



**CRICKHOWELL TOWN COUNCIL  
CYNGOR Y DRE CRUG HYWEL**

Minutes of the Full Council Meeting held on Tuesday 18 March 2025 at 7pm at Crickhowell Resource and Information Centre.

**PRESENT**

Cllr P Evans– Chair  
Cllr T D’Anna  
Cllr L Baber  
Cllr Davies  
Cllr S Evans  
Cllr Gruffydd

Cllr Hall  
Cllr Jeremiah  
Cllr Masefield  
Cllr Morgans  
C Beatty – Clerk  
1 member of the public

Before the meeting a resident presented details of a ‘Celtic Roots’ festival being planned for October 2025. They are hoping the Council will support in principle what the organisers are trying to do and will be submitting a grant request this year. It was noted that evidence in the Place Plan showed that the community were keen to have more events locally.

**6495: Apologies for absence**

Cllr McInnes Cllr Goodman

**6496: Declarations of Interest**

None

**6497: Questions from the public**

None

**6498: Approve the minutes of the Full Council meeting held on 18 February 2025.**

Approved.

**6499: Receive an update on actions arising from the February minutes, Action Log and other ongoing projects:**

**Friends of QEII Field:** Cllrs Gruffydd and Hall had delivered letters to properties that bordered the park, inviting residents to join the working group. Cllr Hall was delegated authority to get quotes from legal firms to help with the technical aspects of taking over the park. It was also noted that in due course quotes will

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be needed for grounds maintenance as well as ongoing structural or equipment maintenance.

**Litter picker and data entry officer vacancies:** the Clerk explained that there had been 3 applications received for the litter picker and 21 for the data entry role. An applicant had been appointed to each role and the Clerk was on correspondence with them regarding contracts and pay.

**Nature Recovery grant:** the apple trees have been delivered, wild flowers due soon. The Apple tree maintenance course was attended by 7 members of the Crickhowell Garden Society as well as 2 councillors, all of whom were now trained and will help with the ongoing project. There is around £500 left in the grants budget. It was noted that the interpretation boards could only be done after the planting.

**Tump repairs:** Cllr McInnes has shared a video of the tump repair work, where good progress is being made.

**Market Hall Clock:** the electrician is due to begin work on this next week.

**Empty properties on High Street:** Council noted their concern about not having a bakery on the High Street.

**Permissive path:** no progress has been made. Cllr Morgans is content the Council's insurance cover is sufficient.

**Parking working group:** No update or progress

**Chamber of Commerce:** – it works well in Hay, there are some who don't join up.

**VE Day:** The free road closure offered by PCC has been applied for. Cllr Morgans is working with potential event organisers in the town.

**Bullpit Meadow:** The Chair had approached PCC and the mowing has now been completed.

### **6500: Receive a report from the County Councillor**

The County Councillor had circulated a written report. Highlights mentioned in the meeting included:

**National Litter Picking Day:** local groups will be participating on 27 March.

**Household recycling** – a mixed but generally positive response from the community to the changes to booking systems at the centres.

**Council tax:** The PCC council taxes have been agreed and the Town Council's precept has been agreed.

### **6501: Discuss and agree responses on planning applications received since the last meeting**

24/23281/FUL: 45 Ffynnonau, Crickhowell. Application to build a house in the garden of another house. **No objection but request that the room be lowered to match other styles on the street.**

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25/23627/LBC: St David's House, Crickhowell. No yellow sign. **No adverse comments.**

**6502: Discuss proposals for High Street Christmas lights.**

It was agreed that 3 quotes were required. Cllrs Morgans and Baber will help.

**ACTION: Cllrs Morgans and Baber get 3 quotes for new Christmas lights.**

**6503: Consider proposals for moving the pedestrian crossing on the A40**

Councillors discussed in detail the proposals for moving the pedestrian crossing on the A40. They considered the type of crossing, where the bus stops were best sited and ensuring parking spaces are not lost.

**ACTION: Chair to write a response to the proposals.**

**6504: Consider proposals for disposing of the police station and offer of meeting from Police and Crime Commissioner**

The Clerk had booked a venue for the two separate meetings, with the Deputy Chief Fire Officer and the Police and Crime Commissioner. Attendance was limited to the County Councillors and Chairs of the Five Councils.

Finance

**6505: Consider Grants received**

Two grants had been received out of the application cycle. Councillors did not agree to consider them out of sequence and they were deferred to next months meeting.

**6506: Approve delegated expenditure of grant monies by Environment Committee**

A quote had been received by RCS to prepare the wildflower area. The Council agreed the quote.

**6507: Monthly bank reconciliations**

These were approved.

**6508: Payment and receipts**

Approved.

**6509: Consider grant application strategy**

The Chair feels that the Council could do more in terms of looking for grants and funding opportunities. We need to find out how we monitor the grants that are coming up.

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Regular items

**6510: Consider schedule of future meetings including Annual Meeting and next Away Day**

The schedule for the next 18 months has been shared and was approved. It was noted that the Annual Meeting will be on 06 May. The Council will elect the Chair and Vice Chair and committee members at this meeting.

Cllr Gruffydd request a change of dates for the next Environment Committee.

The Clerk will circulate a poll to select the most suitable date for the next Away Day.

**ACTION: Clerk and Cllr Gruffydd to arrange a new date for the Environment Committee meeting.**

**6511: Discuss any Correspondence items of interest**

It was noted that the date for the One Voice Wales Awards ceremony had been set for April

**6512: Receive reports of meetings attended by Councillors**

Cllr Masefield had spoken to the Coop manager about the insensitivity of the social media post regarding their bakery. A survey for Coop members has been released, seeking views on how to maintain a thriving High Street. The council agreed that the Clerk could post the survey on the Facebook page to encourage non-members to also submit responses to achieve a more balanced view.

Cllr Jeremiah had attended a Civic and District meeting.

Cllr Jeremiah had met with a former councillor recently who wanted the Council to promote Llais to make sure the public's views are heard.


Cllr D'Anna reported that former Cllr Games was in good health when he visited recently.

**6513: Exchange of information**

None

*The Chair adjourned the meeting at 9.00 pm.*

**The next meeting will be on 15 April 2025**

Signed..........Date: *15 April 2025*