



**Minutes of the meeting of Builth Wells Town Council held on
Tuesday 13th February 2024 at 7.00 pm
in The Strand Hall, Builth Wells.**

Present: Cllr's M. Hammond, A.Lewis, L.Hopkins, G.Goodwin, A.Waller, A.Bujok.

Town Council Officer/s present: Louise Hammond (Clerk).

Others present: C.Cllr Pugh, Karen Compton (Press).

Apologies for Absence:

Non Attendance: Cllr L.Pugh.

BW/011/24: DECLARATION OF INTEREST:

Cllr Hammond item 7 (k) Filled forms in – Did not vote.

BW/012/24 MINUTES:

To authorise the Chair to sign the minutes from the meeting held on **9th January 2024** as being a correct record. **Resolved** - minutes were correct.

BW/013/24 MINUTES:

To authorise the Chair to sign the minutes from the PRF meeting held on 6th February 2024 as being a correct record. **Resolved** - minutes were correct.

BW/014/24: COUNTY COUNCILLOR PUGH:

- a) Hospital signs: Cllr Pugh would like to get these signs installed. There is still a possible donation available of £5000 to conduct these works. Council **resolved** that they would take on the completion of the sign and pay for it out of the donation, if its available. Cllr Pugh will ascertain if donation is still available for this project and also forward all paperwork and designs to council.
- b) Cllr Pugh is now the Chairperson of Community Support and advised that the old TIC building should be up and running soon.

BW/015/24: MAYORS REPORT:

- a) Cllr Hammond advised council that he had applied for a grant from Thatcher's brewery for the purpose of planting an orchard. He was pleased to report that he was successful, and council had been awarded 10 Apple trees. Cllr Davies had identified an area for the planting and was instrumental in forwarding the application onto Cllr Hamond.
- b) Croeso Site: enquires still ongoing for permission to paint and update this site.

- c) Welcome Signs: Still ongoing. There was an issue with the logo design which has now been resolved.
- d) Friendship agreement: Cllr Hammond advised that now the head teacher from Ysgol Calum Cymru had been successful in his application for another role, he needed to contact his replacement to ascertain if this were something that they would like to progress.
- e) Mayors' awards: Cllr Hammond asked council if they would put forward the names of any individuals or groups to whom these awards could go. His idea would be to make a donation out of his mayor's allowance to the group categories.

BW/016/24: FINANCE:

- a) Machinery: **Resolved** – Cllr Davies will remove the large tree on the Groe.
- b) Internal Auditor accepted invitation to conduct our internal audit.
- c) Grotto: £145.00 – **NFA**
- d) SLCC renewal: **NFA**
- e) Christmas Boxes: £144.62 in total – **NFA**
- f) Dyfed Alarm Quote for lift: **Resolved** – Unanimous
- g) Payment Summary: Correct – **NFA**
- h) Accounts Reconciled: Correct - **NFA**

BW/017/24: CLERKS REPORT:

- a) Memorial repairs: **Resolved** - council will await John Protheroe to complete works in Spring 2025.
- b) Choirs: Not now required for rededication service.
- c) Scouts Grants: **NFA**
- d) Pottery Hub: **NFA**
- e) Trees on Groe: Ongoing
- f) Trees Bee garden: **Resolved** – Cllr Davies to deal.
- g) BT: **NFA**
- h) School Holidays proposal by Welsh Government affecting RWAS: **Resolved** – Council will support RWAS.
- i) Wood carvings proposal: Clerk to make enquires with Powys County Council (Stephan Butcher) as this is on their land.
- j) Pizza for fun day: **Resolved** – Clerk to advise and ask for a donation on the day.
- k) Website: **Resolved** – Continue with this service – Unanimous vote .
- l) Barclays pop up hub Rota: Clerk to update.
- m) Thank you letter: **NFA**.
- n) Litter: **Resolved** – ongoing problem.
- o) Energy Drinks being sold to children under the age of 16years: **Resolved** - Clerk to make contact with trading standards.
- p) Action Log: **Updated**.

BW/018/24: EVENTS:

- a) D-Day 80: National Fish & Chip Day now also moved to 6th June – Clerk to ask fish and chip shop and other establishments if they will be involved in this. The idea would be to buy your supper and watch the beacon being lit on Garth Hill from the Groe.
- b) Collection Boxes: **Resolved** - that council would not put the boxes out this year and instead hold a raffle/auction on the day that the Christmas lights go up.
- c) Rededication of the war memorial: Cllr Hammond taking the lead on this.
- d) Ice cream Man: **Resolved** – agreed.

- e) Cllr Waller submitted to council the costing of two benches for the memorial garden: After an in-depth discussion council **resolved** that they would go with the two benches to not only mark D-day celebrations but also to mark the 100th anniversary of our Cenotaph. Money to come from Community project - Unanimous vote.

BW/019/24: HOSPITAL SIGNS/THOMAS LANT:

- a) Hospital signs already discussed: BW/014/24
- b) Thomas Lant: Cllr Hammond advised council that the great niece of Thomas Lant had contacted him in respect of her disappointment when she recently visited his grave in Llanelwedd Church, and saw it was uncared for. She advised that he had left money for its upkeep and that of his wife. Cllr Hammond reminded council of the impact Mr Lant had had not only in Builth but also the surrounding area in respect of his philanthropy. Cllr Hammond asked council for permission to pursue this with the other town council and community council that this issue c to and see if something could be arranged for its care. **Resolved** – Unanimous vote.

BW/020/24: GROE TOILETS:

Automatic doors: after an in-depth discussion surrounding this issue, Council **resolved** to go with the new quote – Majority vote.

BW/021/23 CONFIDENTIAL MATTERS:

- a) Stage Curtains: **Resolved** – Clerk to make contact – Unanimous vote.

THE MEETING CONCLUDED AT 8.34pm

Signed on behalf of the Town Council.....

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