

BUILTH WELLS TOWN COUNCIL

CYNGOR TREF LLANFAIR-YM-MUALLT



Minutes of the Meeting of Builth Wells Town Council held on Tuesday 8th August 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, B.Reardon, A Offa, A Jones, County Councillor J Pugh

Apologies for Absence : Cllr D Jones

In Attendance: Karen Compton (Press)

BW/104/17 Declarations of Interest:

Cllr M Prynne – Planning application

Cllr A Offa – Community Support grant application

Cllr A Powell – Builth Fest grant application

BW/105/17 Minutes:

- a) To authorise the Chairman to sign the minutes of the meeting held on the 11th July 2017 as a true record. There was a correction to the minutes. After a clarification of point L in correspondence the minutes were proposed as a true record.

Proposed Cllr B Reardon. Seconded Cllr a Powell. Unanimous

BW/106/17 County Councillor's Report

County Councillor Pugh stated that what he was about to say would be confidential and that he did not want what he had to say to be minuted. The press asked Cllr Pugh if he would like her to leave, he said yes and she left the room. In his report he mentioned the Groe Toilets during Royal Welsh Week and Community Asset Transfers.

There will be a debriefing meeting on 24th August at County Hall to discuss the unfortunate death of James Corfield during the Royal Welsh Show week. The meeting will also make recommendations for future safety measures to help prevent this event happening again.

Karen Compton returned to the room.

BW/107/17 Clerk's Report

- a. BT – Confirmation of new contract and everything now in place
- b. Groe Toilets. Confirmation of letters sent to Powys County Council in the run up to the Royal Welsh Show
- c. Confirmation that the current website renewal is due in September.
- d. Contact has been made with Mr Steve Mason regarding the 2018 Urdd Eisteddfod.
Several Councillors attended a meeting at The Greyhound Hotel.
- e. Mr Aled Sion Chief Executive of Urdd – email sent advising him the council would be in touch to ask him to speak at a council meeting.
- f. Anne Marie Evans – email sent advising her that the council are in support of her project but pointing out the ground is situated in Cilmery.
- g. Jess Metcalf has been contacted regarding youth services but to date no reply has been received.
- h. Co-option. Powys County Council's electoral department have advised that the council vacancies must be advertised until they are filled. It was suggested to do a window display at the Community Support Office.

BW/108/17 Planning – P2017/0769

Builth Tyres site at Irfon Industrial Estate, Garth Road. There were no objections.

It was proposed to accept the application.

Proposed Cllr D Ronicle. Seconded Cllr A Offa. Unanimous

P/2017/0700

Outline Residential Development, Brecon Road on behalf of Mr Gerald Evans and Mrs Jean Evans.

Cllr Prynne declared an interest and left the room.

There was discussion around housing stock in Builth.

Concern was expressed about sewerage capacity, as sewerage overload had been raised when the previous development was built and nothing had changed since then. Cllr A Jones stated that he “trusts the authority will make judgements on proper access, water and drainage.”

Concern was also expressed about reduced visibility as traffic speed approaching from Upper Chapel can be high.

It was proposed to support the development and respond to Powys County Council with the concerns discussed.

Proposed Cllr A Powell. Seconded Cllr A Offa

BW/109/17 Finance:

a. Account balances – before the following schedule of payments

Balance of Current A/C:	£ 59,050.96
Balance of Business Reserve A/C:	£ 37,840.77
Balance of Groe Toilet A/C :	£ 13,675.28
Balance of Strand Hall Account:	£ 81,684.72

b. Schedule of Cheques and Direct Debits to be paid from Current A/C No 05202906, Strand Hall A/C No 1254493 and Groe Toilet A/C 1254492

Cheque No	Payee	Purpose	Cheque Total £	-	Budget Expenditure
2892	Wyeseide	Annual Grant	5,000.00	-	5,000.00
2893	Mike Davies	Watering Hanging Baskets	560.00	-	560.00
2894	Jeffco Engineering	Banner	108.00	18.00	90.00
2895	Builth Wells Play Scheme	Grant	500.00	-	500.00
2896	Cancelled				
2897	HMRC	Employee Tax June	67.00	-	67.00
2898	Petty Cash	To replenish Petty Cash	100.00	-	100.00
2899	HMRC	Employee Tax May	56.70	-	56.70
2900	Valerie Lymer	July Salary	436.70	-	436.70
2901	SSE	Electricity Strand Toilets	11.94	1.99	9.95
DD	Public Works Loan Board	Loan Repayment for Strand Hall	1894.14	-	1894.14

DD	BT	Strand Office Phone	247.08	41.18	205.90
DD	BT	Fixed Charges	95.04	15.84	79.20
DD	BT	Fixed Charges	95.04	15.84	79.20
DD	Powys County Council	Strand Hall Business Rates	179.00	-	179.00
Total			9350.64	92.85	9257.79
0018 SH	Dart Cubicles	4 cubicles	3,598.80	599.80	2999.00
0019 SH	Speeder Ltd	Toilet box	228.00	38.00	165.00
0020 SH	Howdens Joinery Co	B/Board	213.12	35.52	177.60
0021 SH	Howdens Joinery Co	Plinth	85.68	14.28	71.40
0022 SH	Old Radiator Co	Brackets & Feet	344.40	57.40	287.00
0024 SH	Andrew Davies	Payment 3	36,139.06	6,023.18	30,115.88
Total			40,609.06	6,768.18	33,815.88
0009 GT	TC Cleaning	Groe T Cleaning July	1,621.13	270.19	1,350.94
0010 GT	TC Cleaning	Groe T Sundries July	315.87	52.65	263.22
Bank charge	Nat West Bank	Unpaid item fee for Welsh Water DD	20.00	-	20.00
			1,904.35	322.84	1,634.16

Groe Toilet A/c balance should have the £13,000 transfer added.

Cllr A Jones stated that there was £20,000 VAT to be reclaimed on the Strand Hall Account and £5,000 on the Current Account.

It was proposed to accept the cheque payments.

Proposed Cllr A Powell. Seconded Cllr P Mcniffe. Unanimous

BW/110/17 Correspondence:

- a) Notes from the Urdd meeting on 18th July at the Greyhound. Cllr Ronicle stated that the Urdd are looking for a permanent site. Trophy sponsorship form had also been sent. Town Council are not allowed to sponsor a trophy but Cllr Ronicle said that Rotary are having discussions on the subject.

- b) Email from Nat West Community Banker suggesting a meeting with Council. Cllr Jones mentioned £13,000 transfer request that had been refused. Cllr A Jones proposed sending a letter to Nat West asking for an explanation.
Proposed Cllr A Jones. Seconded Cllr P McNiffe. Unanimous.
- c) Sennybridge – notice of August activities.
- d) Tourism event in Llandrindod – event taking place in September to focus on joint tourism promotion.
- e) Notice of local defibrillator sites.
- f) Email from Holland about a Builth notice board discovered at a car boot and now in Holland. The owner has asked if anyone is going to Amsterdam.
- g) Asbri planning – advising that comments can be made to the developers regarding the proposed new High School development at Brecon.
- h) Letter from Chris Davies MP – invitation to have a guided tour of the House of Commons.
- i) Brecon Advice Centre Annual Report. The report shows that Builth Wells residents use the walk in advice centre.

BW/111/17 Strand Hall Update

Cllr A Jones gave an update on progress.

£12,000 has been spent on plumbing

The boilers are fired up.

Still to pay £7,500 for the electrics.

Decoration – still £10,000 to pay.

Front stone sill has been redone at a cost of £1100. Cllr Prynne asked if it was possible to do the other side to match. Discussion followed about doing the other front sill.

Toilet cubicles have been purchased.

Tiling cost £4,000

The bar that was acquired from The Vulcan bar has been put in.

Kitchen units cost £5,500.

To date between £153,000 and £160,000 has been spent.

Stage lighting could cost £35,000 - £45,000

There is a meeting on Thursday with Magnum PA about the sound system. They have also quoted for a video system so it would be possible to do video conferencing.

A discussion reverted back to the front stone sill. It was proposed to find the money to refurbish the sill on the left hand side.

Proposed Cllr B Reardon. Seconded Cllr P McNiffe. Unanimous

300 chairs have been ordered.

British Legion concert is booked for November.

Maggie from Slimming World wants to book a Thursday evening and Friday morning for 52 weeks a year and needs a definite answer.

It was proposed to confirm Slimming World's booking provided everything is in order with the building.

The fire risk assessment has been undertaken this morning for part of the building. Fire risk assessment takes the place of a fire certificate. Risk assessment will be given

Proposed Cllr B Watkins. Seconded Cllr P Mcniffe. Unanimous.

CCTV system is needed. Select Security will come and look to see what is necessary. Fire alarms are working but not yet linked in. Select Security will take over the fire alarms together with the intruder alarm.

Volunteer cleaning rota is needed for the hall upstairs. Cllrs B Watkins, D Ronicle, A Offa and A Jones offered to come in on Saturday morning.

There is a website meeting next Tuesday with Elwyn Davies. Cllrs A Jones and A Powell will attend this meeting and report back.

The £16,000 in the Strand Hall Management Group Account is now needed to be transferred into the Strand Hall Account.

BW/112/17 The Groe:

- a) **Play Area** – Darren Morre from Playdale will be coming to the Town Council meeting next month. He will arrive for 6.45pm start.
Cllr Reardon expressed concern about children playing on the swings and trying to get them to go over the bar. Cllr Prynne suggested to speak to Steve Butcher about having a sign put up.
Cllr Powell asked for Council's thoughts about her visiting Talybont to discuss how they got the grants for their play area – they got a lottery grant. There are two grants available - one for up to £25,000 and the other for £250,000 that must involve the whole community. Cllr A Powell is prepared to go and visit.
There was a discussion about a bike wash being sited on The Groe. A future playgroup committee would be applying for grants.
- b) **Groe Toilets** – Cllr A Jones gave a resume of the situation in the run up to Royal Welsh Show Week. An agreement is needed from Powys County Council to the conditions set out by the town Council. It was felt that the 2 security guards as proposed by Powys County Council were not enough because they would need their breaks covering. Cllr Ronicle felt that the council should be showing a positive view to the opening of the toilets and to let County Councillor Pugh know that the council is open to negotiations. Cllr Watkins confirmed that Powys County Council need to agree in writing to all of the Town Council's conditions of opening.
Cllr Powell raised the issue of safety during RWAS week and asked that it be an agenda item at September's meeting. She had had a discussion with one of the District Nurse and Street Pastors were mentioned. Discussion followed around the subject of Street Pastors. The organisation of Street Pastors has to have approval of a Town Council before they can do anything. It was felt that the churches need to be pushing the initiative.
It was generally felt that security around the Groe during RWAS week should be on next month's agenda. It should include discussion about lighting and fencing.
Cllr Prynne explained to Cllr Mcniffe how Powys County Council gave notice that they were withdrawing from discussions about the Groe Toilet situation before the show.

It was noted that Powys County Council installed portable toilets for the duration of the Show.

BW/113/17 Planters – deferred until the next meeting when we hope that Cllr D Jones will be able to attend.

BW/114/17 Riverside Community Centre

Cllr A Jones explained that Brian Ashe, Chairman of the Riverside Community Centre sends him emails asking him to make decisions on behalf of the Town Council. Following a meeting with a potential Strand Hall user the council learned that matters the council had dealt with confidentially are now in the public domain. Emails have been sent to the Riverside but as yet no reply has been received. Parking continues to be a problem at Riverside.

BW/115/17 Review of Council owned benches - deferred to next meeting. Cllrs D Ronicle and B Reardon will take photos of the benches.

BW/116/17 Grant Applications

Cllr Offa left the room.

Builth Wells Community Support reapplied for a grant of £1000.00 to help fund their office costs.

Concern was expressed about the amount of money held in reserves by the organisation. Councillors felt that they would like to see any money donated going to Community Transport. After much discussion it was proposed to seek advice from One Voice Wales about donating public money to an organisation with financial reserves.

Proposed Cllr Mcniffe. Seconded Cllr Powell. Unanimous.

Cllr Powell left the room.

Builth Fest applied for a grant of £1000 towards the community fun day but insufficient accounts were provided and therefore no decision was made.

BW/117/17 Clerk's Resignation

The Clerk explained that she had given 2 month's notice. Discussion followed about the recruitment pack. The position is for 12 ½ hours per week, 600 hours per annum. Cllr Reardon asked if the salary was enough and were the evening hours a problem – clerk replied no to both questions. Cllr A Jones said that the council had let the clerk down because policies and institutional measures were not in place. The advert for the Clerk's position will be placed in the Brecon and Radnor Express. An induction needs to be prepared.

BW/118/17 Report from Chairman of Policy Resource and Finance Committee.

Cllr A Jones reported that he had been elected Chairman albeit on a temporary basis. He reported on the discussions on staff contract changes and the outline of policies.

BW/119/17 Reports.

Cllr Prynne said there was no meeting of Builth Wells Access Group. Cllr Prynne also said that the Bank Holiday event proposed by the Council would not take place. Cllr Powell suggested that something be done for the May Day Holiday.

BW/120/17 Chairman's Report

Cllr Prynne said she had not been able to compile a report for the meeting but would put something in writing for a later date.

Meeting Closed 10.15 pm

Signed..... Date