



**Minutes of the meeting of Builth Wells Town Council held on
Tuesday 11th January 2022
commencing at 7.00 pm in The Strand Hall, Builth Wells.**

Present: Cllr's G.Davies, M.Hammond, B.Reardon, C.Mavin, L.Pugh, M.Prynne, B.Williams, G.Goodwin, K.Lowe.

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

Others present: K.Compton (Press)

Apologies for Absence: Cllrs A.Morgan, A.Waller.

Non Attendance: Cllr A.Lewis.

BW/001/22 DECLARATION OF INTEREST: None.

BW/002/22 MINUTES:

To authorise the Chair to sign the minutes from the meeting held on **14th December 2021** as being a correct record. **Resolved** Minutes were correct.

BW/003/22 COUNTY COUNCILLOR PUGH REPORT: Apologies sent for absence.

BW/004/22 BROADBAND: Cllr Davies,

Reported that before Christmas he attended a meeting with Chamber of Trade and was advised by a guest speaker that funding is available for broadband for this area, they would like to have a representative from Council to join these talks. Cllr Lowe volunteered for this role.

BW/005/22 TOWN COUNCIL CLERKS REPORT:

- a) **Internal Auditor letter to be sent. Resolved** to keep same Internal Auditor and Clerk to send letter.
- b) **Standing Orders. Resolved** No changes.
- c) **Financial Regulations. Resolved** No changes.
- d) **Request for charity box (Salvation Army) in Town. Resolved** that whilst they have no objections to having prayer box within the Town, they will have to seek authority from the relevant business, potentially via the Chamber of Trade, if they wish it placed on a building.

- e) **Window broken In Strand Hall (Require quotes). Resolved** that Clerk would seek quotes.
- f) **Hanging Baskets (Do Council wish to remain with current supplier) Resolved** to stay with same supplier as last year and to include plants for the troughs. Clerk to make enquiries. Cllr Hammond and Cllr Lowe will plant the troughs this year.
- g) **Grass Cutting out to Tender. Resolved** to stay with same contractor as previous years. Clerk to advise.
- h) **Handrail request (Cobble Lane) 15/12/21.** Letter sent by Clerk.
- i) **Wyeside funding letter.** Cllr Hammond explained the funding issues that the Wyeside are having.
- j) **Utility Aid letter and statements sent.** NFA
- k) **All Councillors should understand the “Code of Conduct” What it means and how to report and deal with issues.** NFA.
- l) **Thank you letters sent out to all those who donated over £100.00 towards the Sleigh.** NFA.
- m) **Llanelwedd donation of £200 towards Christmas activities.** Appreciated by Council. NFA.

BW/006/22 CHAIRS REPORT:

Cllr Davies explained the need to hire a skip for the Strand, as storage is becoming extremely limited and there are a lot of items that should no longer be kept. **Resolved** that skip would be hired. Cllr Davies will source this. There are still three benches to go out on the Groe and this will be completed in the next few weeks.

BW/007/22 HANGING BASKETS:

Cllr Davies would like to start the testing of the brackets earlier this year, in order that premises can repair or replace before baskets arrive. Cllr Lowe will take on this task (February)

BW/008/22: EVENTS

- a) **Holocaust day.** Cllr Prynne has contacted the Heritage Society and they will have a window display with information. Cllr Prynne advised that some items would be coming from the museum in Brecon.
- b) **Mayor’s Ball.** Provisional date set for 30/4/22, and a further Events meeting is set for next week. Cllr Davies and Clerk will work on a number of categories for awards.
- c) **Jubilee Celebrations.** Cllr Davies is going to consult with landowner for the lighting of a beacon at Garth Hill. Cllr Pugh has made some enquiries regarding “Street Party Packs” and will forward this information onto Clerk for a Facebook post. **Resolved** that council will buy Jubilee Mugs for the children of Builth Wells Primary School. Clerk to order 7 packs (252) in total.

BW/009/22 FINANCE:

- a) **Precept Request submitted to Powys.** NFA.
- b) **Asset register. Resolved** No changes.
- c) **Direct Debits. Resolved** No changes.
- d) **Precept into A/C 30/12/21.** NFA.
- e) **Spot check.** Cllr Lowe 12/1/22.
- f) **BT Out of Contract Renewal date 6/11/21.** No Longer do Copper which is what Council has been on. **Resolved** to go with new contract with BT as arranged by Clerk.
- g) **Both A/C reconciled back to zero.** NFA.

h) **Cheque summary to be signed and kept with minutes. Resolved** correct and signed by Chair.

BW/010/22: APPLICATIONS FOR FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE:

a) **Community Support.** A lengthy discussion took place surrounding this issue. **Resolved** that they would need more information regarding another project that Community support are potentially embarking on. It was felt that a relevant input should be given to Council before any decision can be made.

BW/011/22 COUNCILLORS REPORTS / UPDATES:

N/A

BW/012/22 CONFIDENTIAL MATTER/S:

N/A

THE MEETING CONCLUDED AT 8:10pm

Signed on behalf of the Town

Council.....

Name.....
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Date.....
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