



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

Minutes of the Full Council Meeting held on Tuesday 17 June 2025 at 7pm at Crickhowell Resource and Information Centre.

PRESENT

Cllr P Evans– Chair
Cllr M Clark
Cllr D'Anna
Cllr L Baber
Cllr D Davies
Cllr J Gruffydd

Cllr M Goodman
Cllr C Hall
Cllrs Jeremiah
Cllr H Morgans
C Beatty – Clerk

The Mayor welcomed Matt Clark as the new councillor replacing Duncan McInnes.

6555: Apologies for absence

Cllrs S Evans and Masefield had sent apologies.

6556: Declarations of Interest

The Mayor explained that this item was for councillors to declare any clash of interest, primarily financial, with any items on the agenda. None were declared.

6557: Questions from the public

None.

6558: Approve the minutes of the Full Council meeting held on 20 May 2025.

Approved.

6559: Quick updates and reports on ongoing projects including:

Monmouthshire and Brecon Canal: The Mayor will write to them

BBNPA consultation on its LDP – Cllr Hall to advise Clerk of text to write to them

Away Day postponed till 07 October.

QEII Field – volunteers are doing work on revisiting the vision previously drafted by Crickhowell and District Civic Society. The group needs a letter from Stephan Butcher. Funds will be held by Crickhowell Partnership.

Penguin bookshelf grant request: Cllr Goodman reported that this had been unsuccessful

Moving the planters thanks was given to Cllr Davies for arranging the move of the planters.

DoE students are doing the planting.

Tump bin: The bin still needs to be installed on the tump.

Interpretation boards: are being designed and are ready for circulation.

Microsoft 365 Business Basic account: technical assistance is being sought to get this set up

A40 signage: Jane Dodds MS is now chasing up the A40 Signage issue.

Interactive speed signs: The Clerk needs to email County Cllr Hall about permission for us to have interactive speed signs on the A40 – CTC will pay but need permission.

Website: will be done next month.

Mayors Initials: 



6560: Receive an update from the County Councillor

The County Councillor had provided a written report. No comments on the report.

6561: Discuss and agree responses on planning applications received since the last meeting.

- **25/23811/FUL:** 60 Darren View, Crickhowell, NP8 1DS: Single storey side and rear extension. **No adverse comments.**
- **25/23852/FUL:** 3 Orchard Lane, Crickhowell, Powys NP8 1BU: Proposed single storey extension to front of property, proposed detached garage in front driveway and construction of new dormers in existing roof required to form usable attic space. **No adverse comments.**

6562: Receive an update on the repairs required for Crickhowell Castle

A report had been shared from Cllr Gruffydd's meeting with Will Davies of Cadw. She had explained that the council was not in a position to match fund any grants at the moment. There are two items that require immediate work:

- Remedial work – removing the ivy and valerian and some large trees on the tump whose roots are causing damage.
- Masonry repairs

Mr Davies also mentioned that if the grass was cleared off the Tump that there are other parts of historic interest underneath there.

It was agreed to prepare to send the tender request to 3 contractors this week so that the applications can be considered at next month's meeting.

Action: Cllr Gruffydd and the Clerk to arrange for tenders to go out.

It was also agreed that Cllr Baber would speak to a local resident who may be interested in forming a longer-term Castle working group.

It was agreed that the Council needs to arrange for a tree survey so that any work can be planned.

Action: Cllrs Morgans and Hall to pass details of tree surgeons to the Clerk for her to email details to them.

6563: Discuss town twinning with a town in Italy

A group has formed in Crickhowell to twin with a town in Italy. Former Cllr Pat McCarthy has offered to be the contact point.

Mayors Initials:



Council agreed to allow Pat McCarthy to investigate options and report back to the Town Council in due course. It was noted that U3A has a Italian Special Interest Group that may be interested in working on this as well.

ACTION: Clerk to inform Pat McCarthy of decision.

6564: Transforming Towns programme

County Cllr Hall is working to get a share of the programme funding assigned to Crickhowell. It was agreed that the Mayor should write to Matt Perry, PCC Chief People Officer, in support of County Cllrs efforts.

Action: Mayor to write to Matt Perry that we are keen to have funding assigned to Crickhowell

6565: Community Post 16 Steering Group

A Post 16 group has been established. It is made up of a range of people from the community providing different skills and views to ensure the campaign is balanced. Cllr Morgans, who is leading the group, is meeting with the Primary School heads and some Chairs of Governing Bodies. County Cllr Hall has also met with the Cluster Heads and Chairs.

The steering group's plan is to have a community meeting on 30 June, inviting various political figures and having a series of guest speakers take the audience through the journey from the history of the 6th form to the current day student's perspective. There will be model letters and a petition to sign. Cllr Goodman is working with the local print media. The social media campaign has started. Important that we tell people that it is not too late, options can be put forward. It affects everyone in terms of sustaining the shops, sports groups and other organisations etc.

Finance

6566: 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.

6567: Review and approve the Procurement Policy

The Chair explained that the Council agreed this last year. The updated version is slightly revised to give more weighting to localism and environmental factors; the Council need to ensure it takes all legitimate factors into account. The Clerk was tasked to make a change that Cllr D'Anna suggested and it was then agreed.

Action: Clerk to make the change Cllr D'Anna requested and then finalise and publish.

Mayors Initials: 



6568: Monthly bank reconciliations

Council agreed that the grants make the overall annual reconciliation problematic

Action: Clerk to talk to Accounting Software company about how to deal with this matter

6569: Receipts and Payments spreadsheet for 2024-25

Approved

6570: AGAR for 2024-25

Cllr D'Anna commented that the reduction of the fixed term assets.

6571: End of year bank reconciliation for 2024-25

Approved

6572: Approve the payment and receipts sheet

The CRIC has submitted an invoice for expenditure going back to 2021. The general view of the Council was that this is not acceptable. The Mayor will discuss this with the Trustees at his next meeting with CRIC. It was noted that at the last meeting it was agreed that CRIC would invoice the Council directly, rather than charge the management fee.

The written agreement with CRIC has expired. A new agreement needs to be put in place. It was noted that when we ran the tender exercise last year it did not bring in any bids lower than the current arrangement. There was a suggestion that in the short term we could put in a cash box for donations.

The Clerk explained that there had been a number of burials in the last two months which was reflected in the extra receipts on the sheet.

Regular items

6573: Correspondence items of interest

The Mayor reported on a meeting he had attended regarding mowing on Bullpit Meadow. Cllrs will attend the One Voice Wales Innovative Practice Conference. County Cllr Hall is pressing the Health Board regarding the recent closure of the local NHS dentist.

6574: Reports of meetings/exchange of information


Cllr Baber had attended meetings about Christmas Light options
Cllr Goodman reported that there was a problem with getting the town wifi terminal in the library, now considering Bookish.

6575: Communication items

Post 16
Volunteers to water trees this week.

6576: Exchange of information

The Mayor has received a card from the CRIC thanking us for their support for the Open Gardens event this year.

Mayors Initials: 



The CRIC AGM is on 09 July, all councillors invited

The Chair adjourned the meeting at 8.45 pm.

The next meeting will be on 15 July 2025.

Signed..... *P. Asmus* Date: *10 July 2025*