

BUILTH WELLS TOWN COUNCIL

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Minutes of the Meeting of Builth Wells Town Council held on Tuesday 14th November 2017 commencing at 7.30 pm in The Strand Hall, Builth Wells.

Present : Cllrs M.Prynne (Mayor), P. McNiffe (Deputy), G. Davies, A. Jones, R. Price, D. Ronicle, B. Watkins, A. Powell, County Cllr J. Pugh

Apologies for Absence : Cllrs B. Reardon, D. Jones

BW/152/17 Declarations of Acceptance of Office - None

BW/153/17 Declarations of Interest

Cllr A. Jones declared an interest in item 14a – Contract for grass cutting on the Groe.
Cllr A. Powell declared an interest in item 12b – Builth Fest Christmas Fayre.

BW/154/17 Minutes

To authorise the Chairman to sign the minutes of the meeting held on the 10th October 2017 as a correct record.

Proposed. Cllr D. Ronicle, Seconded Cllr B. Watkins. Unanimous

To authorise the Chairman to sign the minutes of the meeting held on the 12th September 2017 as unedited due to the resignation of the previous clerk.

Proposed. Cllr D. Ronicle, Seconded Cllr A. Powell. Unanimous

BW/155/17 Clerk's Report

- a) Llanelwedd Little Learners – Grant form received and letter sent confirming that this will be an agenda item for December's meeting.
- b) Clarification of £1,000 grant payment made to Builth Fest in October – Letter sent 25th November 2017 requesting confirmation of which year the grant payment applies.

BW/156/17 County Councillor's Report

- a) County Cllr J. Pugh congratulated Cllr A. Jones and all involved in the Strand Hall refurbishment on behalf of the Town.
- b) Builth Rugby Club lease on the Groe is 2 years out of date and therefore the Rugby Club are considered to be sitting tenants. The Rugby Club will not sign a new lease as this will weaken their position.
- c) John Deer and Honda have mowers available if the council take on the Groe.

- d) Cllr D. Ronicle asked if the lease will stay with Powys County Council.
- e) Early clarification is required regarding the Groe toilets availability for 2018 RWAS.
- f) It's time to bring back the lights on the bridge as this shows off the town in a good light and there may be a £500.00 grant towards renewing them. However, both Powys County Council and the Welsh Government don't think they own them and therefore nothing can happen until this has been established. A meeting with Chris Davies and Kirsty is to be arranged.
- g) The cost for solar lights on the Groe is in the region of £2,500.
- h) The Groe has been highlighted as a potential danger area and floatation aids may be possible. County Cllr J. Pugh will press for a grant towards the cost of putting up the lights on the Groe.
The electricity for the lights can come from the toilets and Builth Wells Town Council will be responsible for paying the electricity.
- i) The Rugby Club community project are hoping for a £20,000 grant.
- j) Discussion on trenching – Cllr G. Davies has a trencher.
- k) Fencing at the bottom end of the Groe and safety on Saturday nights and show week was discussed. Cllr J. Pugh is talking to Powys County Council about this and will report back at the next meeting.
- l) Cllr A. Powell advised that the Rugby club want to make improvements to the tea hut and asked if the school were able to refuse permission. Cllr J. Pugh said that he will find out and that he supports Cllr A. Powell.
- m) The street light at Pendre has been fixed.
- n) Access:-
The railings by the swimming pool have been widened.
A ramp has been installed at Brynhyfryd and the work was completed within 14 days.
Paperwork has been submitted for a disabled parking bay by the swimming pool.
A Speed Survey has been requested at Glan Irfon to see if there is a need for road calming.

County Cllr J. Pugh left the meeting at 8.03

BW/157/17 Co-Option of Councillor(s)

There have been no applications. A notice re-advertising the vacancy with a new date has been displayed.

BW/158/17 Planning

- a) Hay Road Garage application for extension of time limit reference P/2017/1209 – letter sent 20th November 2017 asking for the site to be tidied up.
Proposed. Cllr A. Powell, Seconded Cllr G. Davies. Unanimous
- b) Email received after closure of agenda – Planning consent given for reference P/2017/0928, West End Stores, Garth Road – change of use from shop & residential to a day nursery.

BW/159/17 Finance

Proposed Cllr A. Powell, Seconded Cllr P. McNiffe, unanimous in favour to approve the following accounts for payment:

Cheque No	Payee	Purpose	Cheque Total £	VAT to be reclaimed £	Budget Expenditure
Current A/C					
2926	Mike Davies	Hanging Baskets Sept	140.00	-	140.00
2927	One Voice Wales	Councillor Training	120.00	-	120.00
2928	Builth Ladies Choir	Grant	1,000.00	-	1,000.00
2929	Builth Fest	Grant	1,000.00	-	1,000.00
2930	Builth Com Support	Grant	1,000.00	-	1,000.00
2931	Hereford Glass	Front Door Glass	462.77	77.13	385.64
2932	Powys CC	Hire of Hoist/Testing	156.68	26.11	130.57
2933	One Voice Wales	Councillor Training	40.00	-	40.00
2934	Magum PA	Strand Stage Curtains	13,602.00	2,267.00	11,335.00
2935	Wales Audit Office	Audit Fee	321.75	-	321.75
2936	Axess 2	Strand Lift Contract	660.00	110.00	550.00
2937	Adams Environmental	Asbestos Survey	474.00	79.00	395.00
2938	R&T Woodfuel	Grass Cutting 2017	1500.00	250.00	1250.00
2939	EOM Electrical	Strand Inspect//Testing	390.00	65.00	325.00
2940	British Legion	Poppy Wreath	50.00	-	50.00
2941	Helen Bozier	Salary Part October	160.20	-	160.20
2942	Rialtas Bus Solutions	Annual Software Sup	139.20	23.20	116.00
2943	Office Solutions Wales	Office Supplies	78.02	13.00	65.02
		Totals	21,294.62	2,910.44	18,384.18
Strand Hall A/C					
0033	Electro Supplies	Mirror Ball Motor	114.95	19.16	95.79
		Totals	114.95	19.16	95.79

BW/160/17 Grant Applications - None**BW/161/17 Correspondence**

- a) Royal British Legion – Progress report on War Memorial repairs.
- b) The Pensions Regulator – Notice of increased contribution payments.
- c) Western Power – Certificate of unmetered electricity supply for Xmas lights.
- d) MOD notice of Sennybridge training for November 2017.
- e) Powys County Council – Reply reference TIC community asset transfer request.
- f) Citizens Advice Email – Invitation to attend AGM in Newtown on 21st November 2017.

- g) Welsh Ambulance Service Information Event.
- h) Public consultation on the proposal for a Major Trauma Network for South and West Wales and South Powys.

BW/162/17 Strand Hall Progress Report

It was discussed that the Strand Hall Management Group should hold a regular monthly meeting on the 1st Tuesday of the month.

Cllr A. Jones reported that the refurbishment is almost complete and that the electrical certificates need to be issued before Andrew hands the building over to us.

The practical completion certificate is due tomorrow meaning the building is our responsibility as of the 15th November and not the contractors.

There is a £7,000 retention for the snagging list and if there are any defects within the first 6 months the contractors will be called back.

The floor is due to be finished this week and the light and sound systems are in

The hall will need dusting down and the windows cleaned – it was suggested that councillors come in for a couple of evenings to complete the tasks.

Cllr D. Ronicle reported that the Strand Hall booking form was ready and they were waiting until 1st January 2018 for it to go live.

There was a discussion regarding invitations to the opening night on 2nd December 2017 and the requirement for councillors to steward the event. There is a reception for dignitaries on the 2nd December and it was suggested that Builth Town Council provide tea and coffee to show case the building.

Cllr A Jones discussed the management of the Strand Hall and the need for a Care Taker/Cleaner. Cllr A. Jones proposed that a meeting be held by the Strand Hall Management Group to discuss ideas of how the Care Taker/ Cleaner role would work. Cllr A. Powell proposed the first Tuesday of the month.

Discussion about the hire charge for the Builth Fest Christmas Fayre on 25th November 2017. Cllr A. Powell left the room.

Cllr A. Jones suggested that if local charities want to use the Strand Hall, the hire cost should be offset against any grant, meaning we can still support them but without them paying out for the hire .

A nominal fee of £100.00 for Builth Fest Xmas Fayre was discussed as this is good advertising for the hall.

Proposed Cllr B. Watkins, Seconded Cllr A. Jones, unanimous in favour.

BW/163/17 Christmas Lights

Cllr M. Prynne reported that the Christmas Lights committee didn't have a meeting last month but everything has run quite smoothly.

Mr Charlie Bass has continued to repair the lights throughout the year.

The Hoist has been ordered, used and paid for. The testing equipment has been ordered from Brecon Town Council, used and returned, but not paid for as of yet.

Cllr M. Prynne thanked Cllr G. Davies and his team for putting up the Christmas Lights this year and Cllr A. Jones advised that the lights are due to be switched on at 4pm on Sunday. There was a discussion about a later start time for taking down the lights and Cllr G. Davies suggested a 7pm start.

In this past year sponsorship for the Christmas Lights has been in the region of £1,450.00. Cllr M. Prynne would like to see more sponsorship for the next year so that we can have more new lights and use more of the space.

A quote has been received from Billy Cannings for replacing and upgrading the electrical supply boxes in Castle Street, Broad Street and the High Street.

BW/164/17 Groe

a) Grass Cutting Contract Cllr A. Jones left the meeting at 8.55.

Cllr M. Prynne reported that Mr Terry Conti rang to inform us of his discontinuing of the grass cutting with the weather being so wet as the grass was becoming too wet to cut.

Mr Terry Conti has offered to cut the grass for us next year at the same cost as this year which was discussed and agreed.

Proposed Cllr A. Powell, Seconded Cllr D. Ronicle, unanimous in favour.

b) TIC Centre - Cllr M. Prynne reported that a Community Asset Transfer form was submitted to Powys and a reply was received informing us that as it is in use they will not transfer and when they decide, it will be sold on the open market.

c) Groe Toilets - There are issues with the Groe Toilets cleaning which will have to be addressed and needs to be referred to Policy and Resources. **Proposed Cllr D. Ronicle, Seconded Cllr A. Jones, unanimous in favour.**

BW/165/17 Reports

a) Cllr A. Powell reported that majority of the Primary School update was confidential concerning staffing and budget. The school numbers have dropped and are predicted to drop further. Cllr A. Powell will draw up a report for the next meeting.

Cllr A. Powell has been approached about holding their Christmas Concert at the Strand Hall – Dress rehearsal Tuesday 19th December and Matinee and Evening Performances Wednesday 20th December. The public will pay to enter and money from the ticket sales will be used to help pay for school trips for children that can't afford them.

Cllr A. Powell is donating the fee for the hire of the Strand Hall.

b) The Mid Wales Fire and Rescue Roadshow was cancelled and we were not aware. An email has been sent requesting more notice in future and this has been acknowledged.

BW/166/17 Chairman's Reports

a) Access. – County Cllr J. Pugh is addressing the disability problems being encountered on the Groe.



The Secretary Sue has written to Steve Hughson at the Royal Welsh to enquire whether there will be more mobility scooters available for next year's show.

We are encouraged to take photo's of the illegal parking outside the Spar and Boots.

There has been no response from either school to the enquiry made by Sue to undertake a Disability Access Survey.

The group is looking into training for mobility scooter users.

Mr Jim Evans will contact Mr Dean Williams of the Trunk Road Agency highlighting the faults on the top end of the High Street.

Mr Steve Smith will be contacted again on the gradient of the Disability access outside Magpies.

The sign on Garth Road needs to have reflective backing.

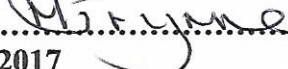
b) Remembrance Service – Cllr M. Prynne thanked all councillors that attended on Saturday and Sunday, a good turnout. Next year is the 100th anniversary.

c) Safety Event Group – Cllr M. Prynne and County Cllr J Pugh attended a meeting on 13th November 2017. James's mum and family were also present. Discussion topic's included workshops, traffic, licencing, infrastructure and health. The committee carried forward that the Safety Group meeting should be an annual event and not just a one off.

BW/167/17 Mayor's Diary - See document 1

BW/168/17 Date of next meeting 12th December 2017.

Meeting Closed 21.55

Signed..........
12 December 2017

