



**Minutes of the meeting of Builth Wells Town Council held on
Tuesday 21st February 2023 at 7.00 pm
in The Strand Hall, Builth Wells.**

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

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

Others present: C.Cllr Pugh

Apologies for Absence: None

Non Attendance: None.

Meeting on the 14th postponed due to sickness. No broadband - unable to readvertise.

BW/010/23: DECLARATION OF INTEREST:

None.

BW/011/23: MINUTES:

To authorise the Chair to sign the minutes from the meeting held on **10th January 2023** as being a correct record. **Resolved** minutes were correct.

BW/012/23: C.Cllr PUGH:

- a) Sewage systems are being updated this summer.
- b) BT have carried out survey for update broadband within the area.
- c) The River under the bridge has a large build-up of stones, C. Cllr Pugh is looking into this to try and get some resolution.
- d) C. Cllr Pugh is supporting Powys County Council budget this year, and no further pool closures to occur in financial year 2023 – 2024.
- e) There appears to be a lack of signage for the overflow car parks, along with other signage, making it harder for visitors to find amenities. **(Clerk to write to C. Cllr Pugh requesting this get resolved)**

BW/013/23: CROESO SITE:

Cllr Hammond reported to Council that he had been on contact with the owner of this site via solicitors and they had agreed that the lease could be transferred to the Town Council from Powys County Council for the

remainder of its term. Legal costs would be down to Town Council, which is thought to be in region of £300-£400. Council would have to adhere to terms and conditions. Council voted **Unanimously** that Cllr Hammond make further enquires and gain the terms and conditions before final decision is made.

BW014/23: COFFEE MORNING:

Cllr Hopkins put it to council that this appears to be a success and would like to continue with it: Council agreed and **resolved** that another coffee morning should take place around Easter time.

BW/015/23: CLERKS REPORT:

- a) Health and Safety file needs reviewing. – **Resolved** - agreed.
- b) Risk assessment review 1/2/23 – **Resolved** - agreed.
- c) Brecon Pet and Garden centre – contacted with regards to hanging baskets - they can supply at £26.50 inclusive of VAT & they supply baskets.
- d) Old Railway contacted with regards to hanging baskets - they can supply at £35-£45.
- e) Boverton Nurseries contacted regards to hanging baskets - they can supply at £22.50 – plus delivery & VAT.
- f) Nantyderry Nurseries contacted regards to hanging baskets - they can supply at £20 to refill and £24.00 for new plus VAT.

In-depth discussion regarding who Council would go with this year for the hanging baskets; it was **resolved** that Council would remain with Nantyderry Nurseries – **Cllr Waller to advise Nantyderry.**

- g) Internal Auditor accepted request. **NFA.**
- h) Email sent to Powys and James Evans (M.S.) with regards to Bus services. **NFA.**
- i) Brecon Calibration equipment - £50.00 approx. **Resolved** agreed.
- j) BT Pole now removed. **NFA.**
- k) Lift service carried out 16/1/23. **NFA.**
- l) Letter received from Sydney G. Thomas. – Cllr Hammond Responding See **BW/013/23**
- m) Websites – Updates, expense, and contact - £200 per month plus vat for Pixelhaze to provide retainer for Strand website. **Resolved** Cllr Hopkins will be the liaison for this and provide updates and information for the website.
- n) Premises Licence for Strand – **Cllr Hammond working on this.**
- o) Strand Hall events – **Cllr Hopkins advised that more events are needed in the Strand to make it viable.**
- p) Fire Proofing Curtains – Update – **Resolved** - Not required.
- q) Strand Windows now cleaned. **NFA.**
- r) Action log - **Resolved** - accepted.
- s) Fire Extinguisher test and review taken place 23/1/23. **NFA.**
- t) Letter to Niblett regarding trip hazard in rear yard. **NFA.**
- u) Charity Money from Elizabeth and Margaret Powell: where does Council wish this to go? **Resolved** - Money will go to either Oaklands play park or Croeso site refurbishment. **With a plaque in honour of the Charity.**
- v) Coronation Coins – **Resolved** - Clerk to purchase.
- w) Regeneration Plan – **Ongoing.**

BW/016/23: WORKING GROUPS UPDATES/REQUESTS:

- a) Strand Hall & Strand Website Working Group – See **BW/015/23**.
- b) Christmas Lights Working Group.
- c) Hanging Baskets Working Group – See **BW/015/23**.
- d) Outside Spaces Working Group.
- e) Events.

Combined minutes from Christmas lights, Open Spaces and Events were discussed in Council – **Resolved** agreed the minutes. Council aware of Clerks advice with regards to Mayor’s event. Money raised from this event will be dealt with, collected and overseen by Dementia matters.in Powys (DMiP). Council will help with the organisation but will not get involved in the monetary side of the event.

BW/017/23/ FINANCE:

- a) Audit Conclusion – Clerk went through Audit. **Resolved** – accepted.
- b) Account summary – Clerk gave thorough overview of finances – **Resolved** - accepted.
- c) Unity Bank – Post Office – Clerk advised that from May no cash will be accepted from Post office for our bank.
- d) Cheque payment Summary – **Resolved** - correct.
- e) Direct Debit for HMRC (Monthly) - Clerk advised that direct debit has been set up. **Resolved** - accepted.
- f) Strand Utilities – Clerk advised that monthly direct debit for Strand gas was just under £1000.
- g) Both A/c reconciled back to zero – **NFA**.
- h) Collection of Deeds. – **This will be carried out over next couple of weeks.**
- i) Door Quotes.- **Still awaiting a quote – Resolved** - This will be decided by Clerk, Chair and deputy chair.
- j) Painting quotes- Still awaiting a quote – **Resolved** - This will be decided by clerk, Chair and Deputy Chair.

BW/018/UPDATES FROM SCHOOL GOVERNORS AND WYESIDE:

Cllr Lowe reported that there had been a couple of meetings that he had been invited to:

- a) School would prefer coins for the coronation.
- b) Wyeside appear to have listed him as a director and he wanted to ascertain if this was the correct position for him - Clerk to make enquiries.

BW/018/23/ CONFIDENTIAL MATTERS:

Mayor’s event: Resolved.

Staffing matters: Clerk authorised to **resolve**.

THE MEETING CONCLUDED AT 9.30pm

Signed on behalf of the Town

Council.....

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Date.....
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