



**Minutes of the meeting of Builth Wells Town Council held on
Tuesday 13th December 2022 at 7.00 pm
in The Strand Hall, Builth Wells.**

Present: Cllr's G.Davies, A.Lewis, M.Hammond, G.Goodwin, K.Lowe.

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

Others present: None.

Apologies for Absence: Cllr's A.Waller, L.Pugh, L.Hopkins.

Non Attendance: None.

At the Start of the meeting Council voted in a Chair to take meeting – **Proposal by Cllr Lewis for Cllr Hammond to take the Chair - Seconded by Cllr Davies – All in favour.**

BW/122/22: DECLARATION OF INTEREST:

Cllr G. Davies, Item 7. Cllr M. Hammond item 13 – Filled forms in.

BW/123/22: MINUTES:

To authorise the Chair to sign the minutes from the meeting held on **11th October 2022** as being a correct record. **Resolved** minutes were correct.

BW/124/22: MINUTES:

To authorise the Chair to sign the minutes from the meeting held on **1st November 2022** as being a correct record. **Resolved** minutes were correct.

BW/125/22: MINUTES: To authorise the Chair to sign the minutes of the Budget meeting held on **6th of December 2022** as being a correct record. **Resolved** minutes were correct.

BW/126/22: COUNTY COUNCILLOR PUGH:

- a) Road proposal at Wyese junctions- There is a meeting planned on Monday the 19th of December. C. Cllr. Pugh invited a representative from Council to attend. Cllr Lowe will attend and report back to Council.
- b) The Lights under the bridge need replacing. C.Cllr Pugh advised that he sourced the electrician and paid for the last set of lights. As these are thought to be Town Councils asset council should pay for the renewal of lights. Council advised that this needs investigation further. C.Cllr Pugh advised he would source further information with this regard.

- c) Discussion took place regarding the Leisure Pool closures announced without prior consultation by Powys County Council. All present voiced concerns regarding the closures as well as the way it has been poorly handled by the Powys County Council Cabinet. Town Council will consider its options, whilst C.Cllr Pugh has asked that the Town Council sends him a letter with our objections.

BW/127/22: CLERKS REPORT:

- a) Honorarium (Christmas Lights) – **Resolved** agreed £150.00 Each for the two volunteers who help with the Christmas lights each year.
- b) Trees on Groe (Survey by Andrew Mills) – Awaiting Survey report.
- c) Elizabeth and Margaret Powell – **Update** – Appoint three new trustees’ – **Resolved** – New trustees Cllrs Lowe, Lewis, and Hammond - Council **resolved** to agree costing for this service £250.00 In order to close the charity and put the monies to beneficial use within the Community.
- d) Bins on the Groe – It has been decided via Powys that no further collections will be made in this area. – Agenda item to be brought back in January to see if Council would be happy for a storage facility to be placed on the side of the Groe toilet to refill and empty the bin as and when required.
- e) De-fib maintenance – **Resolved** Council agreed to ask for the offered assistance in maintaining the de-fib at Strand.
- f) Lights under bridge (Replacing) – **Discussed** BW/126/22
- g) Thank you from Paul Gibbs – **NFA**.
- h) Trees at Whitehorse - After in-depth discussion Council resolved to wait until deeds had been recovered before approaching this issue. Clerk did advise it might be a good idea to send a letter to update current owner that the trees were gifted to Council.
- i) Advertising Free Wednesday – **Resolved** - Clerk to put posts out on Facebook and website.
- j) Christmas Tree donated by Cllr Hopkins for Grotto. – **NFA**.
- k) Members Allowance Forms – **Given out**.
- l) Tribunal for rates – Update – **Resolved** – Strand is now rated as one building and at a reduced price.
- m) Nicky Grist Rally – An in-depth discussion around this issue. The rally might not go-ahead next year due to the fact they have not been given permission by the rugby club to use the pitch. Council **resolved** that Clerk send an email to club asking them to reconsider as this event brings a lot of revenue into the Town and it would be a shame to lose it.
- n) Wyeside Trustee – **Resolved** - Cllr Lowe will take on the role.
- o) Planning notices - Clerk advised that she had not received any notices since June.
- p) Planning schedule - Clerk advised it had been corrupted on computer and a new one made (old ones lost).
- q) Emails lost – Clerk advised that a lot of email had been lost and sent to a junk file, which it is now been resolved.

BW/128/22: PLANNING APPLICATION:

22/1941/22 – **No objections – No comments**

BW/129/22: WORKING GROUPS UPDATES/REQUESTS:

- a) Strand Hall & Strand Website Working Group – Technicians, equipment, cleaning, eLicence for premises (Cllr Davies) - Cllr Davies reported that Strand desperately needs more storage space and would like to utilise the space under the stage for this.

Request to buy new tables was also made. (Bring back in January as agenda item)
Council had a discussion about the need for a licence, now that the hall is getting busier. It was resolved that one would be required and Cllr Davies would be the licence holder. Clerk to make enquiries. There was an in-depth discussion surrounding the payment for the hire of the facility Council - **resolved** that from January pre-payment is required for all hirers (with the exception of Powys). Clerk to update terms and conditions.

- b) Christmas Lights Working Group – Cllr Davies – Advised brackets need testing – Clerk to ask Brecon council to use their testing equipment.
- c) Hanging Baskets Working Group – **N/A**
- d) Outside Spaces Working Group – **N/A**
- e) Events Working Group – Cllr Davies advised that Grotto was a great success again this year. Some presents were left over and he asked council if 40 could be donated to the “Help for Homless” shelter within Builth – **Resolved** – Agreed.

BW/130/22: COUNCILLOR LEWIS UPDATE ON ACCESS GROUP MEETING:

- a) Cllr Lewis advised that there seems to be an issue with the discharge of patient from hospital, whereby some people have been discharged in the early hours and then had to pay a considerable amount of money to hire a taxi. This is an issue as our hospital are quite some distance away. Council feels that this is an issue with the hospital’s duty of care to their patients.
- b) Cllr Lewis also spoke about the dip in the Zebra crossing near to Community Support, which cause problems for wheelchair and scooter users - resolved that this should be taken up by the County Councillor. Cllr Lewis will make contact.

BW131/22: FINANCE:

- a) Budget – Ratification – **Resolved** - Council, agreed to budget.
- b) Precept Request to Powys – **Resolved** – Clerk to notify Powys.
- c) Direct Debit on Multi-card – **Clerk** advised that there is a slight issue with the multi-card in that the direct debit is taken out monthly which varies up to £1000 The Clerk is unable to separate the spending categories, although most of the card transactions are spent on Groe consumables not all of it is. So it is not giving an accurate account of spending – Council **Resolved** that Clerk should record transactions on a separate sheet to note monies that are spent in various categories to give a complete picture in the future.
- d) Direct Debit and Standing Orders – **Resolved** – Council do not want to change any direct debit or standing orders at this time.
- e) BT New Equipment. – **NFA** – Council aware of new equipment.
- f) Cheque summary – **Resolved** – accurate signed by Chair.
- g) Both A/Cs reconciled back to zero – **Resolved** – accurate – NFA.

BW/132/22: CONFIDENTIAL MATTERS:

“To resolve that the public be excluded from the meeting for the following items of business in section 13 below, in accordance with the Public Bodies

(Admissions to Meetings) Act 1960 as there would be disclosure to them of confidential information relating to contractual, legal and personnel content

Confidential Matters (Contractual, Legal or Personnel Related)

Appraisal

Staffing Committee Updates – Resolved – Clerks appraisal – No issues no further comments.

THE MEETING CONCLUDED AT 8.45pm

Signed on behalf of the Town

Council.....

Name.....

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Date.....

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