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

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

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

**Others present:** K Compton (Press)

**Apologies for Absence:** Cllr G.Goodwin. C.Cllr Pugh

**Non Attendance:** None.

At the Start of the meeting Council had a minutes silence in memory of the late Reverend Brian Reardon.

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**BW/001/23: DECLARATION OF INTEREST:**

None

**BW/002/23: MINUTES:**

To authorise the Chair to sign the minutes from the meeting held on **13<sup>th</sup> December 2023** as being a correct record. **Resolved** minutes were correct.

**BW/003/23: C.Cllr PUGH:**

**Apologises given.**

Cllr Davies took this opportunity to advise about a recent decision that had been made by Powys County Council regarding the cancellation of bus contracts to some of the schools; unfortunately, no one had been advised of this which left school children stranded and parents unaware.

**BW/004/23: NO CONFIDENCE IN POWYS COUNTY COUNCIL CABINET:**

Cllr Hammond went through the recent decisions made by the cabinet without any consultation or community engagement: He invited Council to undertake a vote of no confidence in the cabinet with regards to their decision making and lack of communication regarding the recent proposal to close a number of the County's community leisure centres / swimming pools, and now the bus services. He also proposed that we make efforts to unite with the other local councils affected by the proposed leisure facilities closures, in order to speak with one voice about these and other issues, as this was an issue that was not going to go away. Votes taken:

(1) **Unanimous** No confidence in Powys County Council Cabinet

(2) **Unanimous** agreement to contact the other councils with a view to holding meetings with the M.S. M.P. and other leaders within this area. Cllr Hammond to take the lead.

**BW/005/23: CLERKS REPORT:**

- a) Health and Safety file needs reviewing – Some minor amendments need to be made. Clerk to bring back in February.
- b) Schedule of meeting for Coming year – Members received this in December.
- c) Letter to Internal Auditor - **Resolved** Clerk to send letter.
- d) Single use plastic ban (sent out 0 9/12/22) – Clerk gave a brief overview of what this means.
- e) Draft Town Investment Plan (sent out 09/12/22) – Ongoing.
- f) Recycling bins Strand – Bins have arrived and are now in situ.
- g) Update the terms and conditions for Strand booking to include dispose of recycling correctly otherwise extra charge will be made - **Resolved** Council agreed to amendments.
- h) Terms and conditions at Strand updated with regards to prepayment for venue - **Resolved** Council agreed to amendments.
- i) BT pole removal from rear Strand Car Park – Awaiting a date.
- j) Storage facility Groe toilets – **Resolved** Council will monitor the bins at the Groe. Not an option to ask the current contractor to taken on this extra work.
- k) Letter from Blaubeuran Town Mayor (Germany) with regards to “friendship agreement” – Cllr Hammond will liaise.
- l) Dog Waste Bags – **Resolved** key has been located and Cllr’s Lowe, Hammond, Lewis, and Hopkins will take on the filling of these bins.

**BW/006/23: WORKING GROUPS UPDATES/REQUESTS:**

- a) Strand Hall & Strand Website Working Group – See **BW/007/23**.
- b) Christmas Lights Working Group – Cllr Waller advised that light will be taken down on the 15th January.
- c) Hanging Baskets Working Group – 3 quotes to be obtained and brought back to Council for February’s meeting.
- d) Outside Spaces Working Group – **N/A**.
- e) Events Working Group – Cllr Davies advised that The Kings Coronation is on the 6th of May and events group will need to book a meeting to discuss this and the Mayors Ball. Cllr Pugh wil make some enquires with regards to the Coronation. Meeting will take place at a later date.

**BW/007/23/ STRAND HALL:**

All members received the minutes of the meeting from the recent Strand Hall group meeting. All actions agreed and **resolved** by Council apart from the Fire proofing of the curtains: Cllr Davies explained that he had done some research and is not sure that this needs to be completed. Further enquires to be made and a final decision to be brought back to Council.

**BW/008/23 FINANCE:**

- a) Lost Honesty Boxes/Groe Toilets sheets for collection amounts. – **Resolved** Council aware that there is a record of these figures from previous minutes and banking statements.
- b) Precept Request to Powys – Accepted. – **NFA**.
- c) £801.87 for Elections service in May 2022 – **NFA**.
- d) Collection Honesty Boxes 9/12/22 - £340.00 – **NFA**.
- e) Collection Groe Toilets 9/12/22 – £600.00 – **NFA**.
- f) Both A/c reconciled back to zero – **NFA**.
- g) Cheque summary signed by Chair – Correct.
- h) Last precept £35,333. Into account. **NFA**.

**BW/009/23: GRANT APPLICATIONS:**

- a) Community Support: **Resolved** – Awarded £1750.
- b) Wyeside: To be brought back in June for new financial year.
- c) Park Run: **Resolved** - Awarded £500.
- d) Builth Wells Community Hub (Sarah Mason): **Resolved** – Awarded £1750.

**THE MEETING CONCLUDED AT 8.38pm**

**Signed on behalf of the Town**

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**Name**.....

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**Date**.....

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