

CYNGOR TREF LLANFAIR-YM-MUALLT BUILTH WELLS TOWN COUNCIL

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Minutes of the meeting of Builth Wells Town Council held on **Tuesday 8th June 2021** commencing **at 7.00 pm** in The Strand Hall, Builth Wells.

Present: Cllr's G.Davies, M.Prynne, A.Waller, B.Reardon, M.Hammond, L.Pugh, C.Mavin, A.Morgan, K. Lowe & B.Williams

Technical difficulties: None.

Apologies for Absence: Cllr Goodwin.

Other Attendance: Louise Hammond (Town Clerk), C.Cllr Pugh, Karen Compton (Press)

Reference	Subject	Actions & Action Owners (if appropriate)
BW/084/21	Declaraton of Interest:	None
BW/085/21	<p>Minutes:</p> <p>To authorised the Chair to sign the minutes of the AM meeting held on the 18th May 2021 as being a correct record.</p> <p>Proposed Cllr Prynne/Seconded Cllr Morgan – All in favour</p>	
BW/086/21	<p>C.Cllr Pugh:</p> <p>Reported that Damian is now working within the parameters and cover of the “Keep Wales Tidy” project, and they are really impressed with the amount of work he has been doing.</p> <p>He wanted to share with Council the number of complaints he had been receiving regarding the rubbish and mess in the Town, and is arranging a relevant meeting.</p> <p>Reported that the unauthorised parking on The Groe had been reported, and he was meeting with Tony Caine (Powys County Council) to see what could be done.</p> <p>C.Cllr Pugh also advised that having been informed of the concern regarding the planning application 21/0854/FUL by Cllr Hammond, he was seeking clarification from Powys Planning. (Also see BW/090/21 below)</p>	
BW/087/21	<p>Christmas Lights Working Group Meeting Report:</p> <p>Report sent out to Councilors: Group requested £498.00 for repair and some alterations to existing lights.</p> <p>Proposed Cllr Lowe/Seconded Cllr Prynne – All in favour</p>	
BW/088/21	Clerks Report Matters Arising:	

- a) Powys advised of new Co-option.
 - b) Honorariums Given to Charlie and Rob.
 - c) Cheque given to Bike Bash.
 - d) Review of Asset Register.
- Proposed Cllr Prynne/Seconded Cllr Williams – All in favour**
- e) Further works have been carried out on the Strand.
 - f) Thank you, letter, sent to “Bell Ringers” for taking care of War Memorial Garden.
 - g) Cllr Hammond has meeting regarding Speed Golf Links Road 10th June.
 - h) PRF Meeting minutes sent out with Agenda.
- No issues or comments raised about the PRF meeting.**

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Finance:

- a) Monies collected from Honesty box £340.
- b) Monies collected from Groe toilets £140.
- c) Grant application to be submitted to update Croeso Site (needs further discussion).
- d) DYFED alarms contract renewal.
- e) Bacs systems: No numbering now required. One authorisation and two signatories on invoice.
- f) PRF any comments actions required (as point (h) above).
- g) Cheque Summary:

May/June 2021

10/05/21	Cleaning Strand	300058	44.00	150
10/05/21	Links electrical	300059	14.34	Sec 145
10/05/21	Healthmatic	300060	1343.12	Act 1936 s.87
10/05/21	Nibletts- paint strand	300061	107.50	150
10/05/21	TLC Xmas lights	300062	291.60	Sec 145
11/05/21	Overtime	300063		150
12/05/21	C. Bass	300064	150.00	Sec 145

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11/05/21	R. Evans	300065	150.00	Sec 145

12/05/21	Bike Bash	300066	3000.00	Sec 19 1976 Act
14/05/21	Stamps & posting	300067	12.60	150
14/05/21	Paper & Ink	300068	23.48	150
14/05/21	Strand A/c – Painting	300002	1011.00	Levy 2010
21/05/21	Archive photo	300069	9.00	150
21/05/21	Void	300070	Void	£100 Donation no longer needed
26/05/21	HMRC N.I.	300071	75.00	
26/05/21	Training Cllr	300072	30.00	150
28/05/21	Xmas Lights	300073	25.91	Sec 145
01/06/21	Salary	Bacs		150
01/06/21	Electrics	Strand A/c 300003	492.00	150
02/06/21	A. Parry Strand painting	Bacs	1987.45	Levy 2010
02/06/21	HMRC N.I.	300074	178.97	150
02/06/21	Nibletts Paint	Bacs	19.99	Levy 2010
02/06/21	Strand Cleaning	Bacs	91.80	150

Cheque Summary to be signed by Chair and kept along with Minutes.

Cllr Prynne mentioned an error on the finance summary which was corrected. No issues or other comments made.

Proposed Cllr Reardon/Seconded Cllr Morgan – All in favour

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Planning:

No objections or comments made with regard to planning References: -

- a) Ref 21/0666/HH
- b) Ref 21/0688/HH
- c) Ref 21/1001/TPO

Council is concerned with regard to Planning reference 21/0854/FUL.

	<p>This is the proposed conversion of the old Bank building in West Street: Planning has been sought to convert the left side third of the building into a 4-bedroom dwelling, but the plans show the other two thirds of the building as being blank. The person seeking the conversion lives in Barnett in London, with the Surveyor who undertook the survey coming from Surrey, so there is no local connection.</p> <p>In addition, the planning application stated that no external or structural alterations will take place. However, Cllr Hammond informed Council that he had spoken to a member of the community who had spoken to the Surveyor whilst he was in Builth. The Surveyor was reported as saying that the applicant wanted to turn the building into flats and would need an initial outlay of around £70000 to do so.</p> <p>Council is not opposed at this time to an increase in the availability of living accommodation within the Town, which has been subject to proper scrutiny and regular oversight by the Powys Planning Team (and where necessary proper Community engagement) but owing to what appears a contradiction between the application and what the Surveyor was reported to have said, together with the fact that it is not clear if the whole of the building has been obtained by the person applying for the conversion, there are a number of inconsistencies which the Council would like answered by Powys Planning.</p> <p>Council made comments with regard to planning reference 21/0699/HH. This request is to have a drop kerb which basically leads straight onto the carriageway, making this a potentially dangerous position as it is on a bend and gives a very limited viewpoint.</p>	<p>The Town Clerk to contact Powys County Council, seeking clarification on the issues of concern.</p> <p>Town Clerk to contact Powys County Council to give them Town Councils observations.</p>
<p>BW/091/21</p>	<p>Play Parks: Cllr Prynne</p> <p>Cllr Prynne asked Council for their support in contacting Powys County Council with regard to the lack of funding that Builth has seen over recent years. Cllr Prynne thought it would be useful to know what had been spent on other areas over the last 10-20 years for comparison. The play areas in and around Builth are in desperate need of upgrading and renewing, especially the one at Oaklands.</p>	<p>Council offered full support and Cllr Morgan will submit a FOI request.</p>
<p>BW/092/21</p>	<p>Strand Car Park: Cllr Davies.</p> <p>Cllr Davies requested Council support with the ongoing problems that The Strand Hall is having with local businesses parking in the Strand Car Park, not only inconsiderately but continuously and without regard for users of The Strand.</p>	<p>Council offered full support and Clerk to arrange a meeting with solicitor.</p>

	<p>ClIr Davies would like to contact Town Council solicitors to see what can be done with this regard.</p>	
BW/093/21	<p>Correspondence:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) Letters to local businesses regarding parking at Strand. b) Healthmatic email regarding guttering and deep clean of The Groe Toilets: Clerk reported that contact had been made with Healthmatic and was awaiting a response. c) War Memorial works email. d) Rubbish on Groe and in Town: Council discussed the rubbish and the mess round the Town and also the perceived lack of policing in respect of Anti-Social Behaviour in general. They wished a letter to be sent to Crime Commissioner and Police Constable. 	<p>d) Clerk to send letters.</p>
BW/094/21	<p>Benches: ClIr Davies.</p> <p>ClIr Davies reported that work would be starting on the benches this coming Thursday. It was reconfirmed that Council would be updating and repairing their own benches.</p>	
BW/095/21	<p>Councillor reports and Updates:</p> <p>ClIr Williams reported that he had met with the new Chair of Wyese (Frank) and stated that they would be reopening in August (Soft opening) and only on Fridays/Saturdays to begin with.</p> <p>ClIr Hammond reported that he is meeting with the Chair of Community Support this Friday, and also had a meeting planned with C. ClIr David Price and Cilmerly Community Council with regards to the speeding issues around Golf Links Road.</p>	
BW/096/21	<p>Mayors Report:</p> <p>ClIr Davies reported that he had two quotes coming in for the felling of the trees down on the Groe, which now needs doing as a matter of importance.</p> <p>He also reported that he thought it might be a good idea to put a Facebook survey/opinion poll out with regards to the High Street and mess that appears to be ongoing (Agenda item BW/093/21 also refers).</p>	

	<p>It is a real shame that as we welcome people back into our Town, that after a Saturday night the Town looks awful. This is not the impression that we want to give.</p> <p>Cllr Davies and Cllr Prynne have tried to make contact with Chamber of Trade, but have to date recieved no response.</p> <p>Council agreed with this proposal.</p>	
BW/097/21	<p>Confidential:</p> <p>Two matters were discussed in Council which Council felt needed to be in confidence.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Regarding a recent Criminal damage to hanging baskets 2. Regarding a parcel of land which needs further investigation 	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Clerk to contact Police. 2. Clerk to contact Solicitor

The meeting concluded at 8.00 pm

Signed on behalf of the Town Council:
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