



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

Minutes of the Full Council Meeting held on 17 February 2026 at 7pm at Crickhowell Resource and Information Centre.

**PRESENT**

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

Cllr M Goodman  
Cllr C Hall  
Cllr J Leighton  
Cllr H Morgans  
C Beatty – Clerk  
Members of the public

**6690: Apologies for absence**

Apologies received from Cllrs S Evans, Gruffydd and Jeremiah.

**6691: Declarations of Interest**

None

**6692: Questions from the public**

Mrs Orinda Williams asked about the Town Council's agreement to commit up to £5000 towards the cost of a professional park design in respect of the potential changes to the Queen Elizabeth II Park in the light of the current objections to a scheme that some believe will not happen'.

The Chair explained that in the light of the findings of the Place Plan that improvements to the QEII park were a priority, the Council had agreed to support the funding of a consultation by a professional park designer to gather ideas of what could be possible in the QEII Field.

**6693: Minutes of the Full Council meeting held on 20 January 2026**

The minutes were approved. The following points were noted:

- The Council has received positive feedback on its presentation to the <sup>RTP1</sup> RPFT awards
- No update has been received on the re-siting of the westbound bus shelter.
- The Council has agreed to fund the road closure for the Summer Food Festival.
- The Chair will draft a letter for the Five Councils regarding the Post 16 Review.

**6694: Quick updates**

- **Transforming Towns grant:** The County Councillors are meeting with PCC Officers later this week; the procurement process for the tender exercise has begun.
- **A40:** There is a series of road closures starting at the end of February to allow resurfacing of the A40. County Cllr Hall is working to ensure communication is clear on which sections of the road will be closed when.

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- **Castle maintenance:** No further update from CADW to date. The Clerk has resent the invoice. The bat survey date will be set in due course.
- **Soft pour:** The soft pour maintenance has been booked; the contractor is waiting for a window of dry weather.
- **Post-16 working group:** The working group continues.
- **Town wifi:** The installation team are waiting for a cherry picker to be available and then this can be booked in.
- **Town Council website:** Cllrs Goodman, Leighton and Clark have met to get progress on the website launch. They will meet with the designer soon to discuss how the website can be made more user-friendly.
- **Microsoft Teams:** The Clerk updated Councillors on the testing of Teams and that everyone will soon have access. Cllr Leighton offered to hold a meeting of anyone interested to agree the protocol on naming conventions and file structure.

#### **6695: Planning applications**

**26/24363/TRCA:** War Memorial Health Centre, NP81AG - No adverse comments but request that a new tree be planted in replacement.

**25/24309/FUL:** Pencader, Heol Y Castell, Crughywel Powys NP8 1AP – no adverse comments.

#### **6696: Report from County Councillor**

A written report had been provided. Items of note included:

- Buffer speed limits have been agreed at the outskirts of Crickhowell. This will allow vehicles to reduce their speed to 20mph in stages.
- Traffic in Llangattock will be difficult in the coming weeks due to the work being done for the Active Travel Plan.

#### **6697: Town of Culture competition**

Cllr Clark explained the summary of expression of interest key requirements, the deadline is the end of March. Crickhowell would be a 'small town' and could potentially be awarded a £250,000 grant to run cultural events in 2028. Hay, Abergavenny, Brecon, Blaenavon are all applying for it. Some residents have shown interest in helping with the EOI.

**ACTION: Cllr Clark to lead the working group to get the EOI drafted, with support from Cllrs Goodman and Hall.**

#### **6698: Bequest**

The Council gratefully noted the bequest of his personal computer, etc by the late former Councillor Peter Games and related matters concerning historical council records

Noted. The Clerk will arrange to collect the equipment and then see what use the Council can make of it or give it to charity.

#### **6699: Maintenance and improvement priorities**

The following projects were discussed:

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- Signage – the Transforming Towns bid includes the branding of new signage
- Toilets – these need to be refurbished and revamped
- Castle Lights – the electrical junction box needs fixing and the lights changing to LED bulbs
- Cllr Baber has discussed the painting of the wall of Jehu's looking over the square.
- The planters need reviving.

It was noted that the Greenman Trust has just launched its grant scheme.

**6700: Tree survey quote for both Cemetery and Castle Park**

Council agreed to accept the quote from a local contractor Ambler Trees.

**ACTION: The Clerk was tasked to ask them to do a survey for both the cemetery and park.**

**6701: Consultant on QEII park amenities**

A third quote was required.

**ACTION: Cllr Leighton volunteered to get an extra quote.**

**6702: Future awayday – timings, leadership and topics**

Councillors agreed to focus on a single topic – agreeing a list of achievable projects for the year ahead. Cllr Baber will lead the session.

**ACTION: The Clerk will book a venue for the 09 April.**

Finance

**6703: Approve the monthly bank reconciliation**

The approvals were delegated to Cllr D'Anna once the invoices had been reviewed.

**6704: Approve the payment and receipts sheet**

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Regular items

**6705: Correspondence**

- Councillors discussed the correspondence relating to UK Play Day on 6 August and agreed that some participation by the town would be good.
- The Council will be presenting at the One Voice Wales / Planning Aid conference in March.
- Cllr D'Anna has suggested a 'Tour de Crickhowell'.

**6706: Reports of meetings/exchange of information**

- Cllr D'Anna attended the AGM of One Voice Wales.

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- County Cllrs Hall and Masefield have met the Trustees of Volunteer Bureau, who have approached all local councils for financial support.

**6707: Communication items**

- Details of the Greenman Trust scheme and Heritage Grant to be shared on the website.
- The Christmas Tree has been removed.

*The Chair adjourned the meeting at 9.00 pm.*

Signed.....*[Signature]*..... Date: *17.3.2026*