



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

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

PRESENT

Cllr L Baber	Cllr S Evans
Cllr M Clark	Cllr A Jeremiah
Cllr M Goodman	C Beatty – Clerk

6644: Apologies for absence

Apologies received from Cllrs D'Anna, Davies, P Evans, Gruffydd, Hall and Morgans.

6645: Declarations of Interest

None

6646: Questions from the public

A question was asked 'whether the Town Council should apologise to residents who are becoming distressed at the bullying tactics of the Civic and District Society in relation to the skate park proposals.'

The Council recommended that if a resident feels behaviour of members of a local organisation within Crickhowell is unacceptable then they must contact them to resolve the issue. The Chair explained how the resident could contact the organisation.

6647: Approve the minutes of the Full Council meeting held on 21 October 2025

An amendment was made to item 6629 and the minutes were then approved.

6648: Quick updates and reports on ongoing projects including:

Repair of the soft pour in the child's play area in Castle Park: A written update was due to come from Cllr D'Anna shortly.

Sixth Form Action Group update: The group has new members bringing legal and documentary experience as well as parents of year groups likely to be affected by the proposed changes. Cllr Baber reported that the County Council Scrutiny Committee had questioned the fundamentals of the strategic report that went out. The latest data on the parent and student questionnaire is 1774 questionnaires returned – 67% from Crickhowell. The group will be targeting primary schools and children's clubs in the coming few days. At the recent Five Councils meeting in Tretower, there had been unanimous support from all about the campaign. There was a suggestion to change the campaign name from Save our Sixth Form and Cllr Clark pointed out that maintaining slogans was important for continuity.

Own Christmas tree: Cllr Morgans was tasked to order the tree and is leading on preparing the ground. The Council reviewed the lights order and approved the purchase of lights for the tree.

Mayers Initials:

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ACTION: Cllr Morgans and the Clerk to arrange purchase, delivery and instalment of the tree.

6649: Councillor vacancy: The Clerk had not heard from Electoral Services that an election had been called and would therefore advertise the vacancy once they had confirmed.

ACTION: Clerk to advertise vacancy by Co-option.

6650: Receive an update from the County Councillor

A written report had been shared with Councillors. Councillors noted the item about warm spaces in particular.

6651: Discuss and agree responses on planning applications received since the last meeting

There were no planning applications during this period.

6652: Approve the Castle Park Working Group's Terms of Reference

Approved.

Finance

6653: Discuss preparations for budget setting 25-26 and receive preliminary reports from committee chairs

- HR proposing a 7% increase on all Staff costs and no change to Members costs
- The Chair of Finance and Clerk to sort out the 25-26 salary and tax budget figures, Council to approve at next meeting
- Cllr Goodman will ask Will Davies, CADW, whether the Castle Tower needs to be fenced for safety reasons and report back to Castle Park Working Group to allow for 26-27 budget.
- Council agreed to get a tree survey of Castle Park arranged.
- Council agreed the St David's Day grant should be applied for, and could then be passed to another group to run an event.
- General consensus that funding road closures for community events was a good thing
- Noted that 1/3 of the precept funds the toilets. Reminder to the Mayor to meet with CRIC on management arrangements.
- Conversation about planters and hanging baskets. Agreed that the Council should either plant up the planters or remove them if they are going to be untended. Cllr Jeremiah was given authority to get a price list from Abergavenny Garden Centre for hanging baskets for the town and to discuss with businesses if they would be interested in purchasing one next year.

6654: Monthly bank reconciliations

Approval of the bank reconciliations was given, noting that the missing £30 had been traced and accounted for but the issue not yet resolved on Scribe.

Mayors Initials: 



ACTION: Clerk to resolve accounting issue with Scribe.

6655: Approve the payment and receipts sheet

The payment and receipts sheet was approved, noting that the invoices were not available for inspection at the meeting but that the Clerk would arrange for the signatories to view them.

Regular items

6656: Correspondence items of interest

None discussed

6657: Communication items

- Post 10 Review = update and Cllr Clark to work with Cllr Daber on the campaign
- Community Christmas tree
- Thank the flood wardens for their work last weekend.

6658: Reports of meetings/exchange of information

None

The Chair adjourned the meeting at 9.00 pm.

Signed:  Date: *16.12.2025*