On the 26th November we had a retirement party for our longstanding street cleaner, Brian. We presented him with an engraved watch which he was extremely pleased with. He will be greatly missed not only by the Town Council but the people of Knighton. I would like to thank Cllr R Andrews for

sorting out the retirement gift, and to thank Border Bites and Renna Powell for the catering. The leftovers were used on Friday for the grotto.

8.2 I would like to thank Trish and Ian from Restorella for doing a brilliant job with the grotto with the help of Cllr C de Serra, the Clerk and Cllr C Branford who singlehandedly put up the Christmas trees and decorations in the Civic Centre. I would also like to thank Cllr D Williams and the Clerk for organising the Christmas Lights and tree, and for everyone who helped make it a great event.

8.3 On 28th November I switched on the Christmas Lights with the help of my grandchildren. It was an amazing turnout, and the grotto was a big success thanks to Santa (Mike Hiles), his elf Lorian, and Cllr C Branford on the refreshments. And not least of all the premises who allowed us to put lights on their buildings and use their electricity. A thank you also the Coop for their donation towards sweets, and to Cllr H Adams-Evans for approaching them about this.

8.4 Cllr C Branford conveyed the retired street cleaner, Brian's, appreciation to the Council for his retirement present and for his time working for the Council.

9.0 County Councillors' Update

9.1 On the 7th February Knighton has been chosen to host a Town & Community Councillor Meeting called 'Resilient Powys'. 10 – 4 Saturday 7th February.

10.0 Planning

10.1 Application Reference: 25/1626/HH

10.2 No comments.

10.3 Application Reference: 25/1696/FUL

10.4 No comments.

11.0 Financial Assistance

11.1 KTDG Tourism Group

11.1.1 This will be put on the Draft Precept and voted on at the Precept meeting.

11.2 Knighton Library

11.2.1 The Library funding will be on the Draft Precept and voted on at the Precept meeting.

12.0 Allotment Working Group

12.1 Proposed by Cllr T Sharp and seconded by Cllr B Butler to adopt the new Allotment T&Cs. **Motion carried unanimously.**

13.0 **Proposed by Cllr T Sharp and seconded by Cllr C Branford to exclude public and press. Approved unanimously.**

13.1 Personnel Committee Update

13.1.1 It was recommended by the Personnel Committee to offer our road worker some extra hours until a new employee is hired.

13.1.2 Cllr A Craggs proposed and Cllr T Sharp seconded to offer overtime of 18 hours for the duration until a new street cleaner is hired. **Motion passed unanimously.**

14.0 **Complaint**

14.1 Proposed by Cllr H Adams-Evans and seconded by Cllr B Butler to send the draft letter written by the Clerk. **1 abstention, all else in favour.**

Meeting closed at: 20:42