

# BUILTH WELLS TOWN COUNCIL

## CYNGOR TREF LLANFAIR-YM-MUALLT



### Minutes of the Meeting of Builth Wells Town Council held on Tuesday 11th April 2017 commencing at 7.30 pm in The Strand Hall, Builth Wells.

**Present :** Cllrs M.Prynne (Mayor), A.Powell (Deputy Mayor), G Thomas, D.Ronicle, B.Watkins, B.Reardon, A Offa, P McNiffe.

**Apologies for Absence :** Cllrs A Jones and D Jones

**In Attendance:** Karen Compton (Press)

**BW/49/17    Declarations of Interest:**

None

**BW/50/17    Minutes:**

- a) To authorise the Chairman to sign the minutes of the meeting held on the 14th March 2017 as a true record.

**Proposed Cllr D.Ronicle. Seconded Cllr B Reardon. Unanimous**

**BW/51/17    Clerk's Report:**

- The process has been started for a staff pension.
- Nicky Grist Rally. An email from the organisers was read to council. There are other costs as well as the closure payment of £460. A traffic management system must be put in place. Masco have quoted £500. There is also a need for two people to man each end of the street this will cost about £150. The organisers feel the cost cannot be justified and would like to know if there is any way costs can be reduced. Cllr Powell said that she thought the Christmas market organisers did not pay a road closure fee. Cllr Thomas suggested approaching Sue Boulter in the Regeneration Department at PCC to see if there was any money that could be set against these costs. Cllr Reardon suggested that the Epynt Club should be approached to see if they were willing to contribute. Cllr Thomas suggested the Council contact Sue Boulter in the Regeneration Department to see if there were funds available.
- Council were informed that PCC had delivered the clock to the Strand Hall. Cllr D Jones was going to collect the plaque from Antur Gwy.

- The Community Asset Transfer application has been submitted to PCC for the meeting on the 19<sup>th</sup> April. An Email has been received from PCC acknowledging receipt.
- Cllr Ronicle asked under matters arising from the minutes if a letter had been sent to PCC regarding the schools closure. Cllr Ronicle will email notes to the Clerk.  
**Cllr Ronicle proposed. Cllr Powell seconded. Unanimous**

**BW/52/17 Planning** – notification of approval for extending the terrace at The Fountain.

**BW/53/17 Finance:**

**a. Account balances – before the following schedule of payments**

Balance of Current A/C:	<b>£ 43,654.40</b>
Balance of Business Reserve A/C:	<b>£ 37,839.51</b>
Balance of Groe Toilet A/C :	<b>£ 544.30</b>
Balance of Strand Hall Account:	<b>£176,297.11</b>

**b. Schedule of Cheques and Direct Debits to be paid from Current A/C No 05202906 and Strand Hall Account No 12544930**

<b>Cheque No</b>	<b>Payee</b>	<b>Purpose</b>	<b>Cheque Total £</b>	<b>VAT to be reclaimed £</b>	<b>Budget Expenditure</b>
2866	Wayne Williams	Groe Toilet Repairs	600	100	500
2867	JRB Enterprise	Electrical	819.60	136.60	683
2868	Redlynch	Picnic Tables	2580	430	2150
2869	TC Cleaning	Groe Toilets	1691.33	281.89	1409.44
2870	TC Cleaning	Sundries	86.35	14.39	71.96
Direct Debit	Welsh Water	Groe Toilets	1770.33	-	1770.33
Direct Debit	Welsh Water	Strand Hall	215.91	-	215.91
<b>Sub Total</b>			<b>7760.52</b>	<b>962.88</b>	<b>6800.64</b>
0007	PCC	Building Regulations	894.01	149.00	745.01



It was proposed to accept the accounts.

**Proposed Cllr Reardon. Seconded Cllr Offa. Unanimous**

- c. **Banking:** Cllr Prynne reported on her discussion at Barclays Bank. If the Council has less than £100,000 then they can have a Community Account which is free but more than £100,000 it has to be a Business Account that would be free for 6 months. Barclays can offer 3 signatories with an account whereas the Council usually has 5. A debit card can also be issued for one councillor. It was resolved to discuss in greater detail that the next meeting. Cllr Powell said there was a need to support local banks and local jobs. Cllr Ronicle wondered if a letter to Nat West would be in order but other councillors felt that as the decision had been made there would be little point. Nat West may introduce a mobile bank for 2 hours a week. Council money could be paid into the Post Office. The Nat West ATM would be removed but there are ATMs at Barclays and the Co-op.

**BW/54/17 Correspondence:**

- a) Dyfed Powys Police contact Information.
- b) PCC Notification of admission age for Primary Schools.
- c) Cllr Prynne thanked Cllr Thomas for his support whilst he had been a Councillor.
- d) Nicky Grist Rally. Discussed under Clerk's Report
- e) PCC review of rateable value for Groe Toilets – for information.
- f) BT broadband quote. Cllr Powell would like to see if a better quote is available.
- g) One Voice Wales membership Fee is due.
- h) Rally Nuts Severn Valley Stages Rally will take place at the Showground on 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> of June.
- i) PCC Notice of withdrawal of Code of Conduct Training.
- j) SLCC notice of training. It was suggested to look at One Voice Wales training courses.
- k) Letter from Cae Post about recycling plastics not currently recycled by PCC. They can provide a bin that would be emptied monthly for a charge of £8.50. Cllr Offa suggested asking them to come and talk to Council.

**BW/55/17 Strand Hall Update**

- a) Work is progressing well – ahead of schedule. The decorator started last week. The electrician and plumber are both due next Wednesday. Cllr A Jones met with Stage Curtains and Lighting.

**BW/56/17 Hanging Baskets:**

The baskets are going up to Midway Nurseries next week and the baskets will be hung on 21<sup>st</sup> May from 8am. The brackets must be tested. Brecon and Llandrindod Town

Councils both have a special weight tester that could be borrowed. The Spar needs another bracket.

**BW/57/17 The Groe:**

- a) Dog Bins. Cllr Reardon is very pleased with the new bins that Councillor A Jones installed. The bag system within is much easier to use and it is difficult to pull multiple bags. Cllr Reardon has put up a small notice on the bins stating that they are provided by the Council for emergency use and please would dog walkers provide their own.
- b) Toilets – there are 3 flushes not working. Mr Williams has replaced one new one and repaired the other 2 but he does have 2 spare if necessary. CT Cleaning have had problems with cleaning and have advertised for a new cleaner. The heater in the shower has not been working but the electrician should have been informed.
- c) Grass Cutting – The contract was awarded to Terry Conti. Cllr Prynne looked at the area with Mr Conti. There is a problem with an overgrown bush at Brynhyfryd that needs to be cut. It was reported that dog walkers are cleaning up after their dogs and then throwing the bags into the hedge. Cllr Reardon suggested a letter go the PCC asking for an extra bin in that vicinity. Grass cuttings are also being deposited on the bank behind the bungalows. It was suggested to write to tenants and place notices.

**BW/58/17 High Street and Broad Street Resurfacing**

Discussion followed around the areas that were the worst – outside Niblett's is particularly bad. A letter has been started and photos are needed to illustrate the deterioration.

**BW/59/17 Town Council Surgery**

Cllr Prynne stated that she and Councillor A Jones attended but no members of the public.

**BW/60/17 Reports**

Cllr Prynne went through her diary engagements for the month and gave a verbal report on the recent Access Meeting she attended. Once again there had been discussion around the state of the Groe path and the tree roots. There had been an issue with toilets in Brecon. PCC Highways Department sent apologies for not attending the previous meeting and stated they would not be attending any access meetings. Cllr Prynne also stated that PCSOs cannot issue tickets for pavement parking.

Cllr Prynne reported on the meeting she had attended with Cllr Powell about play equipment. The meeting had been set up with Mr Darren Morre from Playdale who is a consultant for PCC. Cllr Prynne had to leave the meeting along with Cllr Reardon for another engagement and Cllr Powell continued the report. PCC are going to replace the 2 sets of swings on the Groe. Mr Morre would like the helter skelter removed. There will be another meeting in a month and it was suggested to hold an

open meeting about the play area. Cllr Powell stated that grants are available and she is prepared to visit other play areas to see what they have.

**Meeting Closed 8.45pm**

Signed.......... Date .....14.6.2017..