



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

Present: Cllr's A.Waller (Chair), G.Davies, A.Lewis, M.Hammond, L.Hopkins, A.Dhaliwal, G.Goodwin

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

Others present: Karen Compton (Press).

Apologies for Absence: Cllr's K.Lowe,L.Pugh.

Non Attendance: None.

Prior to the meeting starting, Simon Pearson from the Fire Brigade came in and spoke about the challenges facing the fire brigade, the area being covered & closer working relationships with the Council.

BW/099/22: DECLARATION OF INTEREST:

None.

BW/100/22: MINUTES:

To authorise the Chair to sign the minutes from the meeting held on **9th August 2022** as being a correct record. **Resolved** minutes were correct.

BW/101/22: MINUTES:

To authorise the Chair to sign the minutes from the PRF meeting held on **16th August 2022** as being a correct record. **Resolved** minutes were correct.

BW/102/22: COUNTY COUNCILOR PUGH:

- a) TIC building is progressing and has been passed to Community Support. There will be 3 new members of staff working from the building to support the Community.
- b) Powys are going to be moving three bins from around the "Putting Green" area down to the Groe as this is where the majority of rubbish is located. There was discussion around this, and Cllr Davies asked that the Clerk investigate the costings of new bins and bring it back to Council in November, as it would be a shame to move existing bins, which are being used, to accommodate another area.

BW/103/22: TWINNING: COUNCILLOR HAMMOND:

Cllr Hammond had previously sent out details as to what would be involved in twinning. He advised that a “friendship agreement” was the best way forward, with the potential to move towards an Association in the future. **Resolved** that Cllr Hammond pursue this further.

BW/104/22: REMEMBRANCE SERVICE: COUNCILLOR DAVIES:

Councillor Davies advised Council that he and Cllr Waller had been in discussion with the RBL about a joint ceremony. Unfortunately, this year there is no representative in the Builth area to take on the sale of poppies or wreaths. Cllr Davies/Waller did offer to collect the poppies & collection boxes, and put them out, but they are still awaiting a response regarding this, in addition to waiting for a response regarding how the Council can work together with the RBL to make the remembrance service a joint ceremony.

Clerk pointed out that Council do not have another meeting until after the Remembrance Day and plans need to be put in place in the next week or so. Council resolved that a meeting would take place on Monday 17th at 6pm to discuss this issue.

BW/105/22: CLERKS REPORT:

- a) Memorial Tree Groe - Estimates for Tree’s – **Resolved** – Clerk to purchase.
- b) Second Sunday Maintenance Day for all Councillors – **Resolved** members will put aside a few hours for this purpose.
- c) Deeds (need collecting) – **Resolved** – For collection in the New Year.
- d) “Free Wednesday” Trial start set for January- **Resolved** – Council will see how the trial works.
- e) Elizabeth and Margaret Powell’s Charity – Letters Sent (Update) - **Resolved** Clerk to continue with the enquiries.
- f) Computer transfer – A lot of files were lost including Budget/Audit and HMRC – **NFA**
- g) Coffee morning throughout January/February “Free” (Winter Warmers) – TIC unit providing this service.
- h) PRF 16th August – Full Council ratification along with Amendments. – **Resolved** – All new policies agreed.
- i) Showers closing between 2200-0400 – **Resolved** – Cllr Waller implementing this.
- j) Shower increase to £2.00 - Cllr Waller implementing this.
- k) Shower door damage (Reported to Police) **NFA**
- l) Memorial Bench Ideas – **Resolved** – All the benches are appropriate, but the stand should be one piece of concrete.
- m) RBL Wreath – **Resolved** – Clerk to purchase and put something out on Facebook so those who usually purchase from in and around the Town know that they must buy elsewhere.
- n) Bouncy Castle in Strand on Sunday’s – **Resolved** Council happy for this to go ahead on a two weekly basis providing hall is not booked out and event organiser has their own personal liability insurance. (Council will give the hall for free on these occasions).
- o) Memorial grant. – **Ongoing**
- p) Valuation Tribunal 29/11/22 (Rates) – **Ongoing**
- q) Strand Hall minutes sent out to Council 28/9/22 – **Resolved** – Correct.
- r) Letter to houses along River (Council’s land) – **Resolved** – Letters to be sent.
- s) Welsh Air Ambulance petition – **Resolved** – Clerk to put this out on Facebook, website and invite people into Strand to sign.

BW/106/22: OAKLANDS PLAYPARK: COUNCILLOR HAMMOND:

Cllr Hammond had previously sent a report out to all members about the poor state that this park is in. There are limited funds from Powys to upgrade and update this area. Cllr's Waller/Davies/Hammond had spoken to representatives from Powys to see if Council could pay for some new equipment for this area. Council **Resolved** that they would provide £6000 for some new equipment. Cllr Hammond will liaise back with Powys.

BW/107/22: WORKING GROUP UPDATES/REQUESTS:

- a) Strand Hall – **N/A**
- b) Christmas Lights – Cllr Waller reported that they require funding for some new items approx £120 – **Resolved** agreed. All lights and boxes had now been tested there were a few fails but since resolved. Cllr Hammond said that the section 178 licence applications had now gone off to Powys County Council & Trunk Roads Agency for the installation.
- c) Hanging Baskets – Cllr Waller reported that they had now been taken down.
- d) Outside spaces – Cllr Hammond asked Council for permission to pursue enquiries into this site in finding who owns it and the possibility of upgrading and refurbishing in the future. **Resolved** Council agreed.
- e) Events – **N/A**

BW/108/22: FINANCE: CLERK:

- a) First Draft Budget sent out to all members – No issues – further discussion in Budget meeting in December.
- b) Precept received £35,333 into account. **NFA**
- c) Standing Order set up from Strand A/c into main A/c to assist with Utility payments. (£400) – **Resolved** – Council agreed.
- d) Spot check required. – **Cllr Lewis**
- e) Multi-card Spot check Required. - **Cllr Lewis**
- f) Reduced rate for charity event – **Resolved** – Council advised that this could be charged same rate as wedding package over weekend use (£450). They are also having free rehearsals in Strand.
- g) Invoice for Road signs £5527.78- **NFA**
- h) Both A/c reconciled back to zero - **NFA**
- i) Cheque summary to be signed and kept with minutes. - **Chair signed.**

BW/109/22: COFFEE MORNING: COUNCILLOR HOPKINS:

Council **resolved** that this would be a great idea to combine this coffee and cake morning with Councillor surgery meet and greet. Date set for 17/12/22. Times 10-12 midday

BW/110/22: WILD WEEKENDS: COUNCILLOR DHALIWAL:

Cllr Dhaliwal had been in contact with this group about getting young people involved in the environment. There is some funding available, Cllr Dhaliwal asked Council if she could pursue talks and ascertain how council could get involved. **Resolved** Council agreed.

BW111/22: GROE TOILETS: COUNCILLOR DAVIES:

Cllr Davies asked Council if he could investigate prices of waterless urinals in the public toilets. **Resolved** Council agreed.

THE MEETING CONCLUDED AT 8.30pm

Signed on behalf of the Town

Council.....

Name.....

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Date.....

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