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

**Present:** Cllr's A.Waller (Deputy Chair), M.Hammond, B.Reardon, C.Mavin, L.Pugh, M.Prynne, B.Williams, A.Lewis, A.Morgan.

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

**Others present:** K.Compton (Press), C.Cllr Pugh.

**Apologies for Absence:** Cllr's G.Davies, G. Goodwin, K.Lowe.

**Non Attendance:** None.

Prior to meeting starting we had a guest speaker: County Councillor David Price spoke about the possibility of twinning Builth Wells with a town in Germany (Blauberin). He explained the close relationship that had been ongoing between Blauberin and our area for approximately 50 years and believed that the twinning would be a great asset for the two towns. Town Council agreed to discuss this issue in April's main meeting.

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**BW/028/22 DECLARATION OF INTEREST:**

Cllr Williams item 7: Didn't enter into discussion. Didn't vote.

**BW/029/22 MINUTES:**

To authorise the Deputy Chair to sign the minutes from the meeting held on **8<sup>th</sup> February 2022** as being a correct record. **Resolved** minutes were correct.

**BW/030/22 MINUTES:**

To authorise the Deputy Chair to sign the minutes from the meeting held on **21<sup>st</sup> February 2022** as being a correct record. **Resolved** minutes were correct.

**BW/031/22 COUNTY COUNCILLOR PUGH:**

- a) Reported that the handrail which had previously been requested would be put in place the second week of May.
- b) Cleaning work will start on the zebra crossing on to Groe Street in the next few weeks.
- c) There will be no traveller site this year for the RWS. This is something that will need further discussion and more meetings have been planned.
- d) TIC building: decision will be decided in the next few weeks.

### **BW/032/22 WELCOME SIGNS:**

Cllr Hammond advised that he had now received the pricing from Powys and the cost of the new signs would be £991.32 each plus £80 per hour for traffic management. Council would like to know if this is the total costs per sign and if there will be other charges, but **resolved** in principle to replace the towns signs. Cllr Hammond will make further enquires and bring back to next meeting.

### **BW/033/22 DONATION FOR “JUNGLE JOHN”:**

Council **resolved** that a donation of £1000.00 to be given under the Wellbeing Act 2000, section (ii) “improving mental, social and physical health”. It was **resolved** that “Jungle “could decide which charity or organisation this money would go to.

### **BW/034/22 CLERKS REPORT:**

- a) Moles on the Groe – Cllr Waller will look into this.
- b) “No mow in May” (Help the Pollinators) – Council **resolved** that they would support this cause.
- c) Community grant appeal – Although Council only makes donations and grants for local causes, they will invite Wales Air Ambulance to the Town Council Family Fun day in August, which will be an opportunity for them to raise awareness and take donations for this worthy cause.
- d) Saturday surgeries – Council **resolved** that this is a good idea, and after the elections it will be an opportunity for the community to come and meet their councillors.
- e) Risk Assessments for hanging baskets and watering – **Resolved** as being correct.
- f) Council Risk Register review – **Resolved** as being correct.
- g) Strand Hall Risk Assessment review – **Resolved** as being correct.
- h) Grant for toilets – Clerk looking into funding opportunities.
- i) Eisteddfod request for finance – Council only give to local organisations.
- j) Food containers (rubbish) – NFA at present.
- k) War memorial grant update – Clerk reported the update to council with regards to the grant application and explained that a site meeting would take place and then hopefully the grant application could proceed.
- l) Handrail – BW/031/22.
- m) Contract for Groe (Councillors received 24/2/22) – NFA.

### **BW/035/22 CHAIRS REPORT:**

Cllr Davies sent apologies. Cllr Waller (Deputy Chair) advised that YFC would like to plant two Cherry trees on Council land it was resolved that this would be a good idea. The locations to be one on the piece of land opposite Swingy Bridge and one on the riverbank, where the large Ash tree was felled last year.

### **BW/036/22: FLOODS RIVER WYE:**

To be brought back next month.

### **BW/037/22 EVENTS:**

#### Mayor’s Ball:

- a. Tender for bar – Council **resolved** to go with Penmaenau Bars.
- b. Tender for Food – Council **resolved** to go with Wheelwright.

#### Queens Jubilee:

Events group thought it better to buy a Beacon rather than rent one. It was queried by the Clerk as to the position with the grant application for this purpose which was agreed in last months meeting.

In-depth discussion took place whereby Council **resolved** that one would be purchased, and a grant application applied for alongside this.

Builth Carnival:

Council **resolved** that they would have a table this year as they have done so for many years. Cost £20.00.

Town Council Family Fun Day:

Set for 21<sup>st</sup> August.

**BW/038/22: OPEN SPACES:**

- a) Bee Bombs – **Resolved** to purchase
- b) Plants for troughs – Cllr Prynne to source how many are required – **Resolved** to purchase.
- c) NFA
- d) NFA
- e) Hanging Baskets - Cllr Waller serviced trolley and it is in working order.

**BW/039/22: FINANCE:**

- a) Pay increment – **Resolved:** awarded.
- b) Tender for Groe – **Resolved:** awarded – John Parry.
- c) Cardiff lift maintenance renewal – **Resolved:** awarded.
- d) NFA.
- e) Cheque Summary – **Resolved:** No issues or questions.

**BW/040/22: PLANNING:**

22/00301/HH – No comments or objections

**THE MEETING CONCLUDED AT 8:45pm**

**Signed on behalf of the Town**

**Council**.....

**Name**.....

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**Date**.....

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