

BUILTH WELLS TOWN COUNCIL

CYNGOR TREF LLANFAIR-YM-MUALLT



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

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

Apologies for Absence : County Cllr Jeremy Pugh

In Attendance: Karen Compton (Press)

BW/87/17 Declarations of Interest:

None

BW/88/17 Co-option

No applications were received by the closing date for the three Town Council vacancies. Discussion followed as to whether it would be possible to interest students but councils are not allowed to actively canvas for members. Cllr A Jones suggested extending the deadline to the August Meeting. Cllr Powell suggested placing an advert in the Brecon and Radnor Express but this would cost £165. It was also said that the vacancies be advertised on the website.

BW/89/17 Minutes:

- a) To authorise the Chairman to sign the minutes of the meeting held on the 13th June 2017 as a true record. There was a correction to the minutes. The Chamber of Trade donated £250 from the collection boxes and not £200 as was stated at the meeting on 13th June 2017.

Proposed Cllr B Watkins. Seconded Cllr D Ronicle. Unanimous

BW/90/17 No County Councillor's Report

There was no report presented.



BW/91/17 Clerk's Report

Attention was drawn again to the Chamber of Trade donation - £250 not £200 as was stated in the minutes.

BW/92/17 Planning – There were no objections to the removal of signage, ATM and internal non original fittings at Nat West Bank.

Proposed Cllr A Jones. Seconded Cllr A Powell. Unanimous

BW/93/17 Finance:

a. Account balances – before the following schedule of payments

Balance of Current A/C:	£ 72,820.93
Balance of Business Reserve A/C:	£ 37,840.12
Balance of Groe Toilet A/C :	£ 2,406.80
Balance of Strand Hall Account:	£115,730.92

b. Budget review – RFO to present review of current finances

c. Schedule of Cheques and Direct Debits to be paid from Current A/C No 05202906, Strand Hall Account No 12544930 and Groe Toilet Account 12544922.

Cheque No	Payee	Purpose	Cheque Total £	VAT to be reclaimed £	Budget Expenditure
2888	Midway Plants	Bedding plants & compost	65.06	12.05	53.01
2889	Midway Plants	Hanging baskets	1,832.04	305.34	1,526.70
2890	V Lymer	Salary	436.50	-	436.50
2891	Zurich Municipal	Insurance	2,021.46	-	2,021.46
DD	PWL B	Loan payment	1,894.14	-	1,894.14
			6,249.20	317.39	5,931.81

0013 SH	Bowen Consultants	Surveyor & design fees	792.00	132.00	660.00
0014 SH	Andrew Davies	2 nd Payment	30,329.66	5,054.94	25,274.72
0015 SH	Topps Tiles	Tiles for Strand	1,406.62	234.44	1,172.18
0016 SH	James Mason	Balustrade installation	1,200.00	-	1,200
0017 SH	Jewson Limited	Tiles for Strand toilets	318.52	53.09	265.43
Total			34,046.80	5,474.47	28,572.33
0006 GT	Cancelled	Cancelled cheque			
0007 GT	TC Cleaning	GT Cleaning June	1,568.83	261.47	1,307.36
0008 GT	TC Cleaning	GT Sundries June	222.69	37.11	185.58
			1,791.52	298.58	1,492.94

Cllr A Jones explained that in there had been 2 payments made by councillor's personal bank cards against pro forma invoices so goods could be dispatched. Cheques for £228 for Cllr A Jones and £344 for Cllr M Prynne were needed. It was proposed to accept these payments.

Proposed Cllr D Jones. Seconded Cllr B Watkins. All eligible Councillors in favour.

Cllrs A Jones and M Prynne did not vote.

It was proposed to accept the full schedule of payments.

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

BW/94/17 Correspondence:

- a) One Voice Wales AGM – Cllr Reardon will be unable to attend
- b) Powys Local health Board AGM – Cllr P Mcniffe to attend.
- c) Road Closure notification Smithfield Road 9-3pm Wednesday 6th September
- d) Road closure notification castle Street 9.30-5pm Wednesday 2nd August
- e) Powys County Council Newsletter. It was explained that the newsletter is available in digital format with links to articles and therefore cannot be printed out in full.
- f) Notice of Activities at Sennybridge. No heavy explosions planned.
- g) Website quote. Elwyn Davies has given a quote of £1500 to design and service two new websites and will be focusing on the Strand Hall website initially. He will be looking for stock photographs. Cllr D Ronicle suggested holding a photographic competition for the website. Cllr A Jones said that it was necessary to check the renewal date for the existing website so it could be cancelled in plenty of time.

- h) Powys County Council invitation to attend evening reception at The Showground. Cllrs M Prynne and P McNiffe to attend.
 - i) Hanson's Quarry donated £300 towards the Christmas Lights and a thank you letter has been sent.
 - j) Letter received from Powys County Council Youth Service requesting evidence regarding the impact the youth club closure has had on the community. Powys County Council are looking to make further savings of £220.00. Cllr A Jones reminded the Councillors that the Riverside Community Centre was originally built to house the youth club and its closure has had a financial impact on the centre. The financial implications could have a knock on effect. It was suggested that users of the Centre be signatories to the letter to Powys County Council. It was also suggested that Jess Metcalf be contacted for her views. The reply must be presented by 9th August.
 - k) Letter from PHS who provide services to the Groe Toilets asking for online payments. PHS only receive one annual payment from the Council and an email address has been given so they can send the invoice by email.
 - l) Powys County Council notice of the closure of Welsh Medium Stream at Brecon High School. They have presented a 147 page report justifying the closure.
 - m) Press release from Powys County Council regarding the recycling centres. There is a proposal to open the centres 5 days a week from September. This was confirmed late on the afternoon of the 11th July.
 - n) Urdd – letter from Aled Sion asking to meet with Councillors to discuss the 2018 event. Cllr Ronicle suggested that first of all the council contact Mr Steve Mason, Head of Welsh at the High School. An email has been received from Mr Mason advertising a fundraising meeting.
 - o) Email from Anne Marie Evans asking for the Council's support for a community garden/ allotment. The Council felt it would be a really good idea but it was pointed out that the location falls within Cilmery district and not Builth.
 - p) Powys Local Teaching Health Board invitation to attend reception at Royal Welsh Show Tuesday 25th July – Cllr M Prynne to attend.
 - q) Welsh Ambulance Services NHS Trust AGM 2pm Thursday 20 July. No-one available to attend. Suggested that a copy of the Annual Report be requested.
 - r) Letter from The Welsh Government requesting information regarding borrowing approval and the loans from the Public Works Loan Board.
 - s) Powys Local Teaching Health Board invitation to AGM 19th July in Llandrindod. Cllr P McNiffe to attend.
 - t) Community Support Grant Application received after the agenda had been sent out. Will be scheduled for August's meeting.
 - u) Notice of traffic management for Royal Welsh Show.
 - v) BT quote for phones and broadband. Cllr A Jones explained that a 5 year deal would save £600 a year. It was proposed to give Cllr A Jones authority to discuss and sort out a contract with BT.
- Proposed Cllr D Ronicle. Seconded Cllr A Powell. Unanimous.**
- w) Email from a Christmas Lights supplier

- x) Letter from Pensions Regulator – reminder of compliance date. Cllr D Ronicle explained that the Council needs to select a pension body and register it with the government.

BW/95/17 Strand Hall Update

Cllr A Jones gave an update on progress.

- a) There has been £104,313.39 expenditure to date on the Strand Hall. £17,960.56 includes fees to Bowen Consultants, Powys County Council for Building Regulations. There is £13,000 in the Business Reserve Account for the Strand Hall that needs transferring over. It was proposed to transfer the money.
Proposed Cllr A Offa. Seconded Cllr P Mcniffe. Unanimous.
- b) The British Legion have enquired on the progress of the hall as they have a concert booking for November. Enquiries have been made regarding holding a food festival.
- c) The kitchen is fully fitted and the boilers are in. The decorator will be coming in August.

BW/96/17 The Groe:

- a) **Picnic tables** – it was stated that the tables have stains on them and that they need cleaning. There was discussion around applying a sealer but it was suggested that soap and water be tried before anything else. Cllr Prynne wondered if extra bins were needed but the feeling was that people need to use the existing ones. There will be photographs taken of Councillors with the benches to accompany a press release.
- b) **Groe Toilets** – Cllr A Jones explained that last year during Royal Welsh Week that the toilets were closed at 5pm and there was lots of mess outside that Powys County Council had to clean. There had been a meeting last October with County Councillors Avril York and John Brunt to discuss toilet provision during Royal Welsh Week. Cllrs M Prynne and A Jones have been in touch with Brent Campbell from Powys County Council regarding arrangements for this year. Powys County Council would like to toilets to be open late into the night and he discussed this at a meeting with Cllrs M Prynne and A Jones. TC Cleaning were approached to provide costings to keep the toilets open and clean until 2am. The quote was submitted and was for TC Cleaning to clean at 5.30pm and close the toilets re-opening at 7.30pm and with someone there to service the cubicles through the evening. Powys County Council felt the quote was too expensive. To date Powys County Council will provide 2 security guards and will also clean the toilets ready to be opened at 7.30am.
- Cllr A Jones expressed concerns about damage to the property and would like the original contractor to do any necessary works on a like for like basis as there would be no time for a tendering process. There was also an issue with public liability insurance. Powys County Council should be liable for the hours they are running the toilets. The Town Council do not want to have to put in an insurance claim under any circumstances. It was suggested that a letter be sent to Powys County Council stating that the town Council must retain authority on toilet opening, if they felt they were not fit for use. It was suggested at Powys County Council provide portable toilets on The Groe. It was queried whether the Council



would receive the £13,000 grant from the Welsh government if the toilets were not open. It was stated that the council would need to honour TC Cleaning's contract during Show Week.

It was proposed to send a letter to Powys County Council regarding an agreement with Powys County Council for an extended opening.

Proposed Cllr B Reardon. Seconded Cllr P Meniffe. Unanimous.

- c) **Bank Holiday Weekend Event** – Builth Fest are holding a Duck race on the Sunday and so it was suggested that the Town Council combine their event with the Fest and have it on the Sunday rather than the Monday.

Proposed Cllr D Jones. Seconded Cllr D Ronicle

- d) **Bench Proposal** – Cllr D Jones stated that he had been asked about a bench being placed on the Groe in memory of Mr Bruce Roberts. Discussion followed as the ground does not belong to the Town Council. It was said that siting a bench could cost up to £1000 - £400 for the standing and £600 for the seat. The question of standardised benches was raised. There is a bench by the tubs near the bus shelters and it was suggested that perhaps that could be replaced but the Council would need to contact the Highways Department. Attention was drawn to the bench on Hospital Pitch as it is in a bad state of repair. It was felt that all the Council owned benches need to be looked at and the item put on the agenda for the August meeting.

BW/97/17 Grant Applications

A grant application had been received from Builth Wells Play Scheme for funding towards their summer programme. It was proposed to award a grant of £500.

Proposed Cllr A Jones. Seconded Cllr D Jones. Unanimous.

BW/98/17 Compliment Slips

It was suggested that Councillors call into the office to look at the designs and select which they liked most.

BW/99/17 Committee Terms of reference.

It was explained that each sub-committee needs to have a defined level of responsibility. The Clerk will look at appropriate terms of reference. Committees make recommendations and it is for The Council to make decisions based on those recommendations.

BW/100/17 Committee Membership -

All committee membership was confirmed.

BW/101/17 Reports.

Cllr Prynne gave a brief report on the meeting of Builth Wells Access Group. Members walked round The Groe looking at where problems with tree roots had been resolved. They were going to report back to Powys County Council if there were any further problems.

BW/102/17 Chairman's Report

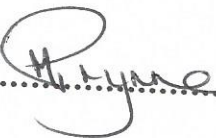
Cllr Prynne reported to Council that the Nicky Grist Stages would like next year's rally to use The Strand Hall as their headquarters and service the cars in the town if that can be arranged.

The Press left the meeting.

BW/103/17 Riverside Community Centre

A report was given on the meeting attended by Cllrs M Prynne, A Jones and the Clerk. The Riverside Committee are to look again at costs regarding the renting of the premises to the nursery and they will be seeking legal advice regarding any lease arrangement.

Meeting Closed 10.00 pm

Signed.......... Date ..July 11th 2017