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**Minutes of the meeting of Builth Wells Town Council held on  
Tuesday 11th July 2023 at 7.00 pm  
in The Strand Hall, Builth Wells.**

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

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

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

**Apologies for Absence:** None.

**Non Attendance:** None.

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**BW/063/23: DECLARATION OF INTEREST:**

Cllr Davies Item 10(a) - Did not vote.

Cllr Hammond item 15(d) Left Room – Did not engage in discussion or decisions.

Cllr Pugh item 15(d) Left Room – Did not engage in discussion or decisions.

Cllr Bujok item 15(d) Left Room – Did not engage in discussion or decisions.

**BW/064/23: MINUTES:**

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

**Resolved** minutes were correct.

**Point of Order:** Cllr Hammond raised the issue of when it was appropriate and not appropriate for members and speakers to request that press did not report some comments during Council meetings.

**BW/065/23: C.CLLR PUGH:**

- a) A parking review of the town is taking place, and there will be public consultation involved.
- b) Rubbish on the Groe is still a problem; a potential option being discussed is that a bin from further up the Groe, which is not used as much, will be moved down to Groe Car Park.
- c) Cllr Hammond made mention of the fact that the parking rises around the town was not challenged or any comments made by any of the independent Councillors within Powys. C. Cllr Pugh advised that there is a motion being put in after the 6-month rule which will be challenging this issue.

**BW/066/23: MAYORS REPORT:**

- a) Cllr Hammond and Clerk had recently been to OVW conference at RWS which was about Biodiversity and climate change and what Councils can do to help slow down this effect.
- b) Twinning with Germany, which is a great opportunity for Council, was discussed in relation to taking it further.
- c) "Around and About Builth" magazine: Cllr Hammond required authorisation from Council for a 2-page spread in the Autumn edition to explain what Council does, in order to reach those people who are not on any social media platform. **Resolved** agreed.

#### **BW/067/23: BEE GARDEN:**

Cllr Hammond advised Council that the garden is looking very overgrown and as a Council we are failing in our Section 6 biodiversity commitment. Cllr Hammond will put some of his mayor's allowance to hire a gardener to get this space back to a reasonable level.

#### **BW/068/23: FINANCE:**

- a) Around and About Builth article – **Resolved** agreed - approx £180.00.
- b) Year end sent off – **NFA**.
- c) PAVO (payroll services) **Resolved** - agreed.
- d) Payment Summary – **Resolved** – accepted.
- e) Accounts reconciled- **Resolved** – accepted.

#### **BW/069/23: CLERKS REPORT:**

- a) Request for Baskets to go further around the town – **to be brought back to Council in October**.
- b) School Cluster Trials – **at this stage no one is available to commit**.
- c) Premises Licence – **NFA**.
- d) Wyese representative – **remains vacant**.
- e) Letter from Community Support – They do not require a Council representative but are happy for a councillor to attend informal meetings throughout the year. **Cllr Pugh will undertake this**.
- f) Artist offers of picture – Council in full support of this. **Clerk to make contact**.
- g) Martyn's Law – **Clerk explained what this will mean for Strand Hall and training requirements**.
- h) Town and Community Representative. – **NFA**.

#### **BW/070/23: GROE AUTOMATIC DOORS:**

One quote received from Healthmatic – **Cllr Waller will make further enquiries and bring back to council next month**.

#### **BW/071/23 PARKING CHARGES:**

Already discussed in **BW/065/23**.

#### **BW/072/23: EVENTS: CLLR DAVIES:**

- a) Tenders for food – **Resolved** Ice cream to Gino's – Food to Morgans.
- b) Tenders for Bouncy Castles – **Resolved** – Mid Wales.
- c) Putting Green – Cllr's Davies/Pugh to make further enquiries.

- d) Spending requirements – Approx £1600 for the Bouncy castles, Fuel costs, food for volunteers. **Resolved** - agreed.

**BW/073/23: HANGING BASKETS: CLLR WALLER**

Cllr Waller advised that the current trolley for the watering of the baskets is very heavy and will need replacing for next year. **Resolved** to bring back to Council in October.

**BW/074/23: PLANNING:**

One observation from Cllr Goodwin with regards to the Holly tree; possibility that this might be protected. **Clerk to make enquiries.**

**BW/075/23: STRAND HALL CLLR HOPKINS:**

- a) Cupboard cleared – **NFA.**
- b) Cigarette disposal units – **Resolved** - accepted.
- c) Repairs and maintenance – **Cllr Hopkins to make enquires and get some quotes.**
- d) **Shed repairs – As above.**
- e) Meeting with staff from the Pavilion – **Cllr Hopkins explained that they might want to use Strand Hall on a regular basis – They are in the process of getting some information together and this will be presented to council at a later stage.**
- f) Storage/Grotto – **Cllr Davies advised this will now be stored at his farm.**
- g) Room divider – **Resolved** - agreed.

**BW/076/23 CONFIDENTIAL MATTERS:**

- a) Fun Day – **Resolved.**
- b) Groe Toilets – **Resolved.**
- c) Strand Contract – **Resolved.**
- d) Staff Issue – **Resolved.**

**THE MEETING CONCLUDED AT 9.12pm**

Signed on behalf of the Town

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