

# BUILTH WELLS TOWN COUNCIL CYNGOR TREF LLANFAIR-YM-MUALLT

**Mayor:** Councillor Gwyn Davies

**Town Clerk:** Louise Hammond

**Council Office**

Strand Hall

Strand Street

Builth Wells

Powys

LD2 3AA

**Phone:** 01982 551568

**email:** [builthwellstowncouncil@btconnect.com](mailto:builthwellstowncouncil@btconnect.com)

**Website:** [www.builthwellstowncouncil.org.uk](http://www.builthwellstowncouncil.org.uk)



---

## Minutes of the Meeting of Builth Wells Town Council held on **Tuesday 9th March 2021** commencing **at 7.00 pm** in The Strand Hall, Builth Wells.

(Conducted via Zoom)

**Present:** Cllr's G.Davies, M.Pryne, A.Waller, B.Reardon, M.Hammond, G.Thomas & G.Goodwin (Attended late & apologies given)

**Technical difficulties:** Cllr Mavin

**Apologies for Absence:** Cllrs A.Morgan

**Other Attendance:** Louise Hammond (Town Clerk) C.Cllr Pugh Karen Compton (Press) Matt Jones (Press) L.Pugh

Reference	Subject	Actions & Action Owners (if appropriate)
BW/028/21	<p><b>Co-option:</b></p> <p>Chair welcomed Ms Pugh to Council: declaration was read out and signed, witnessed by Council and Clerk.</p>	
BW/029/21	<p><b>Declaration of Interest:</b></p>	None
BW/030/21	<p><b>Minutes:</b></p> <p>To authorise Chair to sign the minutes of the Town Council meeting held on the 9th February 2021 as a correct record.</p> <p><b>Proposed Cllr Prynne/Seconded Cllr Reardon – All in favour</b></p>	
BW/031/21	<p><b>C.Cllr Pugh:</b></p> <p>Reported that had a recent visit to playgrounds and The Groe with PCC Safety Officer and Town Council Clerk: all essential works should be completed by end of March.</p> <p>“Lengthsman” project is something that has been adopted by other councils, and might be worth Town Council looking into in the future.</p>	
BW/032/21	<p><b>Clerks Report:</b></p> <p>No concerns or comments. Council agreed for two leave days to be carried over by Clerk.</p>	
BW/033/21	<p><b>Events:</b></p> <p>Council resolved that with all the uncertainty with the current Pandemic, it was unable to make plans for any events, but would bring back as an agenda item each month in the hope that some of the events would be able to take place later in the year.</p>	
BW/034/21	<p><b>Finance:</b> Clerk</p>	

	<p>Agenda item</p> <p>(a) N/A</p> <p>(b) N/A</p> <p>(c) Defibrillators: Council resolved to purchase this for Strand Hall  <b>Proposed Cllr Thomas / Cllr Seconded Waller – All in favour</b></p> <p>(d) Ongoing</p> <p>(e) To be brought back later in the year.</p> <p>(f) Chamber table: Council resolved to purchase a new table for £960.00 Plus VAT  <b>Proposed Cllr Goodwin / Seconded Cllr Thomas – All in favour</b></p> <p>(g) Council resolved that clerk could purchase Bee bombs and Plants for the bee garden  <b>Proposed Cllr Prynne / Seconded Cllr Reardon – All in favour</b></p> <p>(h) Council resolved that wedding package should be offered at new price of £400 plus £100 deposit  <b>Proposed Cllr Hammond / Seconded Cllr Waller – All in favour</b></p> <p>Financial Summary explained by Clerk. Account Balances at present: -</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Main Acc: £122,765.43</li> <li>● Strand Acc: £40,947.23</li> </ul> <p>Clerk explained that trial balance had been completed and reconciliation back to zero. Council in a good state financially at the moment and this gives us the opportunity to move projects forward in the future.</p> <p>There were no comments or concerns raised about financial summary.</p> <p><b>Proposed Cllr Reardon/Seconded Cllr Prynne – All in favour</b></p>	<p>(c) Clerk to purchase the de-fib unit.</p> <p>(f) Cllr Waller will organise the purchase of new Chambers table.</p> <p>(h) Clerk to update terms and conditions regarding bookings for Strand Hall.</p>
<p><b>BW/035/21</b></p>	<p><b>Correspondence:</b></p> <p>No issues or concerns.</p>	<p>Clerk to send thankyou letter to Mr and Mrs Williams for their kind donation.</p>
<p><b>BW/036/21</b></p>	<p><b>Planning:</b></p> <p>No objections or Comments made.</p>	<p>Clerk to advise Powys.</p>

<p><b>BW/037/21</b></p>	<p><b>The Strand:</b> Cllr Davies:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a) Council resolved that they would go with “The Flooring Man “for new floor in the Strand. Cllr Davies explained that he had tried to get more than 1 quote with no luck. He had received a number of other verbal quotes, but no formal paper quotes had been forthcoming from these.</li> <li>b) Two Quotes received for new bar area: Council resolved to go with Williams Builders.</li> </ul> <p>Monies will come out of the Strand account for this project.</p> <p><b>Proposed Cllr Hammond / Seconded Cllr Pugh – All in favour</b></p>	<p>Clerk to advise</p>
<p><b>BW/038/21</b></p>	<p><b>Grant: Clerk</b></p> <p>Application from The Builth Heritage Society: Discussion took place around this and what it means for the Town. Council happy to support this and resolved that although they only had £1056.00 left for grants this financial year, they would give this amount.</p> <p><b>Proposed Cllr Hammond / Seconded Cllr Prynne – All in favour</b></p>	<p>Clerk to advise.</p>
<p><b>BW/039/21</b></p>	<p><b>Councillor report:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a) Brecon &amp; Radnor Area Committee meeting 23/2/21: Cllr Hammond reported that there not been a meeting facilitated by OVW for over 12 months. There also appeared to have been a blockage from OVW in relation to the Committee’s Chair contacting other members of the Committee. Cllr Reardon reported that the meeting was very fragmented and patchy. Cllr Hammond spoke about the Lengthsman scheme and feels that this is something that Council will benefit from in the future. Cllr Hammond also reported on the effects of the Local Government &amp; Elections (Wales) Act 2021, which requires that we produce an annual council report each April, starting in 2022.</li> <li>b) No updates for Strand website.</li> <li>c) Speeding issue A483 Garth Road: Cllr Hammond reported that the Wales Road Casualty Reduction Partnership had carried out a manual speed survey on 5/3/21. Whereas they do not think we meet their criteria for enforcement, they believe that the Welsh Government may be looking at engineering work within the 40mph limit. They will make enquiries on our behalf.</li> <li>d) Welcome to Builth Signs: Cllr Hammond reported that although a competition could not go ahead with schools designing these, the Powys Highways Operations Team have stated that</li> </ul>	

	<p>there may be some discretion regarding the sign design and have forwarded a couple of examples. He will send these out for Council to look at.</p> <p>e) Cllr Hammond reported that he had attended the Builth Primary School Governors meeting and stated they have been doing a lot of hard work to get the School prepared for the graduated lifting of Covid restrictions. He also reported that there was profound disappointment at the lack of information and delivery from the Local Authority in respect of a promised report on the Schools Transformation Project.</p> <p>f) Cllr Waller reported that at the Cycle track meeting (Builth Bash) last Tuesday, which he could not attend, they have applied for a funding grant of £120,000 and will keep council updated with the progress.</p> <p>g) Cllr Waller had been asked by the Rotary club, who are doing “Go Fund Me” for Computer equipment for the both the Primary and High school and asked if Council could support this. After a lot of discussion Council resolved that they would award both schools a donation: £500 for Primary school and £1000 for High school to help with the I.T. equipment. This would come out of the community project fund.</p> <p><b>Proposed Cllr Reardon / Seconded Cllr Prynne – All in favour.</b></p>	
<p><b>BW/040/21</b></p>	<p><b>Mayor’s report</b></p> <p>a) Cllr Davies reported that he and Cllr Waller had been working on the lights around the Bull, as they have been out of order for some sometime. They are keen to get these up and running again, but need a new electric board, which would cost in the region of £500-£1000 Council resolved that they would award and Cllr Davies/Waller up to £1000 to carry out these repairs.</p> <p><b>Proposed Cllr Reardon/seconded Cllr Prynne – All in favour</b></p> <p>b) Cllr Davies reported that a lot of rubbish bags had been piled up in the storeroom at the back of Groe toilets.</p> <p>c) Cllr Davies advised that Council that two donations had been received: one was a contribution towards watering of hanging baskets and one towards dog waste bags. This is something that he would like to make subject of an appropriate official thanks in the near future.</p> <p>d) Cllr Davies reported that he had spoken to football club staff and they are happy to refill the dog waste dispenser, if Council supply one for the playing fields.</p>	<p>(b) Clerk to contact Healthmatic and asked for these bags to be removed and disposed of.</p> <p>(d) Clerk to purchase another dog dispenser unit.</p>
<p><b>BW/041/21</b></p>	<p><b>Staff Appraisal:</b></p>	

	Clerk left the zoom meeting whilst the staffing committee reported to full Council, as did Cllr Hammond.	
--	--	--

**The meeting concluded at 8.20 pm**

**Signed on behalf of the Town Council:**  
.....  
.....

**Name:** ..... **Date:**  
.....