



CRICKHOWELL TOWN COUNCIL

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Minutes of the Full Council Meeting held on 19 May 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 J Gruffydd

Cllr M Goodman
Cllr C Hall
Cllr A Jeremiah
Cllr J Leighton
Cllr H Morgans
C Beatty – Clerk

26-7/5/01: Apologies for absence

Apologies received from Cllr S Evans

26-7/5/02: Declarations of Interest

Cllr Morgans declared interest in a grant application from Crickhowell AFC under item 15 (Grants). Council agreed that he would not vote on this item.

26-7/5/03: Questions from the public

No questions were submitted.

26-7/5/04: Minutes of the Full Council meeting held on 21 April 2026

The spelling of the name of a member of the public was corrected. The minutes were then approved. The following matters were discussed:

- No progress has been made on the town wifi
- The Clerk will move the money from the current account to the savings account when the payments are uploaded onto the online banking app.

26-7/5/05: Quick updates and reports on ongoing projects including:

- **Defibrillators:** Cllr S Evans had reported that the manager of The Swan Inn is away at present but she will speak to him when he is back about placing the defibrillator on their wall.
- **Castle Park electrics and other works:** The PCC Street Lighting team have finally confirmed that it is not their responsibility to switch off the electricity supply to the park. Cllr Morgans has written to the Trunk Road Agency, who are the correct agency to do this work, to request that they switch off the electricity as soon as possible so a local electrician can then do the repair work necessary.

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- **Council IT:** IT Support is being arranged for 28 May. They will need to investigate the issues around email access in advance.
- **Cemetery works:** The quote for the repairs to the wall on New Road has been approved by Council. Cllr Davies will contact the contractor to arrange a start date.
- **Tree survey:** The Cemetery has been surveyed and the report received. The Burial Board will need to discuss the arrangements for doing the tree surgery work.

ACTION: Cllr Davies will contact the contractor to arrange a start date.

ACTION: Burial Board to meet to discuss tree surgery work required in Cemetery.

26-7/5/06: Report from the County Councillor

The County Councillor had circulated a written report. Council discussed that communication from the County Council had been quiet due to the pre-election period. The next PCC Full Council is meeting on 9 July if the Town Council would like to put forward any questions.

26-7/5/07: Discuss planning applications received:

- **26/24578/TRCA:** War Memorial Health Centre, Beaufort Street, Crickhowell, NP8 1AG. The tree is obviously dying and the tree report is conclusive. Recommend a quick growing replacement and no adverse comments.
- **26/24612/FUL:** The Wern, Llanbedr Road, Crickhowell, NP8 1SP. The Council collectively considered that the proposed building would be a significant intrusion on an area of natural beauty, would impact the landscape, dark sky rules and potentially the rights of way. Cllr Gruffydd will provide a detailed response for the Clerk to send to BBNPA.

ACTION: Cllr Gruffydd will provide a detailed response for the Clerk to send to BBNPA.

26-7/5/08: Pride in Place & Transforming Towns funding

The Pride in Place funding application has been submitted and the council has been awarded £83,000. Thanks were given to all involved in the application.

Under the Transforming Towns funding opportunity, the Council was awarded the remaining money from the pot at the end of last financial year. This will be used to fund the feasibility study for potential projects to improve the High Street. This grant is for 70% of the cost, with the Council contributing 30%.

26-7/5/09: Library update

Cllrs Baber, P. Evans and Hall were representing the Council on this project. There had been a positive meeting held on Monday 18 May where Raiff Devlin had committed to supporting work to ensure the library in Council does not close down.

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Council noted that it was unlikely that the library could be managed by the Council in the future, as there are specialist library services that need to be provided. However, there could be a 'hybrid' option, where the library services are provided by the County Council but the Town Council could help by offsetting the costs of running the building, arrange for volunteers to help extend the opening hours and use the building for other community purposes. It was also noted that the local Five Councils could potentially be approached to contribute to the costs given their residents would use it. They agreed that if the Council were to fund part of the ongoing costs then we would need to be firm that we have full partnership in determining the use of the library.

Cllr Leighton reported that the ivy on the back windows of the library is causing problems.

Thanks were given to all the councillors involved in the work across the community to keep both the library and sports centre facilities open.

ACTION: The Clerk was tasked to report the ivy issue to PCC to sort out.

26-7/5/10: Town clock

Cllr S Evans, who leads on this project, had sent a written report. It was noted that the repair contractor recommended the Council should consider replacing the clock as it would be more cost effective than continually repairing it. It was agreed that the Council would tell the contractor that we would approve the quote from him in principle but we are exploring options for funding it. The Clerk was tasked to write to contractor to ask him to send us a photo of what the new replacement might look like.

Some councillors felt that the cost of a new clock was expensive and the Council should consider whether the money would be better spent on improving the High Street.

ACTION: Clerk to write to clock repair contractor

ACTION: Cllr Davies to speak to former Cllr McInnes about what routine fixes had been done to the clock

ACTION: Cllr Goodman to research other avenues for funding/practical assistance

26-7/5/11: Roadworks through Crickhowell, and economic impacts

Cllr Leighton had heard from a number of business owners that income had been lower than usual because of the A40 roadworks and lack of access for customers. It was suggested that the Council could ask the County Council to request that all shops be given a month off paying business rates as compensation for the roadwork effects on income.

Councillors discussed whether the Council funding some hanging baskets for the High Street and Beaufort Street was a good use of the planting budget and it was agreed that the Council would write to the businesses to ask if they would like a basket this year, funded by the Council but with the understanding that the businesses would take on ownership and costs next year.

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ACTION: Cllr Leighton to make arrangements for the hanging baskets with the businesses that would like them.

26-7/5/12: War Memorial and general policy towards orphan assets.

Council accepted the proposal from the Civic Society that it should adopt the War Memorial outside the health centre

Correspondence relating to the Lych Gate in Church Lane was considered.

It was agreed that the Council's policy would be by default to take ownership of orphaned assets around the town.

ACTION: Clerk to work with CDS to transfer ownership documents.

26-7/5/13: Planning for the 16 July Awayday

The Away Day will cover the challenges presented by the community taking responsibility for the Sports Centre, Library, QEII Field and other strategic projects.

ACTION: Clerk to check on potential meeting venues for the Awayday. It was noted that the Library would still be under the management of the High School at that date and so would not be available.

Routine finance

26-7/5/14: Tree survey for Castle Park

The quote for conducting a tree survey of Castle Park was approved.

26-7/5/15: Grants

A grant of £250 to support the Crickhowell Summer Party was agreed.

A grant of £500 to Crickhowell Football Club to help finance the tree surgery required alongside the A40 was agreed.

ACTION: Clerk to upload the up-to-date grant forms on the website

26-7/5/16: Receipts and Payments for 2025-26

The receipts and payments record for 2025-26 was approved and signed.

26-7/5/17: Annual Governance and Accountability Review for 25-26

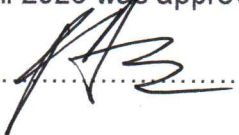
The Annual Governance and Accountability Review (AGAR) was approved and signed, as required by law.

26-7/5/18: End of year bank reconciliation

The end of year bank reconciliation for 2025-26 was approved and signed.

26-7/5/19: Monthly bank reconciliation

The monthly bank reconciliation for April 2026 was approved and signed.

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26-7/5/20: Payments

Payments for May 2026 were approved and signed.

Regular items

26-7/5/21: Correspondence items of interest

- Cllrs Baber and Gruffydd will go to the Powys Action on the Climate Emergency (PACE) event on 4 June which will consider Hay on Wye's experience in bringing deliberative democracy to the town.
- Corres 05: The Clerk would suggest that Abergavenny Pride contact the Rotary about traffic management skills and qualifications.
- Corres 06: It was agreed that the Council would write in support of St Edmund's request for diocesan permission to instal bicycle stands by the church porch.
- Corres 11: It was agreed to explore whether Parish Online could help with any of our technical needs.

26-7/5/22: Reports of meetings/exchange of information

- Cllr Goodman reported on the Q&A session with Aberystwyth Town Council
- A number of councillors had attended the Crickhowell meeting on local housing.

26-7/5/23: Communication related to the work of the Council

- Repair Shop - clock
- Hanging basket bowser
- Website – grants.

Thanks was given to the Councillors who were all working hard on the different projects the Council was involved on.

The Chair adjourned the meeting at 9.00 pm.

Signed:  Date: 16.6.26

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