



BUILTH WELLS TOWN COUNCIL

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Minutes of a Meeting of Builth Wells Town Council on 9th June 2015 commencing at 7.30pm in The Strand Hall, Builth Wells.

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

Apologies for Absence:Cllrs L.Jones;D.Jones

Others: County Councillor A.York;

Declaration of Interest:None

Minutes

BW/094/15 Minutes

- a) To authorise the Chairman to sign the minutes of the meeting 12th May 2015 as a correct record. **Proposed/Seconded/Carried** Cllrs A.Jones/A.Richards
- b) To authorise the Chairman to sign the minutes of the meeting 19th May 2015 (AGM) as a correct record. **Proposed/Seconded/Carried** Cllrs A.Jones/A.Richards
- c) To authorise the Chairman to sign the minutes of the extraordinary meeting 24th March 2015 as a correct record. **Proposed/Seconded/Carried** Cllrs A.Jones/A.Richards

BW/095/15 Clerks report from Minutes

Outstanding matter of Superfast Cymru box location outside Wyeside, meeting, now covered under County Councillors report.

BW/096/15 County Councillors Report

Business rates relief for those under a rateable value of £50,000 will attract a £1500 discount.

The Government has announced a £50 million pound cut to Wales budget. It will be inevitable that Powys will attract even more cuts.

County Councillor York will be attending a meeting in relation to the siting of a Superfast broadband box. She will be accompanied by Cllr Price who has

considerable knowledge in this field, which she welcomed. An update to the Council will be given. Cllr York emphasised the support and commitment of the trustees of the Wyeside for Builth Wells High Street to have these facilities. She highlighted that the building is Grade Two listed and all possibilities needed to be explored, not necessarily the one wanted by a private company.

Cllr Price reiterated his interest in obtaining the software used by PCC to calculate their projected figures of pupil loss. As on the Welsh Assembly site they are stating that the loss of pupils (11-18yrs) to 2035 shows only a drop of 3.8%. Cllr York reminded that **today**, across Powys, we have 1500 vacancies. The problem of today should have been sorted years earlier, however she will look into the point he raises.

Cllr Wellstead ask for a copy of the previous independent reports relating to the above, a matter Cllr York would look into.

Cllr A Jones raised the issue of the Groe trees and in particular the tree with a fish carved into it. It is now becoming in a dangerous condition, it was this council's belief that the tree surgeon had been given instructions some time ago, to fell the tree and give the carving to Builth Town Council. Cllr York to look into the matter.

Cllr Reardon (Chairman) extended to County Councillor A.York an open invitation to remain throughout all of the meetings and where applicable may be able to contribute to specific matters within her knowledge.

BW/097/15 Planning

None

BW/098/15 Committee Memberships for 2015/16

See attached document.

Meetings dates agreed **Christmas Lights Committee 26th June 7pm**
Policy, Resources and Finance 24th June 7pm.

BW/099/15 Summer Flower Baskets, update

Cllr D.Jones (through Clerk) reported that 111 baskets and one tub were successfully arranged and hung. He extended his thanks to all that helped on the day.

BW/100/15 Builth Wells Town Council Garden Competition.

Cllr D Jones (through Clerk) reported that there had been a small increase in competitors 2015 but that the Garden Club at their AGM decided that as no persons attended the prize giving event for two years, they were no longer supporting the event. Following further discussions it was **Proposed/Seconded/Resolved**, Cllrs Reardon/Price that the competition be discontinued.

BW/101/15 Groe area and dogs under control.

The Council considered the best time to being the spray and shame campaign. At present the area needed to have the grass cut and the effectiveness of spraying would be lost. It is hoped that this campaign will start soon subject to PCC grass maintenance program. The Council was also informed of an incident involving violent behaviour towards a member of the community who challenged an irresponsible dog owner. The Council are concerned that this issue is a Powys wide problem that requires official recognition to be dealt with properly. It was **Proposed/Seconded/Resolved**, by Cllrs Prynne/A.Richards that the Clerk write to Christopher Salmon, Police & Crime Commissioner, Dyfed Powys seeking his commitment to this problem and to explore the possibilities of PCSO's having further powers to deal with offenders.

BW/102/15 Welsh Water, Traffic noise on Brecon Road.

Cllr L.Jones (through Clerk) reported that she had contacted Welsh Water who were apologetic and gave an undertaking that even when emergency repairs are needed, lorry movement would not occur between 12 midnight and 5am.

BW/103/15 Powys 'Community Delivery Initiative' Plans

It was reported that the first meeting and introductions were informative and positive. The next meeting will be Thursday 11th in the Strand Hall. Further report next month.

BW/104/15 Builth Wells Town Projects Cllr A.Jones

Reported that there was still likely to be a crossover of objectives with the Community Delivery Initiative, more will be known following their next meeting. However, he requested councillors brought to the next meeting their initial plans to proceed with their projects.

BW/105/15 Builth Fest

The Town Council will be participating this year. The Mayor and Deputy have committed themselves to the Shop Window judging on the Friday evening (19th) and the carnival judging (20th). The overall theme this year will be the Community Delivery Initiative, supervised by Cllr B.Chard. Authority has been granted for Cllr.A.Jones to purchase a 'gazebo' and councillors gave an undertaking to help throughout the day, subject to other commitments whilst they were there. **Proposed/Seconded/Resolved**, Cllrs Chard/A.Richards that Cllr A.Jones purchase a 'gazebo' for this and other council events.

BW/106/15 Groe Public Toilets, Cllr A.Jones

Cllr Jones gave a brief update excluding confidential information on his discussions with the Welsh Assembly. The following statement was authorised to be given by them. *'The Welsh Government is supportive in principle of the revenue and capital funding proposals which have been submitted to them. Officials are currently considering them in line with Welsh Government procedures and we should receive a response in the next week or two.'*

BW/107/15 Builth Wells High School

No additional matters.

BW/108/15 Finance

Mr G Evans Chq:2072	Wages (May)	£433.55	approved
BT a/c 7677	Internet	£129.12*	DD
Mr G Evans Chq:2073	Expenses:Stamps,Brackets	£29.08*	approved
Itsdun Chq:2071	Itsdun Computer suppliers	£695.97*	approved

BW/108A/15 The Clerk reported back on the proposition of the accounts for 2015/16 and the anticipated additional requirements that will be made by the Auditor General for Wales for a commercial accounts package to be used. This matter was deferred to the next meeting for further comparisons to be made and assisted by Cllrs Price/A.Jones

BW/109/15 Correspondence

- Letter of response from Mr Chris Davies MP...**Noted**
- Letter from British Legion – re watering of the monument gardens.
Cllrs Reardon/Waktins will contact them direct.
- New legislation guidance from One Voice Wales on the publication of ‘Declaration of Interest’ **Builth Wells Town Council already updated their web site.**
- Letter of thanks from Severn Valley Stages Rally...**Noted**
- Builth Wells Community Support Anniversary invitation... **Mayor and Deputy to attend**
- Community Delivery Initiative ‘Plans. email from Cerys Thomas...**Noted**

BW/110/15 Reports

Cllr Reardon circulated a document referring to current standing orders for inclusion of the next meeting.

BW/111/15 Attended the memorial service for Mrs Griffiths on the 5th

Attended service of celebration of 125 year of the Mothers Union on the 9th.

BW/112/15 Matters for next meeting 14th July

Discussion on standing orders, document produced. Cllr Reardon

Meeting closed at 2128hrs

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Committee Memberships (2015/16)

Strand Hall Marketing Committee

Cllr A.Jones
Cllr A.Richards
Cllr.J.Price (Ex.Off)
Cllr M.Prynne
Cllr B.Watkins
Co-option Mr J.Morgan
Co-option Mr J.Carruthers

Policy and Resources & Finance Committee

Cllr B Reardon (Ex.Off)
Cllr J.Price (Ex.Off)
Cllr B.Chard
Cllr D.Wellstead
Cllr B.Watkins
Cllr A.Jones

Personnel Committee

Cllr B.Reardon
Cllr J.Price

Representatives on Outside Bodies

BWs Sports Hall-Cllr D Wellstead
Wyeside Arts Center-Cllr T Layton
BWs Community Centre-Cllr Adrian Jones
Powells Charity-Cllrs:D.Jones,Richards,
Rev.Jones Charity- Cllrs L.Jones;Reardon
One Voice Wales-Cllrs Prynne;T Layton
BWs Primary Sch.-Cllr Prynne
BWs Chamber of Trade- Cllr Prynne
BWs Access Group-Cllr Reardon
BWs Gardening Club-Cllr D.Jones
British Legion- Cllrs Reardon;Watkins
Thomas Pritchard Trust-Cllr A .Jones (4 Yr
term)

Christmas Lights Committee

Cllr J.Price(Ex.Off)
Cllr B.Watkins
Cllr B.Chard
Cllr D.Wellstead
Cllr A.Jones
Ivor Williams (Chamber of Trade)
Chamber of Trade
Chamber of Trade

Groe Area Monitoring Councillors

Cllr B.Chard
Cllr A.Jones

Appeals Committee

Cllr A.Jones
Cllr A.Richards
Cllr B.Chard

Representatives on Outside Bodies(Cont)

Strand Hall Management Group

Cllr J.Price(Ex.Off)
Cllr A.Jones
Cllr J.Richards
Cllr B.Reardon(Ex.Off)