



**Minutes of the meeting of Builth Wells Town Council held on
Tuesday 17th May 2022 at 7.00 pm
in The Strand Hall, Builth Wells.**

Present: Cllr's A.Waller (Chair), L.Pugh (Deputy Chair), G.Davies, A.Lewis, K.Lowe, G.Goodwin, M.Hammond, A.Dhaliwal - Via Zoom.

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

Others present: None.

Apologies for Absence: None.

Non Attendance: None.

BW/058/22 DECLARATION OF INTEREST:

None.

BW/059/22 MINUTES:

To authorise the Deputy Chair to sign the minutes from the meeting held on **12th April 2022** as being a correct record. **Resolved** minutes were correct.

BW/060/22 MINUTES:

To authorise the Deputy Chair to sign the minutes from the AM meeting held on **10th May 2022** as being a correct record. **Resolved** minutes were correct.

BW/061/22 COUNTY CLLR J.PUGH:

- A) C.Cllr Pugh wanted to thank Council for continued support & the great success of the Mayors ball.
- B) C.Cllr PUGH advised that the safety rail had now been fitted in Cobbly lane.

BW/062/22 GROE:

- A) Safety concerns regarding the shower cubicle - Council **resolved** that the shower would now be closed between the hours of 10pm and 4am. Cllr Waller will deal with this.
- B) Price for the shower is to be increased to £1.00 to gain entry to the facility. This will also help the problem with coins getting stuck in the mechanism. Cllr Waller will deal with this.
- C) Cllr Waller to look into matting for the shower floor area.

BW/063/22 CLERKS COMPUTER:

- A) Cllr Davies spoke about the problems Clerk is having with the computer. Council **resolved** that a new one should be purchased. Clerk to deal with this.

BW/064 STRAND HALL:

- A) Regular users' prices to increase £15.00 per hour for Main Hall – **Resolved**.
B) Kitchen area and Chambers remain the same.
C) Main hall for local/charities £300.00 – **Resolved**.
D) Wedding package £450.00 – **Resolved**.
E) Corporate events £400 – **Resolved**.

Resolved: Some discretion has also to be left to the Clerk.

BW/065/22: CLERKS REPORT:

- A) Internal Audit – **Resolved:** accepted.
B) AGAR Signoff – **Resolved:** accepted - Chair signed to be sent to W.A.
C) Audit Notice to be displayed
D) Co-option notice to be displayed
E) Saturday surgeries – public to be asked if they would like them at the “Fun day”.
F) Strand bar- **Resolved:** to get Plumber to have a look – Cllr Waller.
G) Blind Costings £730.80 – **Resolved:** Clerk to make contact.
H) Paying for prescriptions: This is usual practice if you go to hospital that is in England – but can be claimed back. Cllr Pugh will get notice so that it can be displayed on the website.
I) Councillors Reports – **Resolved:** in future if Councillors go to meeting outside of Council, report to be submitted to Clerk.
J) N/A

BW/066/22: WELCOME SIGNS:

Cllr Hammond reported that he had received clarification regarding the costings of the signs, and they confirmed the cost £991.32 each sign along with £80.15 per hour labour costs. **Resolved:** Council accepted costings and Cllr Hammond to advise Powys.

BW/067/22 HANGING BASKETS:

Cllr Waller reported that baskets will be ready on or around the 25th of May.

BW/068/22 WORKING GROUPS UPDATES/REQUESTS:

- A) Strand Hall – Clerk reported that a lot of opportunities are being missed in this regard.
B) Christmas Lights - Cllr Waller proposed that as we have a budget for this then it would seem appropriate to purchase the items required so the voluntary group can get on and prepare them. Council **resolved** that Cllr Waller have spending power. Clerk advised that it is paramount that there is an audit trail. He must advise the company to send all invoices and expenditure to the Clerk.
C) Hanging baskets – Discussed previously.
D) Outside Spaces Working groups – Path cleaning on Council land will need addressing.
E) Events Working Groups – Council **resolved** that Mid-Wales Bouncy Castles be awarded the contract for the “Fun day” price of £1425.00.
F) Jubilee - Beacon now arrived and will be lit on the 2nd of June at 9.45 pm (Private event).
(CLERKS NOTE: Multi-layered conversations between Councillors took place, therefore minutes might not be accurate.)

BW/069/22 FINANCE:

- A) Internal Audit – As above **resolved**.

- B) AGAR – As above **resolved**.
- C) SSE sign in – 2026 – **Resolved** – Clerk to advise council will sign in for this period
- D) N/A
- E) First precept received.
- F) Clerk Authorising Bacs payments. – Discussion took place regarding this. Clerk reminded Council that certain safeguards would be needed, and the financial security of the Council funds are the responsibility of the whole Council. Vote – Majority in favour - 1 Cllr abstained. **Resolved:** Clerk will update Financial Regulations and Standing Orders.
- G) Debit card – NFA.
- H) Both Account reconciled back to Zero – **Resolved:** No issues.
- I) Cheque summary signed by chair – **Resolved:** No issues.

BW/070/22 PLANNING:

22/0689/22 – No comments or issues raised.

BW/071/22 APPLICATION FOR FINANCIAL SUPPORT:

N/A.

THE MEETING CONCLUDED AT 8:47pm

Signed on behalf of the Town

Council.....

Name.....

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Date.....

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