



**BUILTH WELLS TOWN COUNCIL**  
**CYNGOR TREF LLANFAIR-YM-MUALLT**

**Minutes of a Meeting of Builth Wells Town Council on 14th April 2015 commencing at 7.30pm in The Strand Hall, Builth Wells.**

**Present: Councillors:** A.Jones(Mayor), T.Layton, B.Watkins, L.Jones;M.Prynne, D.Jones

**Others:** County Councillor A.York;

**Apologies:** Cllrs D.Wellstead;B.Reardon A.Richards:

**Absent:** Cllrs J.Richards:

**Declarations of Interest:** None

**BW/056/15 Minutes**

To authorise the Chairman to sign the minutes of the meeting 10<sup>th</sup> March 2015 as a correct record. Proposed Cllrs L.Jones/T.Layton Carried

**BW/057/15 Information from Minutes**

Dean James estate agents had responded to the Councils letter regarding the land owned by Framewise. However in the intervening time, Framewise has gone into administration . Clerk to follow up with contacting administrators re safety issues.

Builth Wells possible school closure. Letter recived from County Councillor Arwel Jones, Portfolio holder for Education refering the council to their meeting to be held on the 24th March and future consultations.

**BW/058/15 County Councillors Report.**

County Councillor Avril York informed the council that funds are to be made available for War Memorials via lottery funding.

Builth Wells via a project titled 'Community Led Planning' has been selected as a pilot area for small projects (funded) to improve Town and Communities facilities. Clerk to respond to correspondence.

Cllr D. Jones raised the matter of dead/diseased trees near to Pendre on the Groe Cllr York to deal.

**BW/059/15 Planning**

- a) P/2015/0231, application from Co-Op, Brecon Road, to alter rear of premises.
- b) P/2015/0315, 7 Church Street, Builth Wells, to replace existing single extension.

- c) P/2015/0039, 3 Kings Head Lane, Builth Wells, Change of Use.  
The above applications. **It was proposed** to inform the Planning Officer that the Council have no objections subject to the views of local residents.  
Proposed Cllrs M.Prynne/D. Jones Carried.
- d) P/2015/0274. Rods N Reels, Kings Head Lane. Change of use  
**It was proposed** to inform the Planning Officer of the Councils concerns of another A3 facility that would affect the balance of trade within the High Street and that previous such applications have been turned down on that basis. **Cllrs T.Layton/M.Prynne Carried**
- e) Information: upgrading base station off Hospital Road, LD2 3LF. **Noted**
- f) Information: upgrading of a base installation at Cilgwnfydd Farm, off A483, LD2 3TN.**Noted**
- g) Information:upgrading base station Middle Hall Farm, Aberedw LD23YP **Noted**

**BW/060/15 Summer Flower Baskets**

Cllr D. Jones updated Council that the number of orders for baskets was presently in excess of 100. The final numbers to be ordered would be placed by week ending 19<sup>th</sup> April. It was clarified that the costs would be Baskets only: £17.00; Baskets and watering £30.50.

Clerk to write to the nurseries.

**BW/061/15 Road Works, Broad Street & High Street.**

Cllr A. Jones raised the issue relating to the temporary road surface along the length of the above roads. In preparation to the Trunk Road Agency(TRA) fully repairing the surface, Welsh Water replaced the mains pipes along the High Street and to date the TRA have not repaired the High Street. The surface is a risk to vehicle movements and to the elderly crossing this narrow High Street.

Clerk to write to the Welsh Minister for Transport urging a quick resolution to our problem.

**BW/062/15 Tree Statue at the Groe.**

In absence, Cllr B.Reardon raised the concern that the wood tree sculpture in the Groe by David Williams would be lost to the weather, and asked the Council to move the matter forward. Cllr A.Jones informed Council that he had just recently spoken to Mr S.Butcher, Countryside and Outdoor Recreation Officer (PCC), owners of the Groe trees who would liaise with the Town Council on how to save the tree sculptor for the Town.

**BW/063/15 Dog Waste in the Groe**

Cllr M.Prynne stated that following the media champagne last month on the Councils proposal to highlight the amount of dog waste surrounding the rugby pitches and children's play area. She will arrange a date for all Councillors to attend the area to enforce 'responsible dog ownership'.

**BW/064/15 Builth Wells Town Projects Cllr A.Jones (see BW/119/14)**

Deferred pending the outcome of the meeting relating to 'Community Delivery Initiative'.

**BW/065/15 Groe Public Toilets, update.**

- Councillors are liaising with Mr Alastair Knox (CSP - Local and Environment Strategy) over the proposed requirement to complete on the 1<sup>st</sup> May
- The Clerk to meet with Ms Julia Williams, Welsh Assembly, Transport in response to the council's report for Welsh Government support.

**BW/066/15 Powys County Council High School Closure Review**

This matter was covered by C.C. Avril York, but Cllr A. Jones and supported by the whole Council were concerned that Powys County Council will be announcing *'their preferred option'* in July followed by consultations in September. Thereby restricting the ability of the communities to influence a preferred option. This matter to remain on the agenda.

**BW/067/15 Review election procedures to Mayor & Deputy 2015-16 on 12<sup>th</sup> May 2015**

Cllr.A.Jones outlined the procedure to new Councillors of the election of Mayor and his deputy that will take place at the next meeting 12<sup>th</sup> May and the AGM 19<sup>th</sup> May.

**BW/068/15 Correspondence****a) Letter of thanks from the Royal British Legion**

Cllr B.Watkins (Council representative with the British Legion) inform council that a subcommittee had now been formed and a bank account to receive funds for the memorial garden had been opened.

Clerk to check ownership of memorial and gardens with PCC.

**b) Letter from Roger Williams (MP) relating to local Post Offices.****BW/069/15 Finance**

- a) Three Bridges Walk, Grass cutting 2015/16 **Proposed** the Council continues the arrangements for grass maintenance. Cllrs B.Watkins/T.Layton Carried
- b)

Accounts to be paid from the Current A/C \*VAT to be recovered: DD=Direct Debit

Mr G Evans Chq:2658	Wages (March)	<b>£383.18</b>	<b>approved</b>
SWALEC Gas Chq:2656	Gas Charges	<b>£140.26*</b>	<b>approved</b>
SWALEC Elect Chq:2657	Electricity charges to Strand Hall	<b>£602.67*</b>	<b>approved</b>
HMRC Chq:2659	Tax	<b>£310.00</b>	<b>approved</b>
SWALEC Chq:2660	Electricity Strand Toilets	<b>£22.29*</b>	<b>approved</b>

**BW/070/15 Reports****a) Access Group-verbal update**

Cllr M Prynne stated there were still ongoing problems with admission into Glan Ifron for local residents.

**BW/071/15 Mayors Diary**

Council meetings and correspondence.

**BW/072/15 Matters for 14<sup>th</sup> April 2015**

Meeting Concluded at 2110

**Signed.....Mayor**

**12<sup>th</sup> May 2015**