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

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

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

**Others present:** Karen Compton (Press).

**Apologies for Absence:** C.Cllr J.Pugh and Cllr L.Pugh.

**Non Attendance:** None.

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**BW/089/23: DECLARATION OF INTEREST:**

Cllr Waller – item 6 (k).

**BW/090/23: MINUTES:**

To authorise the Chair to sign the minutes from the meeting held on **8<sup>th</sup> August 2023** as being a correct record. **Resolved** - minutes were correct.

**BW/091/23: MINUTES:** To authorise the Chair to sign the minutes of the Policy, Resource & Finance Committee meeting held on 19<sup>th</sup> September 2023 as being a correct record. **Resolved** - minutes were correct.

**BW/092/23: C.COUNCILLOR PUGH:**

Apologies given.

**BW/093/23: MAYORS REPORT:**

- a) Croeso site: Still ongoing. Cllr Hammond has asked Powys for the latest survey and maintenance report. They do not appear to have one.
- b) Friendship Agreement: Cllr Hammond has had a meeting with the Mayor from Blaubeuren (Germany) and this went well. They are keen to move forward with the friendship agreement. Cllr Hammond will prepare the principles and lay out for the agreement.

**BW/094/23: FINANCE:**

- a) Full summary given to members, reports sent out prior to the meeting. No comments or observations made. **Resolved** - accepted.
- b) Spot check completed by Cllr Lewis: No issues - **Resolved**.
- c) N/A
- d) N/A
- e) Funding request: Clerk to ask them to submit grant application.
- f) N/A
- g) Toilet roll holders and soap dispensers purchased - **resolved** - accepted.
- h) Payment Summary - **resolved** - accepted.
- i) Accounts reconciled: accepted.
- j) Strand Hall Tech rates: £75.00 for first 4 hours £10.00 per hour thereafter - **vote - majority in favour**.
- k) Shed quote: Council will arrange for the shed to be taken down – Cllr Davies will action this. Council will then decide what to do with area.

#### **BW/095/23: CLERKS REPORT:**

- a) Remembrance day: Clerk has liaised with British Legion about the service, and what is required by Council.
- b) N/A
- c) Ongoing issues with BT and the fact they have cancelled the lift line into the Strand.
- d) Regeneration plan for Royal Welsh Showground being conducted by Owen Davies. Any comments Council wish to make would be welcome.
- e) Strand equipment: New leads purchased.
- f) Already resolved item BW/094/23 item (j).
- g) Urgent testing required for Strand and Groe. Council aware. Cllr Waller/Davies have advised the electrician.
- h) Still awaiting the certificate for Strand Hall licence.
- i) Strand Hall painting ongoing. Some minor issues being resolved.

#### **BW/096/23: GROE:**

- a) Long and in-depth discussion with regards to the ongoing issues with the Groe toilets, not just the youth problems but also the amount the facility is costing the Council. It was resolved that the toilets would be closed from 3pm every day for a month to see if this stops some of the issues. Vote: **Majority in favour**.
- b) Automatic doors: there is a slight problem with the new doors being installed...this is due to the fact that the facility has no ventilation or windows with the new doors, which would make it too airtight. Cllr Davies to source ventilation units. Bring back to Council December.
- c) As above BW/095/23 item (g) urgent testing required.

#### **BW/097/23: EVENTS:**

- a) Fun day: Was a great success again.
- b) Remembrance day: Clerk liaising with Adam Johnson (RBL)
- c) Grotto:
  1. Clerk has spoken to Police, Fire, Schools.
  2. Bouncy castles arranged
  3. Ladies Choir asked to sing.
  4. Risk assessment will be completed by Clerk.
  5. Mince pies – Cllr Hopkins

- 6. Hot chocolate - Clerk
- 7. Mulled wine/Tree Cllr Davies.
- 8. Santa's being organised by Cllr Hopkins/Davies
- 9. Decorations tbc.

**Resolved** Clerk to buy cuddly toys to add to current store of presents.

**BW/098/23: HANGING BASKETS OUTSIDE SPACES: CLLR DAVIES/WALLER:**

- a) Water trolley: Discussed at length – Cllr Waller to make enquires and bring it back to Council December.
- b) Increasing the number of hanging baskets around Town: Bring back February.
- c) Taking down of current hanging baskets: To be done in the next couple of weeks.

**BW/099/23: PARKING: CLLR HAMMOND:**

- a) Cllr Hammond advised of new parking restrictions being proposed by Powys County Council for Builth Wells. Town Council can make comments either individually or together when the consultation period begins.
- b) The County Council parking review of charges is ongoing. Cllr Hammond has requested to take part in this.
- c) Discussion also regarding parking issues in North Road.

**THE MEETING CONCLUDED AT 8.24pm**

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

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