



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

Minutes of the Full Council Meeting held on Tuesday 15 July 2025 at 7pm at Crickhowell Resource and Information Centre.

**PRESENT**

Cllr P Evans– Chair	Cllr M Goodman
Cllr M Clark	Cllr C Hall
Cllr A D’Anna	Cllr A Jeremiah
Cllr L Baber	Cllr R Masefield
Cllr D Davies	Cllr H Morgans
Cllr S Evans	C Beatty – Clerk
Cllr J Gruffydd	

**6577: Update from PSCO Lee Garrett**

PSCO Garrett informed councillors of the locations of the defibrillators in the town. He and Kerry Crosfield (Crickhowell Volunteer Bureau) are the assigned guardians and check them every 3 months. It was noted that there are no defibrillators on the edge of the town and that if funding was available then they should go on Llanbedr Road, Oakfield Drive and Bryn Nant. The one on the Police Station will be moved to the Dragon Inn. There was a request for the Town Council to consider funding the pads, batteries and accessory packs on an ongoing basis. Council agreed in principle and will discuss further when setting the budget for next year.

PSCO Garrett also gave an update on the increase in thefts in the area, where fuel from trailers and quad bikes is being stolen.

**6578: Apologies for absence**

None.

**6579: Declarations of Interest**

None.

**6580: Questions from the public**

None.

**6581: Approve the minutes of the Full Council meeting held on 17 June 2025.**

An amendment was made and the minutes were then approved.

**6582: Quick updates and reports on ongoing projects including:**

- **BBNPA Local Development Plan:** Cllr Hall to support the Clerk with the wording required for the Council response
- **Office 365:** Aim to have it set up by September
- **The Chief People Officer** from PCC will join the meeting in September

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- **QEII Field:** A meeting had been held on 14 July with the volunteers for the 'Friends of Top Park' group. A brainstorming session has produced a number of potential initiatives. The group agreed in principle to using the Crickhowell and District Partnership as a conduit for funds from grant applications to be managed. The Town Council is not the owner of the park and cannot therefore take receipt of any successful funding opportunities. Approval was given for Cllr Hall to ask the Greenman Trust to send the funding to the Partnership.
- The group will be requesting that the Council agrees to a 'Friends of Crickhowell Jubilee Park' being approved as an arms-length group for this project. It was noted that more young people feeding into the initiatives would be good to provide diversity of opinion; and that the project as a whole has clear links to the Place Plan outputs.
- **Transfer of community assets:** Cllr P Evans had attended a One Voice Wales Conference recently and recommended some training for the Friends by the presenter Gareth Kaidy.
- **WiFi:** Bookish have agreed to have the router installed there, this will be completed by the end of the summer.
- **Website:** Deferred to end of the summer.
- **Signage:** Nothing to report.
- **Crickhowell Volunteer Bureau funding:** Cllr P Evans has spoken to the Chair of Trustees regarding CVBs funding gap. Some additional funding has been secured from September and the gap will now occur in financial year 26/27. Further discussion will be held with CVB on the nature of support CTC can offer. One example would be maintenance of defibrillators as discussed elsewhere on the agenda.
- **Post-16 campaign:** Cllr Morgans reported that the community meeting had been well received, and that the interest and letters of support from the community were successful in making PCC consider other options to those put forward should be considered. It was noted that feedback from the community is that the Town Council has done a good job leading on the campaign. It is important to get the surrounding local community councils to also respond to the engagement exercise.
- **High Street Food Festival:** Cllr Masefield shared views given at the feedback meeting. It had been a successful event, but local businesses felt it would be better to not hold it on a Saturday.  
**Other events:** A Medieval Festival on a Sunday was suggested as a possibility. A farmers market was considered unviable at this time, the Market Hall Trust would have to run it and were not resourced to do so.

**ACTION: Cllr Goodman to speak to the Chair of Trustees of the Market Hall to understand their current lease arrangements and future plans.**

**6583: Receive an update from the County Councillor**

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The County Councillor had provided a written report. Items of note discussed included that the bridge road closure will now be Thursday and Sunday. The PCC Time to talk initiative was highlighted as an opportunity for the community to speak to officers about the Post 16 Review.

**6584: Discuss and agree responses on planning applications received since the last meeting.**

- **24/23351/LBC The Old Bank, Beaufort Street, Crickhowell NP8 1AP. Application for signage to be of more appropriate material. No adverse comments.**
- **25/23897/LBC 2 Bank Buildings, Crickhowell, NP8 1AP Reconfiguration of the dentist surgery to be more accessible. No adverse comments, but a request to ask them to sort out the dilapidation of the front of the building.**

**6485: Report on the OVW Innovative Practice Conference.** Cllr P Evans attended the conference on behalf of the council and reported on the presentations given. Useful information was shared on how councils can use the IT better, and also new software available for asset management.

**6486: Clustering services with other councils.**

The conference also covered clustering of services. The Welsh Government has declared that it intends to streamline the number of community and town councils. The expectation is that community and town councils are going to do more and therefore have more resources and more staff. It was suggested that we should try and get the 5 Councils to have a memorandum and steering committee and agree what services we should share.

**ACTION: Suggest agenda item for next 5 Councils meeting to cover a memorandum and steering committee.**

**6487: Update on castle repair tender**

Cllr Gruffydd reminded councillors about the required project to remove the vegetation and do masonry repair work to the castle. One response to the tender exercise, had been received from a CADW-approved contractor. Cllrs P Evans, Davies and Clark agreed to review the tender before it is sent off with the CADW application form.

**6488: Litter and vandalism.** There has been an increase in the amount of litter in the park over the summer. Cllr D'Anna suggested that the council could strive for the Green Park award as part of a campaign to solve the issue. Cllr Baber suggested that we purchase more recycling bins. **It was agreed that the litter picker could be paid for overtime if needed during the times when the park was more heavily used.**

**ACTION: Cllr Baber to research the constraints of the Green Park Award and how we do it.**

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**ACTION: Clerk to ask the clerk network how they have resolved the litter issue when the weather is good; and to offer overtime to the litter picker.**

**6489: Defibrillators in the town**

Concerns around the ongoing maintenance costs of the defibrillators in the town. The Town Council was asked if they would agree to fund the maintenance of the defibs ongoing. All agreed. It was agreed that the council should ask CVB and the Ambulance Service for the number of uses of defibs per year and also an accurate understanding of the number of pads etc required and when they run out.

**ACTION: Cllr S Evans volunteered to investigate the need for and the location for additional defibs**

**ACTION: Representatives on the Percy Davies Trust to speak to church about the one on Silver Lane.**

**6490: Sandbags**

Council agreed to subsidise the Flood Warden Scheme for sandbags for Crickhowell.

**ACTION: Clerk to inform Flood Warden Chair of the decision.**

Finance

**6591: Discuss any grant applications received since March**

The Mayor has discussed the funding request from Crickhowell Volunteer Bureau with their Chair of Trustees. There is some funding from PCC which is ending shortly which currently supports their Befriending service. They are asking if the Council could give them some money to tide them over the funding gap till they work out their strategic plans.

Council agreed to support their request to subsidise their funding gap.

**ACTION: Mayor or Clerk to inform CVB of this decision.**

**6592: Monthly bank reconciliations**

Approved.

**6593: Approve the payment and receipts sheet**

Approved.

**It was agreed that as the next meeting is on 23 September approval of August's payments sheet could be done by email.**

Regular items

**6594: Correspondence items of interest**

Hay on Wye problems – thought it was a useful list and worth talking to them at some point.

**CORRES 15:** Cllr Baber will attend the Nevill Hall event in Clarence Hall.

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**CORRES 20:** For much bigger schemes, not us

**CORRES 24:** Cllr P Evans will do the survey

**CORRES 27:** Canal – keep a watching brief

**6595: Reports of meetings/exchange of information**

At CRIC's AGM, thanks was given to the Town Council for the Brilliant Basics grant. They are making cost savings due to the solar panels. Cllr D'Anna commented that we need to find out the complete accounting since the panels were put in to measure the success of the project.

Cllr Jeremiah had visited a year 5 class at the primary school in her capacity as governor. Cllr Baber had attended the Powys Health Teaching Board meeting, it didn't feel like the objectives were right for the council to be involved in.

**6596: Communication items**


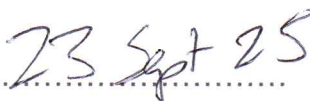
Post 16

Friends of Top Park

**6597: Exchange of information**

None

*The Chair adjourned the meeting at 8.45 pm.*

Signed..........Date: .....