CRICKHOWELL TOWN COUNCIL

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Minutes of the Full Council Meeting held on 16 June 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 S Evans
Cllr J Gruffydd
Cllr M Goodman
Cllr A Jeremiah
Cllr J Leighton
Cllr H Morgans
C Beatty – Clerk
Members of the public

26-7/6/01: Apologies for absence
Apologies received from Cllr C Hall

26-7/6/02: Declarations of Interest
None

26-7/6/03: Questions from the public
Orinda Williams asked for a status report on the QEII Park. Cllr Leighton explained that the park design consultants had been appointed and would be running a public consultation day in July. They were at the early stage of planning this, which would include meeting children from the primary and secondary schools and then a drop in session in the Market Hall for the public on 9 July. A survey would be available both electronically (and in paper copy for those with no digital access) and all members of the public would be encouraged to complete it.

Steve Jones asked why the former Friends of Jubilee Park members had not been invited to be involved in the planning of the public consultation. He was reminded that the working group had agreed to use an external company to run the consultation. It was agreed that the former chair of the Friends of Jubilee Park would email all former working group members with an update.

26-7/6/04: Minutes of the Full Council meeting held on 21 April 2026
The minutes were approved.

26-7/6/05: Quick updates and reports on ongoing projects including:

- Defibrillators: Cllr S Evans explained that the owner of The Swan is content for the defibrillator to go on the side of the building but not the front. Councillors agreed to this request.

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- Castle Park electrics and other works: There had been no further update on this further to an online form being completed requesting the Trunk Road Agency confirm responsibility for switching off the electrical supply. The Clerk was tasked to email the Trunk Road Agency.
- **Council IT:** most Councillors are now successfully able to access their O365 account.
- **Cemetery works:** Cllr Davies confirmed that the contractor had been arranged but a start date was not set yet.
- **Hanging baskets:** Cllr Leighton is coordinating the purchase of the 10 baskets asked for. Abergavenny Garden Centre have also offered to replace the fruit tree in Castle Park which has been vandalised.
- **Clock:** Cllr Leighton had mentioned the ongoing repair issues at the Market Hall meeting; an offer had been made to support a fundraising campaign for the cost of the clock.
- **Awayday:** Councillors tasked the Clerk to book the conference room in The Bear for 16 July.
- **Road resurfacing:** The second phase of the work to resurface the A40 in town has now been completed. Cllr Jeremiah noted some issues with the new surface and was encouraged to send photos to the Trunk Roads Agency.
- **Sports Centre:** is up and running again. Thanks were given to Cllr Baber for her work supporting the working group with this. Bookings are now being placed for after September which is positive. The Community Interest Company is functioning as the holding organisation. It was noted that more communication is needed to keep the community informed of the work going on to keep the Sports Centre open.
- **Library:** A written update report had been circulated to Councillors. The Chair had also written to the Five Councils and Percy Davies Trust for support. Cllr Leighton is working with Pat Webb to arrange for the broken bench to be dismantled and removed from the library garden.

ACTION: Cllr S Evans to work with CVB to progress installation of the defib.
ACTION: Clerk to send an email to Trunk Road agency if photos can be supplied.
ACTION: Clerk to arrange IT support for Cllrs Jeremiah and S Evans.
ACTION: Cllr Davies will contact the contractor to arrange a start date for the repairs to the cemetery wall.

26-7/6/06: Report from the County Councillor
The County Councillor had circulated a written report. There were no questions arising.

26-7/6/07: Discuss planning applications received:

- **26/24683/LBC:** 25 High Street, Crickhowell, NP8 1BE. No adverse comments.
- **26/24684/FUL:** 25 High Street, Crickhowell, NP8 1BE. Whilst the Council welcomes the provision of an NHS dentist in Crickhowell, especially for children, it had two principal reservations 1) ensuring that the provision of NHS services is not withdrawn; and 2) parking considerations to be addressed as part of the permission.

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A member of the public requested permission to speak. They raised the issue of the environmental impact of the proposed removal of trees in the back of the property; the change of use from residential to commercial, and the existence of other locations in town with better parking facilities. They also noted that promises to provide NHS services had sometimes proved to be short-lived after permissions had been obtained.

26-7/6/08: Proposed fish pass at Crickhowell Bridge
Cllr Baber reported that Natural Resources Wales have been looking at how they can improve fish populations of Salmon, Trout, Char, Eels and Lamprey. A fish pass is being suggested - it is likely to change both the water flow as well as the aesthetics of the weir. Council agreed that the Town Council can be represented at meetings with the Crickhowell District and Angling Society with NRW.

26-7/6/09: Maintenance and vandalism issues in Castle Park
The litter problem in the Castle Park and High School has worsened recently. Councillors agreed that a zero-tolerance approach to graffiti and vandalism was the right course of action. It was agreed that the Castle Park working group should consider ways to reduce litter and vandalism. In the meantime it was agreed to ask the litter picker to take on the responsibility of removing graffiti.

ACTION: Clerk to inform litter picker of additional tasks, as needed.

Routine finance

26-7/6/10: Pride in Place Impact Fund
The Terms and Conditions of the grant were approved. The Acceptance Letter was signed. The consultancy arrangements for Chris Jones were also approved.

It was noted that the public are already asking if they can apply for some of the Pride in Plance funding. It was agreed that residents could be asked to write to the Council with their proposals. Funding was available to organisations other than local authorities.

26-7/6/11: Consider grant requests received
A grant request had been received by the library. The Council felt that until the future of the library was secure, they could not allocate any grant funding

ACTION: Chair to explain to Library about grant decision

26-7/6/12: Contracts update.
Nothing to report

26-7/6/13: Monthly bank reconciliation
The monthly bank reconciliation for May 2026 was approved and signed.

26-7/6/14: Payments
Payments for June 2026 were approved and signed.

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Regular items

26-7/6/15: Correspondence items of interest

- Corres 18: County Cllr Masefield had shared that the application for National Lottery Funding for a community bus pilot scheme was successful. The Council agreed to write a letter of support for the project, if required.
- Corres 23: Councillors took note of the letter regarding the short-let holiday homes issue. They felt it would be useful to know how many holiday homes are in the community
- Corres 26: Cllr Leighton will respond to Duncan Fisher and Sue Holbrook about Growing Food Locally before the end of July, as requested.

26-7/6/16: Reports of meetings/exchange of information
Cllr Morgans reported that the tree surgery at Crickhowell Football Club is scheduled for 3 and 4th July and will involve temporary traffic lights on the A40.

26-7/6/17: Communication related to the work of the Council
Councillors agreed that the use of WhatsApp chats was appropriate for informal discussion or making arrangements but it should in general not be used to discuss decisions which were to be brought to a formal meeting.

The Chair adjourned the meeting at 9.00 pm.

Signed.....Date: 21.7.26