



BUILTH WELLS TOWN COUNCIL

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Minutes of a Meeting of Builth Wells Town Council on 12th May 2015 commencing at 7.30pm in The Strand Hall, Builth Wells.

Present: Councillors: A.Jones(Mayor), B.Reardon, J. Price.J.Richards; L.Jones;D.Wellstead;A.Richards, B.Chard,D.Jones,A.Richards.M.Prynne,

Apologies for Absence: Cllrs B.Watkins;T.Layton

Others: County Councillor A.York;

Declaration of Interest: Cllrs D.Wellstead (BW/077/15);D.Jones (BW/077/15)

Minutes

- BW/073/15 To welcome the newly Co-Opted Councillor, Robert Chard**
Having signed the declaration¹ of office was welcomed by the Mayor and Councillors.
- BW/074/15 Minutes**
- a) To authorise the Chairman to sign the minutes of the meeting 14th April 2015 as a correct record.
Proposed/Resolved Cllrs D.Jones/M.Prynne Carried
- b) To authorise the Chairman to sign the minutes of the extraordinary meeting 24th March 2015 as a correct record.
Proposed/Seconded and Resolved to be deferred until 9th June. Cllrs D.Jones/M.Prynne Carried
- BW/075/15 Clerks report from Minutes**
Outstanding items are in the agenda
- BW/076/15 County Councillors Report.**
- Williams Commission recommended that PCC and Powys Teaching Health Board develop a closer working relationship with the integration of a number of services. This work is being developed and the Welsh Government has agreed to fund some of this work.

¹ Section 83(4) Local Government Act 1972

- Here in Builth Wells we have benefitted from joint working with the building and provision of Glan Irfon which offers health and adult social care services.
- PCC has awarded the contract of running all its leisure centres to Freedom Leisure² There was limited press announcement to this change as it occurred during the General Election period and PCC was in a legal gap called ‘purdah’³, (prohibits the publication by local authorities of material which in whole or in part appears to be designed to affect public support for a political party).
- At the PCC stand at the RWAS, PCC will be trialling a ‘budget simulator’ to allow people to insert their ideas for necessary expenditure or savings and see straight away how it will affect the overall budget.
- Cllr York reported that due to the volume of complaints about ‘fly tipping’ at the recycling area at the Co-Op, Brecon Road, she is trying to persuade PCC to close it down. Apart from the skip for cardboard, all other items are collected at kerb side, so she has suggested moving this facility to Smithfield alongside the garden waste receptacles.
- **Cllr L.Jones** raised the issue of needing more green bins to accommodate the amount being left outside them.
Cllr York stated that she was receiving many complaints about this and is always asking for them to be emptied more frequently, but it is the style of bins being used that appears to be the main problem.
 - **Cllr York** reported that she had nominated Elin Non Ennis of Builth High School and, Richard Jones of the Irfon Judo Club for Red Kite awards in recognition of their services to the community. These awards have now taken place.
- **Cllr M.Pryne**, There is a large fence running adjacent to Hospital Road and next to Erris Villa, the property of Mr M Coyle. It is falling over and is owned by PCC. **CC A.York**, agreed to look into the matter.

BW/077/15 Planning

Outline permission for new dwelling and access at 1 Nant-yr-Arian Cottages, Hospital Rd. P/2015/0363

Proposed/Seconded and Resolved Cllrs: B.Reardon/J.Richards, That there are no objections subject to the views of local residents.
(Cllrs D.Jones & D.Wellstead left the room 2010-2015hrs)

BW/078/15 Pre selection procedure for Chairman and Deputy Chairman 2015/16

Following a voting procedure, the following selection of two possible candidates was made to go forward to the voting procedure at the AGM 19th May 2015 at 7.30pm:

Nominee for Chairman/Mayor, Cllr B.Reardon

Proposed: Cllr J.Price

Seconded Cllr L.Jones

Nominee for Deputy.Chairman/Deputy.Mayor Cllr J.Price

Proposed Cllr M.Pryne

Seconded Cllr A.Richards

BW/79/15 Summer Flower Baskets- update from Cllr.D.Jones

² www.freedom-leisure.co.uk

³ Section 2 of the Local Government Act 1986

Testing of brackets to be undertaken by the 24th May. Council volunteers to meet in the Groe car park at 8am to collect flowers. The remainder of the volunteers to meet, at 9am to hang the baskets.

BW/80/15 Groe area and dogs under control. Cllr Prynne

Deferred until 9th June.

BW/81/15 Tree Statue in the Groe-

Correspondence from Mr Stephan Butcher CSP-Outdoor Recreation that the tree surgeon has been instructed to remove the diseased tree and retain the statue for the Council.

BW/82/15 Powys 'Community Delivery Initiative' Plans

An introduction to a scheme which Builth Wells together with another three towns in Powys has been chosen to be piloted for a 'Community Planning Scheme.

Cllr A.Jones gave a brief outline of a planned meeting to be held in the Strand Hall, 27th May at 7pm. The project is designed to establish from the community their priorities on ideas to enhance the wellbeing of the town. The co-ordinators would then facilitate an idea to a final plan that may be useful in applications, such as grants, etc. Cllrs L.Jones;B.Chard and JP.Richards offered to be the council link between the groups.

BW/83/15 Builth Wells Town Projects Cllr A.Jones (see BW/119/14)

Matter deferred as this may form part of the 'Community Delivery Initiative outlined above.

BW/84/15 Groe Public Toilets⁴

This item was dealt with in private session as the Chairman of the Policy and Resources Committee was to give financial details that may be used in any tendering exercise in the future..

Proposed/Seconded and Resolved: That the Policy and Resources Committee has the consent of Council to write/communicate with Powys County Council and or Welsh Government on contract proposals to retain the public toilets at the Groe Car Park, Builth Wells. Cllr M.Prynne/A.Richards Carried

BW/85/15 Builth Wells School

Concerns were raised by a number of Councillors on pupil numbers being used to support various options on school closures or retention. Councillors will research from various official sources prior to the next meeting.

Proposed/Seconded and Resolved, that the Council write to County Councillor A.York and establish how soon in July will the report to Powys County Council Cabinet be made available to this Town Council on the preferred options being recommended relating to Builth High School. Cllrs B.Reardon/M.Prynne Carried

BW/86/15 Financial Matters

a) **Financial Return for 2014/15**

For Council to inspect Sections 1,2,4 of Annual Return

⁴ Public Bodies (Admission to Meetings) Act 1960

- That the Annual Internal Report contained in Section 4 of the Annual Return, be approved. **Proposed/Seconded and Resolved Cllrs J.Price/A.Richards**
 - That following certification by the Responsible Financial Officer, the Town Council approves the accounting statements contained in Section 1 of the Annual Return which presents fairly the financial position of the Council. **Proposed/Seconded and Resolved B.Reardon/M.Pryne**
 - That subject to the External Audit findings, the responses of each statement of assurance in the Annual Governance Statement (Section 2 of the Annual return) are accurate, complete and represent the Council's responses. **Proposed/Seconded and Resolved Cllrs J.Price/A.Richards**
- b) To discuss a proposal from the Clerk to consider the purchase of a Town & Community designed accounts package from RBS rialtos. (see reference in Internal Auditors report). The matter was deferred until the next meeting in order for the Clerk to research any other comparable programs designed for Town/Community Councils.
- c) **Councils Annual Insurance**
 Following a review of the Councils current insurance requirements. The Clerk recommends to the Council they remain with Zurich as being best value for money. **Proposed/Seconded and Resolved: Cllrs .Wellstead/B.Reardon** The Council renews its annual insurance with Zurich. Carried
- d) Accounts to be paid from the Current A/C *VAT to be recovered: DD=Direct Debit

Mr G Evans Chq:2661	Wages (April)	£383.38	Approved
SWALEC Chq:2662	Gas meter charge	£15.23	Approved
Wyeside Chq:2663	Release of approved grant BW/50	£7500	Approved
BuilthFest Chq:2664	Release of approved grant BW/50	£500	Approved
BT	a/c 8574	£95.66*	DD
BT	a/c 8572	£72.36*	DD
BT	a/c 8571	£72.36*	DD
One Voice Wales Chq:2665	Annual Fee 2015/16	£331	Approved
PCC Chq:2666	Rates on Offices and Premises	£1301.40	Approved
Mrs J Johnson Chq:2667	Internal Audit and reports	£150	Approved
Builth Memorial Garden Account Chq:2668	Release of approved grant BW/047	£350	Approved
Zurich Insurance	Strand Hall, contents and property to its boundaries	£1780.44	Approved

Proposed/Seconded and Resolved Cllr D.Jones/L.Jones Carried

BW/87/15 Correspondence

- Wyeside-letter of thanks for grant. Noted
- Builth Fest-request for judges and application form to join festival. Email to co-ordinator for more information on dates and times dates and time for the newly elected Mayor and Deputy. The Town will be officially present to talk to the community on the town's future.
- Ombudsman-Guidance on Code of Conduct...Noted, Clerk to précis report for Councillors.
- James.Dean- Hay Road. Update of the ownership issues of safety concerning Framewise.
- BT Superfast Cymru location of the telephone terminal box. Mayor to approach Wyeside management.
- For the Clerk to write to Mr Roger Williams a letter of thanks for the support to individuals and groups of Builth Wells.
- For the Clerk to write a letter to Mr Chris Davies MP the newly elected parliamentary representative, wishing him well.

BW/88/15 Reports

BW/089/15 Mayors Diary

Committee meeting and correspondence.

BW/090/15 Matters for 9th June 2015

Welsh Water, Cllr L.Jones

Meeting closed at 2245hrs

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