



**Minutes of the meeting of Builth Wells Town Council held on
Tuesday 10th May 2023 at 7.00 pm
in The Strand Hall, Builth Wells.**

Present: Cllr's A.Waller, G.Davies, A.Lewis, M.Hammond, K.Lowe, L.Hopkins, G.Goodwin.

Town Council Officer/s present: Louise Hammond (Clerk).

Others present: C.Cllr Pugh, Karen Compton (Press).

Apologies for Absence: Cllr L.Pugh.

Non Attendance: None.

BW/032/23: DECLARATION OF INTEREST:

None.

BW/033/23: MINUTES:

To authorise the Chair to sign the minutes from the meeting held on **11th April 2023** as being a correct record. **Resolved** minutes were correct.

BW/034/23: C.CLLR PUGH:

- a) C. Cllr Pugh is keen to work together with Council with the ongoing situation with regard to Pylons and turbines within our area.
- b) C. Cllr reported that Licensing unit have authorised permits until 0300 hours over the RWS week.

BW/035/23: ELECTION OF MAYOR/CHAIRMAN & DEPUTY MAYOR CHAIRMAN 2023/24:

- a) Preselection vote for Mayor – **Majority** Cllr Mark Hammond.
- b) Preselection vote for Deputy Mayor – **Majority** Cllr Gwyn Davies.

Both will be officially proposed in the Annual Meeting on 16th May 2023.

BW/036/23: FINANCE:

- a) AGAR sign off / close – Detailed review of finances and year end- **Resolved** – Council authorised chair to sign AGAR.
- b) Internal Audit report – **Resolved** Council satisfied with report.
- c) AGAR – seen by all members – No comments or issues raised.
- d) Notice of Electors Rights – Welsh government not published as yet.

- e) Pay Arears – **Resolved** – awarded.
- f) Request for financial assistance – **Clerk to make contact.**
- g) First Precept – **NFA.**
- h) Zurich Insurance – Council aware tied in for 3 years.
- i) Flooring quote – Council will make decision on floor in August – Cllr Hopkins will source another quote.
- j) Payment Summary – **Resolved** correct.
- k) Account reconciled – **Resolved** no issues.

BW/037/23: CLERKS REPORT:

- a) Pylons – to be discussed on agenda item 12.
- b) Bracket testing carried out on 18/4 23 – letters sent to those whose brackets failed.

BW/038/23: STRAND EVENTS:

Cllr Hopkins advised that he is formulating a plan and will bring back to Council in a couple of months.

BW/038/23: METAL CAGES AROUND TREES:

Cllr Davies reported this is no longer a concern as the damage he thought had occurred on the cages could be remedied quite easily. **Cllr Davies will repair.**

BW/039/23: HANGING BASKETS OUTSIDE SPACES:

Cllr Waller reported that the baskets would go up in the next couple of weeks.

Cllr Davies advised that the wood that was left on Council ground after the tree felling would need removing as it is a trip hazard. It is hoped he will be able to do this on the coming weekend.

BW/040/23: EVENTS:

Cllr Waller advised that the Mayor's event was a great success and raised over £3500 for Dementia Matters Powys.

Cllr Hopkins advised that the Coronation picnic at the Strand was a success and lots of children enjoyed the activities provided by Council.

BW/041/23: CHRISTMAS LIGHTS:

Nothing to report.

BW/042/23: PYLONS & TURBINES:

Cllr Hammond reported that at the meeting, to which affected community/town councils had been invited to, there was a noticeable divide between the various councils: some of the attendees were just focused on the turbines; some just focussed on the pylons; some focussed on both the turbines and pylons, and some at the potential compensation being offered.

Cllr Hammond believed that everyone should be joined up and united in what can be achieved, as if we are all united it will have a better impact. He advised that the next consultation starts in the New year and in the meantime the council should be asking the community how they want their council to act on their behalf.

Cllr Davies also gave his views on the meeting, particularly in the way that Bute had organised the structure of the meeting to play on the divides as mentioned by Cllr Hammond.

Council agreed and it was resolved that Clerk put something out on Facebook with this regard and then investigate doing a survey for the community to vote and what they would like.

BW/043/23: SCHOOL GOVERNORS MEETING: CLLR LOWE:

Cllr Lowe reported that the last School Governors meeting had a very low turnout, due to staff shortages / attendance at another event. He advised that the coins which Council purchased for the children in celebration of the Coronation were not really a priority for the school, although there was a mention that there might be an event in June where the coins could possibly be presented. School had also asked for a donation from council to help with their event in June.

Resolved that Clerk would contact school and ascertain how they wanted to proceed.

THE MEETING CONCLUDED AT 8.10pm

Signed on behalf of the Town

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