



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

Minutes of the Full Council Meeting held on Tuesday 20 May 2025 at 7pm at Crickhowell Resource and Information Centre.

PRESENT

Cllr P Evans– Chair
Cllr D’Anna
Cllr L Baber
Cllr D Davies
Cllr S Evans
Cllr J Gruffydd

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

6533: Apologies for absence

Cllrs Jeremiah & Masefield had sent apologies.

6534: Declarations of Interest

None.

6535: Questions from the public

None.

6536: Approve the minutes of the Full Council meeting held on 15 April 2025.

Approved.

6537: Quick updates and reports on ongoing projects including:

Data entry officer: Clerk needs to contact second data entry applicant.

Website: Cllr Goodman still to contact the website designer.

Teams: Clerk still to set up Teams.

Town wifi: No update

Monmouthshire and Brecon Canal Trust: Chair still to write to them

Public Toilets: Chair still to arrange a meeting to set the Service Level Agreement with CRIC on management of the toilets.

Awayday: The Clerk will recirculate the poll to set a date.

QEII field: Cllr Hall is trying to get some answers from PCC in order to submit the extended Expression of Interest. Cllr Hall is meeting with Crickhowell and District Partnership to discuss financial logistics for managing the QEII Field.

Mayors Initials: 



'Dragon' path: the path has been installed. Thanks was given to all councillors involved. Signage will be required directing pedestrians, both by the path and also in the car park. Cllr Morgans will review the paperwork used by the local Glanusk Estate for their permissive path to ensure the Council complies with regulations.

6538: Receive an update from the County Councillor

The County Councillor had provided a written report. Highlights discussed included:

Transforming Towns: County Cllrs Masefield and Hall are working to get further funding from this grant. It was noted that the Place Plan provides the evidence base for the potential projects to be funded by this grant.

Leader of Powys County Council: The new leader of PCC is visiting Crickhowell on Thursday 29 May.

Anti-Poverty Locality Fund: The County Councillors are looking at ideas for what this fund could be spent on.

6539: Discuss and agree responses on planning applications received since the last meeting.

- **25/23707/FUL:** 1A Raglan House, Crickhowell: the change of use is go from a gym to a wider D2 category. **Oppose on the grounds that such D2 uses should be in the town centre.**
- **25/23758/FUL:** 7 Castle Road, Crickhowell: is an improvement on what is there at the moment and won't affect anyone's view. **No adverse comments.**
- **25/23757/FUL:** 7 Latham Court, Crickhowell. **No adverse comments.**
- **25/23599/PAR:** Between No 7 & No 8 Bridge Street, Crickhowell, Powys NP8 1AR: **No adverse comments.**

6540: Report on the VE Day celebrations

The town had celebrated with 3 events – an afternoon tea, a free evening dance with live music in the Clarence Hall, and a street party.

Cllr Jeremiah had sent a note on this item commenting that she attended the afternoon tea party, 'the Phoenix Choir sang beautifully. The oldest person there, aged 93, gave a short speech thanking those who organised it. A number of people dressed up in forties clothing. The evening dance was unfortunately not so well attended but this left plenty of room for those present to dance the night away!

Council gave thanks to local resident, Frank Ady, for arranging the Street Party. This had been very well attended with an estimated 1000 people attending.

Mayors Initials:



The Council agreed that supporting events that make the High Street livelier is a good objective for the Council.

6541: Consider how the town can recognise community heroes

Council discussed how thanks could be given to those who put a lot of effort into organising town events, for instance the VE Day events. Suggestions included an annual presentation, certificates and badges. The Clerk was tasked to research what other councils do.

Clerk to research community recognition options.

6542: Receive an empty shops report

Cllr Goodman and Baber met Kate Evans and Polly Hunter from Peak Cymru to discuss what the empty shops in the town could potentially be used for until occupied again. Pop up shops, exhibition spaces and studios were suggested. The Chair noted that it is important with the threat to the High Street that the Town Council should find imaginative ways to keep our High Street looking thriving.

6543: Discuss the PCC Post 16 Strategic Review

The Chair reported that they had not been able to attend the Governors meeting at the High School, however were aware that the school intended to oppose the options given in the PCC Post 16 Strategic Review to close the 6th form at Crickhowell High. Council discussed the need to prepare and mobilise various groups to run a community campaign. This term the engagement is focused on schools and education settings. Next term will be for parents and community members. It was noted that the campaign should be mindful that PCC have a wider agenda that includes choice of settings for learners, capital investment etc.

It was agreed that the Chair will write urgently to the 5 Councils for a meeting hear their views on the review and to hopefully ensure everyone works together.

Cllr Morgans volunteered to lead on behalf of the Town Council and to work with other community members to set up a campaign. This would include a community meeting. Model letters may be drafted for residents to use when writing to their MP and MS.

The public position is that the Town Council oppose the option which would involve removing the 6th form from Crickhowell High School.

Mayors Initials: 



**Chair to write to 5 Councils to arrange a meeting regarding the Review.
Cllr Morgans, with Cllr Baber and the Clerk to arrange a community meeting.**

6544: Review the draft delivery agreement of BBNP LDP

It was agreed that the Clerk should respond to the consultation, commenting 'We take note and we want to be sure that community involvement is included in the process.'

6545: Clerk to write to BBNP re the consultation.

Consider whether Full Council should write to PCC requesting an update on the Parking Review

It was agreed that the Chair would write to County Cllr J Charlton.

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6546: Approve the Biodiversity Action Plan for 2024/5 and 2025/26

The Council agreed retrospectively the 2024/25 plan as well as the 25/26 plan.

Clerk submit the Biodiversity Action Plans to One Voice Wales.

6547: Receive a report for the Chair's meeting with the Chair of Trustees for Crickhowell Volunteer Bureau

The Chair had met with Cyril Teasdale, Chair of Trustees for Crickhowell Volunteer Bureau to discuss the funding issues for Crickhowell Volunteer Bureau. Mr Teasdale explained that PCC are withdrawing much of their funding which would impact the befriending services. The Chair of the Council encouraged them to submit a grant application to the Town Council. It was also agreed that the Council should share the Anti-Poverty Locality Fund details with CVB.

Clerk share the Anti-Poverty Locality Fund details with CVB.

Finance

6548: Discuss a grant for the High Street

This had been discussed earlier. The County Councillors will submit an application for the new Transforming Towns funds.

6549: Approve the monthly bank reconciliations

Mayors Initials:



No paperwork was submitted.

6550: Approve the payment and receipts sheet

An error on the format of the payment sheet was noted. The payment sheet was then approved. It was noted that an invoice for the VE Day event had arrived late and would be paid this month but listed on next month's payment sheet. It was also noted that a payment to the Clerk of £331.18 was reimbursement for the purchase of a waste bin to be installed on the Tump which had been purchased on her own card while the Council's card was unavailable.

Clerk to amend payment sheet error and arrange payments.

Regular items

6551: Discuss any Correspondence items of interest

None

6552: Communication items

- The 'Dragon' path once the signage is up
- Put a link to the Post 16 Review consultation on the website
- Share that the Town Council will be reviewing grants in June

6553: Receive reports of meetings/exchange of information

Cllr Gruffydd is meeting Will Davies, CADW, to discuss future funding. Cllr Gruffydd and Goodman have been invited to attend the RTPi awards for Excellence in Plan Making Practice in June.

6554: Exchange of information

None

The Chair adjourned the meeting at 9.00 pm.

The next meeting will be on 17 June 2025.

Signed.....  Date: 18 June 2025