



**Minutes of the meeting of Builth Wells Town Council held on
Tuesday 8th August 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.

BW/077/23: DECLARATION OF INTEREST:

Cllr Waller Item 11(b) - Left room – Did not vote.

Cllr Bujok Item 11(b) - Left room – Did not vote.

BW/078/23: MINUTES:

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

BW/079/23: C.CLLR PUGH:

Apologises given.

BW/080/23: MAYORS REPORT:

Cllr Hammond reminded Council of outstand projects & repairs that are required:

- a) Hospital Road bench to be fitted – Cllrs Davies/Waller
- b) Trees to be removed in Bee & Butterfly Garden (Ash dieback) – Cllr Davies.
- c) Cage repair around tree on Groe – Cllrs Davies/Waller.
- d) Cigarette disposal units at the Strand – Cllr Bujok.
- e) Request from the "Boo theatre" to put on a show in Strand for Children ages 5-11 at Christmas (23rd December) - majority vote of Councillors to allow the use free of charge.
- f) Meeting on the 16th August regarding the Town investment plan – Cllr Hammond will report back to Council with any progress.
- g) Friendship agreement with Blaubeuren in Germany – Cllr Hammond will continue to take the lead on this.

- h) Welcome to Built Signs – new supplier has been identified by Powys County Council. Just awaiting update on production of signs and possible installation date.

BW/081/23: FINANCE:

- a) Clerk gave in depth report on the Council's financial situation; currently no issues & finances are in order.
- b) 96 hours study leave – Council **resolved** to pay clerk.
- c) PHS Quote – **Resolved** in item 13(c).
- d) Spot check – Cllr Lewis.
- e) Payment summary – Correct - no issues.
- f) Account reconciled – No issues.

BW/082/23: CLERKS REPORT:

- a) Risk assessment Grass Cutting – **Resolved** – accepted.
- b) Risk assessment Cleaning – **Resolved** – accepted.
- c) Risk assessment – Trees – Andrew Mills has provided his.
- d) Letter with regards to Vape Sellers – Trading Standards issue.
- e) Letter with regards to Swimming Pool – Ongoing - C. Cllr Pugh/ Cllr Hammond monitoring.
- f) Letter with regards to Pylons – Directed to “Re-think: Don't break the heart of Wales” pressure group.
- g) Letter with regards to Caer Beris – Cilmeri Community Council advised.

BW/083/23: GROE:

- a) Automatic Doors – majority vote - Council **resolved** to go with Door Technik price of £8600 - A request for coin mechanism to be added to – Cap of £14000. Virement authorised by Council to transfer funds from General reserves to Groe for this purpose.
- b) As Above.
- c) Damage to memorial bench which occurred during the RWAS. Cllr Davies will make an enquiry with the Safety Group team, as this area was heavily monitored during the show.
- d) Financial overview of Groe expenditure explained to Council.

BW/084/23: EVENTS:

- a) Fun day: Cllr Davies advised that all planning was going well and no issues at present.
- b) Date set for Christmas Grotto: 8th December 2023.
- c) Hoist booked for 17th September 2023. (Xmas Lights)
- d) Request to buy some items required for Xmas Lights – Unanimous.
Already discussed in **BW/065/23**.

BW/085/23: HANGING BASKETS OUTSIDE SPACES: CLLR DAVIES/WALLER

Nothing to report.

BW/086/23: OVW

Cllr Hammond advised that 3 objectives are require that Council would like OVW put forward. There are current issues with Welsh Government and Powys County Council attitude to

Community & Town Council representation on strategic matters & communication. Cllr Hammond asked council's permission to write to them with concerns. Permission granted by Council.

BW/087/23: STRAND HALL:

- a) Quotes for flooring – majority vote - **Resolved** - Youngs.
- b) Quotes for repairs – majority vote - **Resolved** - J.B. Waller.
- c) Strand Website – Still being updated and worth the retainer (Cllr Hopkins).
- d) Strand Cleaning- majority vote - **Resolved** - D. Martin will clean.
- e) Damage to work top – **Resolved** – Clerk to continue liaising with Powys County Council.

BW/088/23 CONFIDENTIAL MATTERS:

- a) Staff contract – majority vote – **Resolved.**
- b) Staffing – majority vote – **Resolved.**
- c) Tender for Groe Toilets – majority vote – **Resolved** – awarded to Core Hygiene.
- d) Strand Contract – **Resolved.**

THE MEETING CONCLUDED AT 9.00pm

Signed on behalf of the Town

Council.....

Name.....

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Date.....

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