



BUILTH WELLS TOWN COUNCIL

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Minutes of a Extraordinary Meeting of Builth Wells Town Council on 5th January 2016 commencing at 7.00pm in The Strand Hall, Builth Wells.

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

Apologies for Absence Cllr J.P.Richards

Absent: Cllr T.layton:L.Jones

Others:

Declaration of Interest:None

Minutes

BW/001/16 Minutes

- a) To authorise the Chairman to sign the minutes of the ordinary meeting of the 8th December 2015 as a correct record.
Proposed Cllrs A.Jones/A.Richards Unaminious

BW/198/15 County Councillors Report

- Taking additional advice in regards to VAT, it did not conflict with that the Clerk had obtained.
- There is no further news relating to Builth High School. Powys County Council are in correspondence with the School Governors Committee.
- Dog mess in public areas continues to be a matter of concern throughout Powys. County Councillor York has been in discussion with a number of County Councillors exchanging ideas in dealing with this problem. Of these voiced is approaching the Welsh Government to re-introduce a licence fee for dog owners, the funds then enabling the employment of enforcement officers.
- Community public transport update: SP Cars currently operating from Rhayader do not plan to extend their services to Builth Wells. Further discussions are needed with other owners/managers of transport facilities and that is what is believed to being undertaken by Age Concern.

BW/199/15 Planning

None

BW/200/15 Dog Fouling Groe Area. Cllr Prynne

Whilst waiting for the conclusion and recommendations of the Community Project questionnaire, Cllr Prynne stated that with the participation of all Councillors and a new publicity drive, the 'highlight it, mark it' program should start in January, seeking the support of the Rugby Club and local schools. **Proposal to purchase the paint: Cllrs A.Jones/M.Prynne**
Unanimous

BW/201/15 Builth Wells Town Projects.

Waiting for the conclusion and recommendations of the Community Project questionnaire, this item will be deferred till 12th January 2016.

BW/202/15 Groe Public Toilets

Cllr B.Chard reported that a provisional short term contract had been awarded to Healthmatic. The flooding on the 31st November had caused a number of problems that Powys County Council agreed with the Council to put right at their expense. A report on costings was also circulated.

Until an established policy, the Clerk will have the office telephone number diverted to his mobile as an emergency contact number displayed in the toilets.

The Clerk updated the Council on the contracts that were being prepared with Powys County Council and the Welsh Government. Conditional with the correspondence with the Welsh Government are the following resolutions:

Proposal:

- 1. This Council authorises the Chairman and Clerk to the Council to sign the document Award of Funding, on behalf of Builth Wells Town Council.**

Proposed Cllrs B.Chard/M.Prynne Unanimous

- 2. Builth Wells Town Council will in the event of maintenance costs exceeding the grants from Powys County Council and the Welsh Government, will fund the costs from their Precept.**

Proposed Cllrs B.Chard/M.Prynne Unanimous

BW/203/15 Builth Wells High School

No updates available to Council.

BW/204/15 Highways Store, Smithfield Market: Cllr A Jones

Cllr A.Jones reported that following a very positive meeting on site with Cllr M.Prynne and Mr Neil Clutton, Powys County Council, the Council are now not required to vacate the Smithfield Rd, buildings in January. The Councillors

put forwarded the Councils short and long term requirements and inspected other facilities there. Powys County Council will consider the meeting and reply.

BW/205/15 Builth Wells Festival 2016

Ideas for the event were discussed and further research is to be carried out. Cllr A.Richards thought the dog mess on the Groe still warranted further intervention by the Council and put forward other original ways to deal with the problem. Cllr A Richards to move the matter forward.

BW/206/15 To approve Code of Conduct employees

Clerk informed Council that enquiries with One Voice Wales did not produce an alternative to the Society of Local Council Clerks (SLCC) which was endorsed by ACAS. **Proposed that** the Code of Conduct for Employees be introduced from SLCC. Cllrs A.Richards/B.Chard Unanimous

BW/207/15 Grant Applications

Builth Town Guide Committee

Proposed the support of this new publication and award £475 to assist with the costs. Cllr L.Jones/A.Jones unanimous Chq:2680¹

Builth Wells Hand Bells

Proposed the support the purchase of one hand bell and award £400. Cllrs T.Layton/B.Watkins unanimous Chq:2678²

Wyeside Arts Centre

Major grant application for the financial year 2016/7. **Proposed** that the Council supports the benefits to our community and the efforts of Wyeside in making their facilities open for all and award them £5000 towards the running costs. Cllrs A.Jones/L.Jones unanimous

Cyclh Meithrin; deferred until 12th January 2016

BW/208/15 Builth & Llanwrtyd Medical Practice Cllr L.Jones

Letter received and circulated. The contents noted.

BW/209/15 Glan Irfon Dental Practice Cllr L.Jones

Letter received and circulated. The contents noted.

BW/210/15 Vacancy for Town Councillor

No applications or interest shown. Clerk to re advertise.

BW/211/15 Public Transport, Builth and Rural Communities.

This matter was reported in County Councillors report and the Council awaits other outcomes.

BW/212/15 Finance

¹ S144 LA Act 1972

² S145 LA Act 1972

- a) **Accounts to be paid from the Current A/C *VAT to be recovered:**
DD=Direct Debit
 Proposed the accounts be paid. Cllrs B.Chard/B.watkins unanimous
- b) **Strand Hall Borrowing Approval. Cllr A Jones**
 The Clerk informed the Council that the application had been signed and sent on the 4th December.
- c) **Proposal to re-start building refurbishment in the Strand Hall; Cllr A Jones**
 Cllr Jones outlined necessary preparation work with the architect which needed to be started to prevent further lengthy delays and to answer outstanding questions by the Council. It was understood that costs incurred would not be subject to a successful grant application or the use of such a grant,
Proposal: The Clerk is authorised to send a letter of instruction to Mr Brian Jones, Architect, to prepare any documentation that is necessary to identify outstanding works and costings. Cllrs B.Watkins/L.Jones unanimous

Mr G Evans Chq:2130	Wages November	£383.18	Approved
One Voice Wales Chq:2671 (new Chq Bk)	Councillors Training	£105	Approved
BT a/c7677	Broadband Services	£135.60	DD
SWALEC Chq:2672	Strand Hall electricity	£441.86*	Approved
SWALEC Chq:2673	Toilets Strand Hall Electricity	£22.29*	Approved
SWALEC Chq:2674	Strand Hall Gas	£20.98*	Approved
Blachmere Illuminations Chq:2675	Replacement Christmas Lights	£2646*	Approved
Nibletts Hardware Chq:2676	Xmas lights sundries. Groe toilets padlocks	£88*	Approved

BW/213/15 Correspondence

- a) Builth Wells Community Support, request to park at Strand Hall.
Following discussion the Council would decline the request as all available space will be required for the building phase 3 of the Strand Hall. Clerk to reply.
- b) **Police & Crime Commissioner** request for community involvement on Police budget. **Noted**
- c) Walking with the Wounded. What next? **Noted**
- d) Builth Medical Practice reply. **As discussed.**
- e) Letter from Executive Leader Cllr B.Thomas
 Community Delivery, devolved Services. **Clerk to write relating to the future use of the Tourist Information Office, Groe Car Park.**
- f) Letter from Glan Irfon 'Mydentist' dental practice: **Noted**

BW/214/BW Saturday Council Surgeries'

Cllr Reardon stated that this will be on Saturday 30th January 2016 1030-12 noon. Councillors are invited to assist.

BW/215/15 Reports

- **Christmas lights**

Clerk reported that all lights have now been erected. Councillors noted that minor repair works didn't appear to have been completed in time. This would be looked at by Lights Committee in February.

BW/216/15 P,R&F Committee

Groe Public Toilets as previously reported. The finance committee have one outstanding meeting to finalise the recommendations of the Budget.

BW/217/15 Tasking & Finishing Group: Monthly Report.

Cllr B.Reardon reported that matters were moving forward and submitted an updated document.

BW/218/15 Matters for next meeting 12th January 2016

Meeting closed at 2130hrs

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Signed.....

5th January 2016