



**Minutes of the meeting of Builth Wells Town Council held on
Tuesday 9th August 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, M.Hammond, L.Hopkins, A.Dhaliwal.

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

Others present: Karen Compton (Press).

Apologies for Absence: Cllr Goodwin, C.Cllr Pugh.

Non Attendance: None.

Prior to the meeting starting, the Reverend Brian Reardon came in and held a short service of remembrance in tribute to former Councillor Meryl Prynne, who had recently passed away and who had been a very active member of Town Council for many years.

BW/092/22 DECLARATION OF INTEREST:

None.

BW/093/22 MINUTES:

To authorise the Chair to sign the minutes from the meeting held on 5th July 2022 as being a correct record.

Resolved minutes were correct.

BW/094/22 TWINNING:

Clerk advise that this still needed to be resolved and that Council had another request for twinning from Decorah in Iowa. Council **resolved** that Clerk make contact and arrange separate "Teams" meeting with the Town from Germany and Iowa, to see what the benefits would be. In the meantime, **Cllr Hammond** will carry out research into the ramifications of Twinning for the Council.

BW/095/22 CLERKS REPORT:

- a) Memorial Tree for the Groe – **Resolved** - Rowan tree to be purchased and new wording to be placed on Plaque.

- b) Thank you letter from RWS Safety Group.
- c) Deeds – Date for collection to be arranged in near future.
- d) Strand Practice Sessions - Council **resolved** that for a trial period Strand Hall would be opened up for local not-for-profit organisations or locals who would like to practice e.g., choirs or bands free of charge from 1000-2200 hours – Clerk to advertise and arrange for schedule of use and hire terms and conditions.
- e) Elizabeth and Margaret Powell’s Charity – Council **resolved** that Clerk should make contact and get Charity folded.
- f) Thank you letter from RWS.
- g) Minutes Still outstanding from Events 6th June – **NFA**.
- h) Insurance for 3rd party’s attendee’s to “Fun Day” – Council had an in-depth discussion regarding this issue. Although Council has its own sufficient insurance for this event, the insurance does not cover third party liability; so individuals that attend this event to deliver an activity etc must have their own insurance and it should be available to the Clerk. Council felt that some of the machinery that was coming to this event should be covered by Council’s insurance as it was being loaned as a gesture of good will. **Clerk advised caution with this regard and stated that everyone should have their own insurance but would make a call to the insurance company regarding the loan of the machinery and then report back to Council.**
- i) Cllr Lowe has now taken over School Governor from Cllr Hammond – **NFA**.
- j) De-fib unit – In depth discussion surrounding the de-fib unit and the fact that it had not been returned by the police for three weeks and therefore not available for use in an emergency. **Clerk has made enquires and still awaiting a response as to when it will be returned.**
- k) Policy, Resource and Finance meeting is on 16th August – **Council aware**.
- l) Plumber still required for service of boilers and Bar area pipes. - **This has now been resolved.**
- m) Alarm testing – **Councillors will come in and carry out tests with Clerk when able to do so.**
- n) Moles on the Groe – **This has now been resolved.**
- o) Showers closing between 2200 - 0400 – **Cllr Waller dealing.**
- p) Shower increase to £1.00 – **Cllr Waller dealing.**
- q) Councillor Surgeries – **Council resolved that this is a promising idea and will do a surgery on a Wednesday afternoon or evening once a month.**
- r) Graffiti on Toilets – **Cllr Davies dealing.**

BW/096/22 WORKING GROUPS UPDATES / REQUESTS:

- a) Strand Hall & Strand Website Working Group - **N/A**.
- b) Christmas Lights Working Group – Minutes from last meeting given out previously. Council **resolved** to ratify all expenditure requested.
- c) Hanging Baskets Working Group - **N/A**.
- d) Outside Spaces Working Group – Benches / Bee garden. Council **resolved** that Bee garden probably needs a water tank. **Cllr Davies** will look into this. Two benches need to be put out; date will be arranged.
- e) Events Working Group – Minutes from last meeting given out previously. Council **resolved** to ratify all expenditure requested.

BW/097/22: FINANCE:

- a) Honesty Boxes – £122.00.

- b) Groe Toilets - £300.00.
- c) £3048.55 (Powys C.C.) for computer equipment.
- d) Financial Overview – Full overview of Council finance was conducted by Clerk handout were given to each member and full explanation of all accounts given – Resolved - no issues.**
- e) Both A/c reconciled back to zero.
- f) Cheque summary to be signed and kept with minutes. – Signed by Chair.**

BW/098/22: WELCOME SIGNS:

Cllr Hammond reported that the signs will be ready to go once Clerk has liaised with Powys C.C. regarding payment.

THE MEETING CONCLUDED AT 8.26pm

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

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Date.....
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