



**Minutes of the meeting of Builth Wells Town Council held on
Tuesday 14th November 2023 at 7.00 pm
in The Strand Hall, Builth Wells.**

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

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

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

Apologies for Absence: Cllr A.Bujok.

Non Attendance: None.

BW/100/23: DECLARATION OF INTEREST:

None.

BW/101/23: MINUTES:

To authorise the Chair to sign the minutes from the meeting held on **10th October 2023** as being a correct record. **Resolved – Cllr Lewis felt some grammatical errors should be rectified. To be brought back to Decembers meeting for ratification.**

BW/102/23: COUNTY COUNCILLOR PUGH:

- a) C. Cllr Pugh had received some emails and telephone calls with regards to the closures of the Groe toilets at 3pm.
- b) C. Cllr Pugh advised that the parking issues within the High Street (Trunk Road section) is not within his remit and should be directed to the trunk road agency. Cllr Hammond stated that the parking restrictions are a Powys County Council proposal, and all aspects of the proposal document do fall within the remit of a County Councillor.
- c) C.Cllr Pugh stated that two more wind farm applications have been submitted.

BW/103/23: MAYORS REPORT:

- a) Cllr Hammond stated that the late Reverend Brian Reardon's memorial concert had been well attended and had been a great success.
- b) Cllr Hammond has now been invited to join the Powys County Council working group for the review of parking fees, by C. Cllr Charlton.
- c) Cllr Hammond had recently been invited to Brynhyfryd care home for a ceremony in respect of giving staff long service awards.

- d) Cllr Hammond advised that he had been invited to Llanelwedd church for an inauguration ceremony.

BW/103/23: FINANCE:

- a) Technicians Payments – Council would like to make sure that they agree to stay with council for a period – **resolved - agreed.**
- b) Payment summary signed by Chair – no issues.
- c) Accounts reconciliation signed by signatories – no issues.
- d) Staff overtime – **resolved - agreed.**

BW/104/23: CLERKS REPORT:

- a) Electrics and gas urgent testing Council aware - Cllr Davies will chase up electrician.
- b) Electrical certification for Strand Hall – Cllr Davies will chase up.
- c) Volunteer Christmas tree decorations – Cllr Pugh.
- d) De-fib. NFA.
- e) Council Handy Person – long and involved discussion took place in full council meeting as well as the previous staffing meeting. It was **resolved** that an advertisement would be placed - **vote - unanimous.**

BW/105/23: GROE:

- a) Urgent testing required – as above Cllr Davies will chase up.
- b) Long and in-depth discussion with regards to the closing of the toilets. Council **resolved** that the toilets would continue to close at 3pm, until automatic doors are fitted. They would then revert back to a 7pm closing time, with the cleaner finishing her day at 3pm. Clerk to advise the company and to make sure they are aware of all the issues that have been ongoing - **vote - majority (one vote against - one vote abstained).**

BW/106/23: EVENTS:

- a) Remembrance Day – Cllr Davies wanted to give some feedback about the event; it had been noticed that the timings of the service were out. He also felt that the mayor should be laying the wreath on behalf of the Town not the town council. It was a **unanimous vote** that the mayor should lay the wreath without company or affiliation to any political party. Clerk to give feedback to RBL.
- b) Grotto – presents will be sorted on 5th December – Cllr Pugh will wrap the few that are left.
- c) Facepainting – **resolved – agreed** - council will provide this service for the evening - **vote - unanimous.**

BW/107/23: HANGING BASKETS OUTSIDE SPACES: CLLR DAVIES/WALLER:

- a) Water trolley: Discussed at length – Cllr Waller advised council the costing for a new trolley had increased since he last looked at this. It was now in the region of £1500.00 for an electric version – **vote - unanimous** - to put this in the budget for purchase next April.
- b) N/A.

BW/108/23: CROESO SITE:

Cllr Hammond reported that after a lot of work trying to ascertain who had been doing the maintenance programme for this site, it would now seem that this is an unviable project for the council to take on – **vote - unanimous** – council to withdraw interest and pay for the two solicitor bills.

BW/108/23: STRAND HALL:

- a) Container – council resolved that this site needs to be cleared away and made safe. Cllr Davies will deal with this - **resolved – unanimous.**
- b) Stage Curtains – Clerk to make contact with the painter and ask for insurance details to make a claim. Still some ‘snags’ that need addressing.
- c) Carpets are damaged near to men’s toilets.
- d) Kitchen flooring – due to be laid on 5th January 2024.
- e) Strand equipment – being repaired.
- f) Update on terms and conditions – need some minor changes – **resolved - unanimous.**
- g) Risk assessment – **resolved – unanimous.**
- h) Booking forms – **resolved – unanimous.**

BW/109/23: CONFIDENTIAL MATTERS:

- a) Appraisal – **resolved - agreed.**
- b) N/A
- c) Friendship Agreement – **resolved** – Cllr Hammond conducting enquiries within the community with this regard.

THE MEETING CONCLUDED AT 8.24pm

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

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