



# BUILTH WELLS TOWN COUNCIL CYNGOR TREF LLANFAIR-YM-MUALLT

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## Minutes of the meeting of Builth Wells Town Council held on **Tuesday 13th October 2020 at 7:00 pm** in The Strand Hall, Builth Wells.

**Present:** Cllr's G.Davies,Waller,Thomas,Reardon,Goodwin,Hammond,Mavin,J.Jones,Prynne,Morgan.

**Apologies for Absence:** Cllr's D. Jones,Walters.

**Non attendance:** None.

**Other Attendance:** C.Cllr Pugh, Louise Hammond (Town Clerk).

Reference	Subject	Actions & Action Owners
BW/089/20	<b>Declaration of Interest:</b> Cllr Hammond - Agenda items 13 and 19 Cllr Morgan - Agenda item 12	Forms filled in, didn't vote (13). Forms filled in, left meeting (19). Forms filled in, didn't parttake in discussion (12).
BW/090/20	<b>Minutes:</b> To authorise Chair to sign the minutes of the Town Council AM meeting held on the 21st July 2020 as a correct record. <b>Proposed Cllr Reardon/Seconded Cllr Waller – All in favour.</b>	

<b>BW/091/20</b>	<p><b>Minutes:</b></p> <p>To authorise Chair to sign the minutes of the Town Council meeting held on the 11th August 2020 as a correct record.</p> <p><b>Proposed Cllr Morgan/ Seconded Cllr Thomas – All in favour.</b></p>	
<b>BW/092/20</b>	<p><b>Correspondence:</b> Clerk.</p> <p>As per Agenda:-</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a) Fixed assets: still being worked on by Clerk.</li> <li>b) Enquires to be made regarding the extra works.</li> <li>c) Lottery Invite: Council do not wish to participate.</li> <li>d) High Sheriff: Invite to be made.</li> <li>e) Council aware.</li> <li>f) Twinning letter.</li> <li>g) Council to have a small Remembrance Ceremony under Welsh Government guidelines.</li> <li>h) C.Cllr Pugh dealing with this (Bike Bash).</li> <li>i) N/A.</li> <li>j) Council will address this issue nearer the time,But didn't see any problem with some sort of cover.</li> <li>k) C.Cllr Pugh: Roads update - There is to be a 12 month resurfacing programme.</li> <li>l) Stone Trail: Discussion of options to be had with contactee.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a) Clerk</li> <li>b) Clerk</li> <li>c) N/A</li> <li>d) Clerk to write for a visit around Christmas.</li> <li>e) Clerk has already replied.</li> <li>f) To be brought back to Council in the new year. (Spring)</li> <li>g) Clerk to send donation.</li> <li>h) N/A</li> <li>i) This will be revisited when first stage has been carried out.</li> <li>j) Clerk to contact</li> <li>k) N/A</li> <li>l) Clerk to contact</li> </ul>
<b>BW/093/20</b>	<p><b>C.Cllr Pugh:</b> Updates.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a) Overflowing bins: Powys County Council have agreed to the rotation on the emptying of the bins. This will hopefully make a difference.</li> <li>b) Pressure washing will be carried out on identified Town centre streets as some are looking very untidy.</li> <li>c) Parking on Groe Street: This is now a police matter and they will deal.</li> <li>d) Item 12 on Agenda regarding Schools programme is still ongoing, and there are no updates as yet as he is awaiting assessments of risk.</li> <li>e) C.Cllr Pugh is looking into issues in the area pertaining to care home facilities for the elderly.</li> </ul>	

<p><b>BW/094/20</b></p>	<p><b>Issues &amp; Matters arising from Previous Meeting:</b> Clerk.</p> <p>No comments or Queries from Council.</p>	
<p><b>BW/095/20</b></p>	<p><b>Groe Toilets:</b> Cllr Davies.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a) Cllr Davies is looking into prices for water-free urinals which would save Council in the long term. He will report back when he has the costs.</li> <li>b) Healthmatic: Have now taken over the contract for the sani-bins and have also said that if Council take out a three year contract with them, they will provide door locking systems free of charge. Council resolved that this would have to be brought back to Council in the new year for further discussion regarding the future of the Public Toilets.</li> <li>c) A lengthy discussion surrounding the issues on the Groe regarding dog waste and dogs running free took place. This is something that Council will have to look into in the future as it is becoming a real problem.</li> </ul>	
<p><b>BW/096/20</b></p>	<p><b>Representatives on outside bodies:</b> Clerk.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a) Wyeside.</li> <li>b) Riverside Community Hall.</li> <li>c) OVW.</li> <li>d) Chamber of Trade.</li> <li>e) Builth Wells Gardening Club.</li> <li>f) Builth Wells Access Group.</li> <li>g) British Legion.</li> <li>h) Thomas Pritchard Trust ( No longer affiliated ).</li> <li>i) The Groe Working Party/Open Spaces.</li> <li>j) Dog Control Party.</li> <li>k) Tri-Towns: Has been dispanded ( Cllr Thomas).</li> <li>l) BWESG.</li> <li>m) Builth Wells Primary School.</li> <li>n) Community Support.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a) Cllr J. Jones</li> <li>b) Cllr D. Jones</li> <li>c) Cllrs, Reardon, Prynne, Hammond.</li> <li>d) Cllr Davies</li> <li>e) Cllr D. Jones</li> <li>f) Cllr Prynne</li> <li>g) Cllrs Reardon &amp; Hammond</li> <li>h) N/A</li> <li>i) Cllrs Davies, Waller, Goodwin &amp; Morgan</li> <li>j) Cllrs Reardon &amp; Mavin</li> <li>k) N/A</li> <li>l) Cllr Prynne</li> <li>m) Cllr Hammond</li> <li>n) Cllr Morgan</li> </ul>

<p><b>BW/097/20</b></p>	<p><b>Working Groups/ Committees within Council:</b> Clerk</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a) PRF.</li> <li>b) Strand Hall.</li> <li>c) Christmas Lights.</li> <li>d) Grievance Panel.</li> <li>e) Appeals Panel.</li> <li>f) Disciplinary Panel.</li> <li>g) Staffing Committee.</li> <li>h) Open Spaces &amp; Groe Working Party.</li> <li>i) Events.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a) Cllrs, Davies, Waller, Walters, Thomas, Goodwin, Reardon.</li> <li>b) Cllrs, Davies, Waller, Walters, Prynne, J. Jones.</li> <li>c) Cllrs Davies, Waller, Goodwin, Thomas</li> <li>d) Cllrs Davies &amp; J. Jones</li> <li>e) Cllrs Waller &amp; Thomas</li> <li>f) Davies, Goodwin, Mavin, Walters</li> <li>g) Cllrs, Morgan, J. Jones, Waller, Thomas, Mavin, Reardon</li> <li>h) Cllrs Davies, Waller, Goodwin &amp; Morgan</li> <li>i) Cllrs, Prynne, Davies, Morgan, Reardon, Mavin, Waller &amp; Goodwin</li> </ul>
<p><b>BW/098/20</b></p>	<p><b>Finance:</b> Clerk.</p> <p>Clerk presented a full 6 monthly summary of the finances and no issues or concerns were raised. The Clerk also raised issues regarding the purchasing of items and reminded Councillors that only people who are authorised should be purchasing anything on behalf of the Council.</p> <p><b>Proposed Cllr Waller/Seconded Cllr Morgan – All in favour</b></p>	
<p><b>BW/099/20</b></p>	<p><b>Christmas Lights:</b> Cllr Davies.</p> <p>No issues raised by the Council regarding the last Christmas Lights report and expenditures.</p>	

<b>BW/100/20</b>	<p><b>Grants:</b> Clerk.</p> <p>One grant application received from Builth Wells Cricket Club: Council discussed this at great length and resolved to award the club a £1000.00 grant.</p> <p><b>Proposed Cllr Reardon/Seconded Cllr Hammond – All in favour.</b></p>	<p>Clerk to advise Cricket Club</p>
<b>BW/101/20</b>	<p><b>Plans for Builth Wells school becoming a Welsh Medium School:</b></p> <p>As per BW/093/20 – C. Cllr Pugh: This is still ongoing.</p>	
<b>BW/102/20</b>	<p><b>Documents/Website Updates:</b> Clerk</p> <p>Clerk reported to the Council that Wil (from Pixelhaze) has put his hourly rates up to £30.00 per hour. After some discussion from Council it was resolved that Council would stay with Pixelhaze.</p> <p>Clerk also reported that Council still needs to address the Strand website and decide how they would like to proceed with this as it still remains dormant, it would be a good idea to start addressing this. Council resolved that there are sufficient funds in the Strand account to get the website up and running.</p> <p><b>Proposed Morgan/Seconded Mavin – All in favour.</b></p>	<p>Clerk to contact Pixelhaze and advise that they will continue to use them for websites updates and also get a quote regarding the Strand website.</p>
<b>BW/103/20</b>	<p><b>PRF:</b> Clerk</p> <p>Council had no issues with this report and its contents.</p> <p><b>Proposed Cllr Hammond/Seconded Morgan – All in favour.</b></p>	
<b>BW/104/20</b>	<p><b>Hanging Baskets:</b> Cllr Davies.</p> <p>Cllr Davies advised that baskets would be taken down last weekend of October.</p>	
<b>BW/105/20</b>	<p><b>Planning:</b> Clerk.</p> <p>Council had no comments regarding the two current planning applications.</p>	

<p><b>BW/106/20</b></p>	<p><b>Councillors Reports/Requests:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a) Cllr Jones reported that The Wyeside are doing all they can in respect of carrying out risk assessments with regard to reopening.</li> <li>b) Cllr Morgan is making enquires with regards to funding for a youth centre in Builth and feels that the Town really needs this service for its youth.</li> <li>c) Cllr Hammond would like to purchase some compost for the Bee garden along with the bark that has already been donated this would really help when Council plant the Bee bombs – Council resolved that the purchase could take place with a budget of £100.00.  <b>Proposed Cllr Morgan/Seconded Cllr Thomas – All in favour</b></li> <li>d) Cllr Walters sent apologies.</li> <li>e) Cllr Reardon reported that the “Dog waste” bags are depleting at an alarming rate and as a money saving exercise, he thought that by only refilling them every 10 days this would be one way of doing this. Also, Council could look into some sort of sponsorship. Council also might need to remind the public that these bags are for emergencies only and to look into getting cheaper bags or different dispensers.</li> <li>f) Cllr Reardon also wanted Council to think about either cleaning or renewing the welcome signs into Builth as these are very old and in need of changing. Cllr Thomas advised that we would need to make contact with Highways Agency regarding this. Council resolved that C. Cllr Pugh might look into this on our behalf.</li> <li>g) Cllr Prynne reports that Gardening Club have asked for a donation of £150 for new bulbs to put in the memorial ground.  <b>Proposed Cllr Hammond/Seconded Cllr Thomas – All in favour</b></li> </ul>	
<p><b>BW/107/20</b></p>	<p><b>Mayors Report:</b> Cllr Davies.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a) Strand car park issues: have got better but there are still some problems.</li> <li>b) Cenotaph: Is looking very good and the grass seeds seem to have taken. Cllr Davies reported that there are just too many people to thank individually, but the Council really appreciates all that turned up to help during the that time.</li> <li>c) Christmas Grotto: Cllr Davies reported that Council should start to think about how it can provide some sort of Christmas Grotto. After a long discussion about this issue, Council resolved that at this current time it would not be possible to do anything within the Strand and something would have to be considered outside. This will have to be discussed nearer the time.</li> </ul>	

<b>BW/108/20</b>	<p><b>Confidential:</b> Clerk.</p> <p>Clerk Presented to the council prior to this meeting.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a) New salary scale.</li> <li>b) Backdated National pay award.</li> <li>c) Contract Issues.</li> </ul> <p>a &amp; b: Council resolved that this should be awarded to the Clerk.  c: Amendments made to the contract to reflect this and address the issues raised.</p> <p><b>Proposed Cllr Morgan/Seconded Cllr Prynne – All in favour.</b></p>	
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**The meeting concluded at 9:25**

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

Name: .....

Date: .....