

# BUILTH WELLS TOWN COUNCIL

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**Minutes of the Meeting of Builth Wells Town Council held on **Thursday April 11th 2019** commencing at **7.00 pm** in The Strand Hall, Builth Wells.**

**Present:** Cllrs G.Davies (Deputy Mayor), M.Prynne, D.Jones, B.Watkins, G.Goodwin, A.Waller, J.Jones, J.Walters, B.Reardon

**Apologies for Absence:** Cllr D.Ronicle

**In Attendance:** Karen Compton (Press)

### **Greg Thomas Powys County Council:**

Gave a talk and slide show about contingency plans that are going to be in place for the RWS, as well as hopefully securing the Strand Hall for a reduced price: Emergency Services would like to use the space for a Recovery Centre, Victim Suite, Information Hub and Safe Zone. It was decided that Council would bring this subject up at next meeting.

**BW/050/19 County Councillor Report: Cllr Pugh.** Reported that work along The Groe, for the installation of the new lights, begins on 4<sup>th</sup> May.

**BW/051/19 Minutes:** To authorise the Chairman to sign the minutes of meeting held on 12th March 2019 as a correct record.

**Proposed Cllr D. Jones, Seconded Cllr M. Prynne: Unanimous.**

### **BW/052/19 Clerk's Report:**

- a) Letter to be sent to Ex-Mayor Paul McNiffe, asking he would give access to email accounts which still appear to be affiliated to him. We have had no alternative but to change Town Council's email address as all other email accounts seem to have been frozen.
- b) GDPR: Data protection explained regarding (a) above. We need to be more aware of sensitive information held within offices, advised documentation being sent from OVW, so we can implement Council own guidelines.
- c) Locked Cabinets, if we can't find the keys will need to secure all of our information which is of a sensitive nature in secure cabinets.

**BW/053/19 Finance: Clerk on behalf of Cllr Ronicle:**

- a) There are a number of pending invoices we have had to send out to Strand users, this will be in May's report.
- b) Two cheques for Rita Lawrence and Julie Dwyer have been added to April's report.
- c) All areas in yellow are payments/invoices accounted for last month. Audit dates read out, as requested by Cllr D.Ronicle
- d) Auditor Sue Jones has been sent a formal letter inviting her to be Town Councils Internal Auditor. Has accepted. **Proposed Cllr B. Reardon/Seconded. Unanimous.**

**BW/054/19 Correspondence: Clerk**

- a) Builth Fest, Asking if the Council would like a stall at the Carnival this year Saturday 15<sup>th</sup> June. **Proposed. Cllr G.Davies, Seconded Cllr J.Walters. Unanimous.**
- b) PCC informed of new Co-opted Councillors
- c) New Blue Badge Application On line.
- d) Royal Air Force Association would like Flyer in Window.
- e) European Parliamentary Election booked for 23<sup>rd</sup> May.

**BW/055/19 Strand Hall: Cllr Davies.**

- a) The car park at rear of Strand Hall is not being respected, cars are double parking and councillors have reported being blocked in. Look into clamping firms. Clerk to make notices reminding public that this is the Town Councils parking area.
- b) Also the gas bottles at the rear of 'Nibletts' need to be covered, as they are exposed. Fire officer did mention this on the inspection. Deeds need to be checked for 'right of way'. Letters need sending to relevant parties.
- c) Friends of Strand Committee: Reported that he has 12 interested parties, and has set a meeting for the last Monday of the month, 29<sup>th</sup> April at 7pm.

**BW/056/19 Co-option: Christine Mavin.**

Four Councillors declared a Personal Interest, Cllrs G.Davies, A.Waller, J.Walters, G.Goodwin. Signed declaration of Interest form, all four Councillors left Chambers for this part of meeting.

**Proposed Cllr Reardon/Seconded Cllr Watkins, Unanimous.**

**BW/057/19 Park Run: Cllr Prynne.**

Reported that a request was made for a donation for a 'trolley' which has been purchased and recipient was delighted with it , and would like a photo shoot with Deputy Mayor and other Councillors if possible.

**Proposed Cllr Davies/Seconded Cllr M. Prynne, Unanimous**

**BW/058/19 Remuneration: Cllr Prynne.**

All Councillors have declined their £150 payment for this year.

**Proposed Cllr M. Prynne/Seconded Cllr Davies**

**BW/059/19 School Crossing Payment: Cllr Prynne.**

Karen Kane from PCC is requesting the £1400 payment for the crossing, it has been requested that we have a breakdown of the cost due to the high increase since last year. We will pay this year, but enquiries need to be made for a break down and possibly a cap for the next few years.

**Proposed Cllr Prynne/Seconded Cllr Goodwin, Unanimous.**

**BW/060/19 Trees and Fencing on the Groe: Cllr Prynne.**

Reported that there has been a discussion about the planting of the trees and plants, in a different area than first agreed, which will have an impact on pricing now. Cllr Jones will discuss this at his next Rotary meeting. The fence will have to be replaced. Mr Andrew Mills, to be contacted regarding broken boughs hanging from trees. We will have to write to Mr Wayne Gethin, Gardner at Glan Irfon to be shown problem areas, overhangs of trees, which are potentially dangerous, and encroaching on our land. Trees around Memorial garden are going to be serviced by PCC.

**BW/061/19 Hanging Baskets: Cllr Jones.**

Reports 103 orders so far, which is similar amount to last year. They will be going up on the 19<sup>th</sup> May. He has also had a request from the Llanelwedd Hotel for 15 baskets.

**Proposed Cllr Prynne, Seconded Cllr Walters: Unanimous.**

**Meeting Closed 2030**

**Signed..... Date.....**