



**Minutes of the meeting of Builth Wells Town Council
held on **Tuesday 8th February 2022** commencing at **7.00 pm**
in The Strand Hall, Builth Wells.**

Present: Cllr's G.Davies, M.Hammond, B.Reardon, C.Mavin, L.Pugh, M.Prynne, B.Williams, G.Goodwin, K.Lowe, A.Lewis, A. Waller, A.Morgan.

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

Others present: K.Compton (Press), Ammi Kaur-Dhaliwal (Guest speaker), C.Cllr Pugh.

Apologies for Absence: None.

Non Attendance: None.

Prior to meeting starting we had a guest speaker who had recently moved to the area and wanted to advise Council of her previous roles, and how she would like to get involved with the Community.

BW/013/22 DECLARATION OF INTEREST:

None.

BW/014/22 MINUTES:

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

BW/015/22 COUNTY COUNCILLOR PUGH REPORT:

Apologies given as he was running late. (see BW/018/22 below).

BW/016/22 RIVER WYE BATHING WATER STANDARDS:

Cllr Hammond proposed a resolution to seek designation of appropriate stretches of the River Wye as bathing sites, as per a national campaign. **Resolved: Cllr Hammond to submit resolution to Powys, NRW, M.S. and M.P.**

BW/017/22 STRAND HALL WEBSITE:

Cllr Williams: will start to update the Strand website and ask for some training in Squarespace from PixelHaze.

BW/018/22 COUNTY COUNCILLOR PUGH REPORT:

C.Cllr Pugh spoke about the old TIC building and advised Council as to what the plan would be moving forward. Essentially, this building will be under the umbrella of Community Support, and C. Cllr Pugh will cover expenditure until this building is up and running, when it will be self-funding. There has been a lot of interest in renting this building out, from District Nurses to Welfare and people offering handy-person services. Any revenue raised will go to Community Support. This will not be a food outlet. The hope is to make the overall focus of the services being offered focused on loneliness and wellbeing.

BW/019/22 CLERKS REPORT:

- a) Easy repairs (I.T. recommended by 5C Services) attended. **NFA.**
- b) Llandrindod Town Council (raising awareness on bullying of Clerk's): Email sent out to members. **Resolved: Clerk to send letter of support.**
- c) Thank-you letter received from Heritage Society. **NFA.**
- d) Several companies telephoned and emailed to ascertain quotes for the broken window in the Strand. (no luck so far) **Resolved: to keep trying.**
- e) "Reading Town" Initiative. **Resolved: to advise that Library & School might be a better starting point.**
- f) Humanitarian relief charity letter. **Resolved: passed to relevant Authority.**
- g) VOA update. **Ongoing.**
- h) Grant for toilets. **NFA.**
- i) Newsquest email. **NFA.**
- j) Two tenders received for Groe Toilets (meeting required for discussion) **Resolved: to be discussed in meeting on 21st February 2022.**
- k) Cutting back of two trees on Council land. **NFA.**
- l) Clean out of The Strand completed, and chairs given away. **NFA.**
- m) Grass cutter advised Council will remain with him. **NFA.**

BW/020/22 CHAIRS REPORT:

- a) Cllr Davies reported that a couple of years ago we had an invitation for a twinning opportunity with a town in Germany, but due to covid this never really took off. C.Cllr Price would like to come in and talk about this to Council in next months meeting.
- b) Cllr Davies advised that the Charites he will support this year with the proceeds from Mayor's ball will be the Bracken Trust and Cancer Research Wales.
- c) Cllr Davies advised that Christmas boxes needed collecting: Cllr Mavin, Prynne, & Lowe will do this.
- d) Cllr Davies asked Council if they would support "Jungle John's" excellent achievement in raising money for Community Support and highlighting Mental Health Awareness. Council resolved that this can be brought back next month's meeting as an agenda item, & a donation considered under LGA 2000- Section 2/4.

BW/021/22: HANGING BASKETS:

Cllr Waller reported that he has made contact with Nantderry Nurseries. They are aware Council would like to remain with them and order 120 baskets.

BW/022/22 EVENTS:

Cllr Pugh presented the summary of the Events Working Group meeting. Council would like to change from a buffet style dining to a formal sit-down meal. **Resolved** that this would be a black-tie event at the charge of £30.00 per head which will include a 3-course dinner and a

glass of Prosecco on arrival. Any money raised will go to the Mayor's chosen charities. Cllr Williams will be in charge of promotion. Clerk to put tender out for bar services.

Cllr Pugh advised that the Jubilee mugs had now been ordered via the Clerk, and that they would now be pursuing a grant for the purpose of purchasing a gas beacon for the Jubilee celebrations on Garth Hill. Cllr Davies has obtained permission from landowner. Cllr Pugh has all the safety/risk assessment measures in hand and will be dealing with this aspect of the event. It was also decided that Council would sign-post residents to relevant websites etc, in respect of holding street parties. There would also be a competition for best dressed street party poster for children to enter & the winner receiving £70.00. **Resolved: Council agrees.**

BW/023/22: FINANCE:

- a) Audit return (sent out to members on 24/1/22) **Resolved: Council had no comments or issues with audit return.**
- b) Internal Auditor Letter has been sent and accepted booked for 11/4/22. **NFA.**
- c) Year-end close down booked 6/4/22. **NFA.**
- d) Money Collected from Shower £108.00. **NFA.**
- e) Money Collected from Honesty Boxes £224.00. **NFA.**
- f) Mugs ordered £1763.76. **NFA.**
- g) Asset register Updated with Sleigh. **NFA.**
- h) Donations received from grotto (Refreshments) £190.00. **NFA.**
- i) Direct Debits – need to add new energy companies to this. **Resolved: Clerk to update direct debits.**
- j) Spot check completed on 12/1/22 by Cllr Lowe - No issues. **NFA.**
- k) Mandate for signatories to be signed. **Resolved: Signed - Clerk to send to bank.**
- l) New card to be signed again. **Resolved: Signed - Clerk to send to bank.**
- m) Utilities at Groe update. **NFA.**
- n) Both A/Cs reconciled back to zero. **NFA.**
- o) Cheque summary to be signed and kept with minutes. **Resolved: Summary correct.**

BW/024/22: APPLICATIONS FOR FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE:

- a) Community Support. **Resolved: awarded £3000.00.**
- b) Scouts. **Resolved: awarded £1500.**

BW/025/22: PLANNING:

No comments or objections raised.

BW/026/22: COUNCILLORS REPORTS/UPDATES:

N/A.

BW/027/22 CONFIDENTIAL MATTER/S:

N/A.

THE MEETING CONCLUDED AT 8:50pm

Signed on behalf of the Town

Council.....

Name.....

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Date.....

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