



**Minutes of the meeting of Builth Wells Town Council held on
Tuesday 14th December 2021
commencing at 7.00 pm in The Strand Hall, Builth Wells.**

Present: Councillor's G.Davies (Chair), M.Prynne, M.Hammond, A.Lewis, L.Pugh, C.Mavin, K.Lowe, G.Goodwin, B.Reardon.

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

Others present: Karen Compton (Press)

Apologies for Absence: Cllrs A.Waller, A.Morgan, B.Williams, C.Cllr J.Pugh.

Note from the Clerk: Prior to meeting starting, the Town Council had a visit from the Local Police Team who gave an update on the new policing system: This is working well and giving the local officers more time to be out and about in the community, as opposed to being overburdened with paperwork.

BW/153/21 DECLARATION OF INTEREST:

None.

BW/154/21 MINUTES:

To authorise the Chair to sign the minutes from the meeting held on **9th November 2021** as being a correct record. Council **resolved** to accept minutes as being a correct record.

BW/155/21 MINUTES:

To authorise the Chair to sign the minutes of the Budget meeting held on **7th December 2021** as being a correct record. Council **resolved** to accept minutes as being a correct record.

BW/156/21 TOWN COUNCIL CLERKS REPORT:

- a) Bathing water standards: **Council resolved to support this. Clerk to draft a letter.**
- b) Various emails sent out to Council throughout the month for their awareness: **NFA.**
- c) Thank-you letter from RBL for donation towards Poppy Appeal: **NFA.**
- d) VOA rates tribunal set for January: **Clerk to attend this.**
- e) Meeting schedule 2022 - Paper copies given out to members: **NFA.**
- f) Members allowance forms given out for signing: **Clerk to collate.**
- g) Elections 2022: **Clerk advised members of what to expect during this period.**
- h) Clerks' computer problems: **Council resolved to get a maintenance package for the computer. Clerk to contact local businesses.**

- i) Green Top Ventures (Markets): **Council resolved this would be revisited at a later date.**
- j) Jubilee mugs: **Council resolved this would be taken to Events group.**
- k) Window Cleaner: **Council resolved that this should now be a regular occurrence every two months.**
- l) Strand website promotion - email 30/11/21: **Ongoing.**
- m) Parking traffic order: email sent out 01/12/21: **NFA.**
- n) Hay Road 40 mph limit: email sent out 01/12/21: **NFA.**
- o) Email regarding "Bug Out" sent out 26/11/21: **NFA.**
- p) Dangerous overhanging branches near to Swimming Pool: **This has now been cut back.**
- q) Water quality in Strand - email to Welsh Water 06/12/21: **Awaiting rectification.**
- r) Utility Aid: **Council resolved to give this company details to get a better deal.**

BW/157/21 CHAIRS REPORT:

- a. Grotto: **Cllr Davies thanked everyone for all their hard work. This event was a remarkable success. Lessons-learned debrief to take place on the 6th of January 2022.**
- b. Sleigh: **Cllr Davies has had positive feedback with this regard.**
- c. Christmas Lights: **Some issues that still need addressing.**

BW/158/21 DRUM KIT:

Apologies given by Cllr Williams.

BW/159/21 EVENTS:

- a) Payments authorisation for the New Sleigh: **Council resolved that these would be paid.**
- b) Mayors Ball: **Council resolved that the Events group would take the lead.**
- c) Jubilee Celebrations: **Council resolved that the Events group would take the lead.**
- d) Holocaust Day: **Council resolved that the Events group would take the lead.**

BW/160/21 FINANCE:

- a) Budget ratification: **Council resolved to accept the budget 2022/2023.**
- b) Precept request to be submitted to Powys: **Council resolved that Clerk to submit precept request to Powys.**
- c) Clerk contract amended: **NFA.**
- d) Water rebate £1919.90 received - account now in credit: **NFA.**
- e) Spot-check required: **Cllr Lowe volunteered to do this.**
- f) Approval of cheque summary (Chair to sign and keep along with the minutes): **Council resolved cheque summary as being correct and Chair to sign.**
- g) Santa's Sleigh donations received = £2900.00: **Council resolved to discuss what to do with any residue once all invoices had been paid.**
- h) RBS loyalty scheme for year-end: **Council resolved to go ahead with loyalty scheme.**

BW/161/21 APPLICATIONS FOR FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE:

- a. Heritage Society: **Council resolved to give a grant of £1500.00. Clerk to advise Heritage Society of this decision.**
- b. Community Support: **Council resolved that they need more information regarding the application. Clerk to contact Community Support.**

BW/162/21 COUNCILLORS REPORTS / UPDATES:

- a. Cllr Prynne - Handrail for Cobble Lane: **Clerk to ask Powys if it is possible to install a further handrail at this location, as this is a very steep lane and difficult to manoeuvre.**

b. Holocaust day: Events to take the lead.

BW/163/21 STORAGE UNIT FOR SLEIGH: Cllr Davies expressed the need to have a storage facility for the safe keeping of the Sleigh and other Council property. He will make some enquiries and bring this back to Council.

BW/164/21 CONFIDENTIAL MATTER/S:
N/A

THE MEETING CONCLUDED AT 8.30pm

Signed on behalf of the Town Council.....

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Date.....
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Payment Summary From 3rd November 2021 – 6th December 2021

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| 03/11/21 | Links brackets Bull project | Bacs | 33.98 | Open spaces Act 1906 ss 9 &10 |
| 03/11/21 | Strand Cleaning | Bacs | 110.00 | 150 |
| 03/11/21 | Chambers photo's | 300142 | 119.97 | 150 |
| 05/11/21 | Chocolate grotto | 300143 | 19.96 | Open spaces Act 1906 ss 9 &10 |
| 05/11/21 | Plaque | 300144 | 12.48 | Open spaces Act 1906 ss 9 &10 |
| 05/11/21 | advert | 300145 | 119.70 | Open spaces Act 1906 ss 9 &10 |
| 15/11/21 | Decorations events | 300146 | 258.95 | Sec 145 |
| 15/11/21 | Bench project | 300147 | 108.00 | Open spaces Act 1906 ss 9 &10 |
| 15/11/21 | Electrics Xmas lights | 300148 | 294.00 | Sec 145 |
| 15/11/21 | Events paints | 300149 | 37.99 | Open spaces Act 1906 ss 9 &10 |
| 15/11/21 | HMRC | 300150 | 366.26 | 150 |
| 24/11/21 | Buckets and Paper Events | 300151 | 80.12 | Sec 145 |
| 24/11/21 | OVW Tea and Coffee | 300152 | 22.39 | Sec 145 |
| 24/11/21 | Thank You cards for Donations received Sleigh | 300153 | 50.39 | Sec 145 |
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PAYMENT SUMMARY DECEMBER 2021

| DATE | PAYEE | REFERENCE | AMOUNT | SECTION |
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| 01/12/21 | Salary | Bacs | | 150 |
| 02/12/21 | A.C. Bufton | 300154 | 169.82 | Open spaces Act 1906 ss 9 &10 |
| 02/12/21 | OVW Cllr Training | 300155 | 30.00 | 150 |
| 02/12/21 | SLCC Clerk Training | 300156 | 102.00 | 150 |
| 02/12/21 | Strand Cleaning | 300157 | 167.88 | 150 |
| 03/12/21 | Bull Projects Niblets | 300158 | 77.75 | Open spaces Act 1906 ss 9 &10 |
| 03/12/21 | TLC Cardiff Xmas Lights | 300159 | 236.20 | Sec 145 |
| 03/12/21 | Links Electrical | 300160 | 64.48 | Sec 145 |
| 06/12/21 | Strand window Cleaning | 300161 | 65.00 | 150 |
| 06/12/21 | Open spaces grass cutting | 300162 | 1500.00 | Open spaces Act 1906 ss 9 &10 |