

BUILTH WELLS TOWN COUNCIL

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Minutes of the Meeting of Builth Wells Town Council held on **Tuesday 12th March, 2019** commencing **at 7.00 pm** in The Strand Hall, Builth Wells.

Town Council minutes March 2019

Apologies.

BW/028/19 - Agreement for Cllr G.Davies to Chair the meeting.

Proposed Cllr Reardon, Seconded Cllr Jones – unanimous

BW/029/19 - Declaration of Interest – none

BW/030/19 – Co option

To accept the co option of Jo ? and Jane ? as councilors

BW/031/19 - Minutes

Minutes of Februarys meeting accepted as being accurate .

Changes needed to be made to the item coding

Proposed Cllr Reardon, Seconded Cllr Goodwin

BW/032/19 - Report by County Councillor J. Pugh.

a. For school buses not to park at TIC, it is for tourist coaches only.

b. What is the position re the Groe Toilets for the RWS ? –

Council response - once the door repair has been paid, we will probably agree as long as they are fully insured.

c. We need to get signage for the Toilets, for visitors inot the town and funding via the "Cambrian Way" project to keep the toilets open beyond 2020/2021, as the A470 I a major tourist route.

d. Bike Track - Council in favour, as it will benefit the youth of the town and create some tourist opportunities, it has been suggested that a new site would be the 'old' grass tennis courts behind the Bowling Club – PCC/Mr S.Butcher have been involved in this discussion (C. Cllr J.Pugh)

Town Council to invite Mrs B.Williams to next meeting to give us an update on the project.

e. Town Website – needs to be run by the Town Council – as a local official body – it is too important to be run otherwise – it is Number 1 priority to 'talk the town up'.

Agenda item - for discussion later in meeting

f. Groe Lights – all the equipment is ready to install – Cllr. G. Davies to help and arrange convenient date.

BW/033/19 - New Clerk.

Proposed to accept Mrs. L. Hammond as our new Clerk, as of 1st April, 2019

Council is waiting for Advanced ? reference from Mrs Hammonds former employer – East Sussex Police – for which she gave permission.

Proposed Cllr. Davies , Seconded Cllr Prynne – Unanimous

BW/034/19 – Finance

- a. Rates Appeal – nothing to report.
- b. Finance update given – see attached documents
- c. Invoices to be paid noted
- d. Report given on the two documents from Audit Commission, we need time to fully absorb details, but critical points were brought to the Council – please see highlighted areas in copy file.
- e. Internal Auditor – we do not need an accountant to be Internal Auditor, according to the documents, but someone who has a professional working knowledge of accounts.

Mrs. S. Jones of Llangammarch Wells, has been approached by acting RFO, to act as our IA for the year 2018-2019, formal invite to be sent.

BW/035/19 – Council Websites.

Mr. Elwyn Davies has updated the Council website

Strand Website – is being updated – it is this website that could be used to ‘host’ a town website – this does need some thought – how to develop and manage this.

We need to get details about the costs of hosting our websites, by next meeting.

Need a meeting regarding the future of the Strand/Town website.

BW/036/19 – Mr G. Rippon – SLCC/OVW

Charging £250 + travel

Asked him to come towards the end of May, Council wish to know if he is coming in a private capacity or officially representing SLCC or OVW when he supports the new clerk and reviews the office.

Proposed – Cllr. Davies, Seconded Cllr. Goodwin – Unanimous

BW/037/19 – Toilets

PCC have confirmed the grant for one more year – 2019/2020 – but it has been confirmed that this will be the last year.

WAG have also confirmed funding for 2019/2020 – we are unsure for future funding, so we have to negotiate with WAG.

Toilet cleaning contract ends 31/3/19 – Cllr Davies has been in contact with TC Cleaning – suggested adaptations to the existing contract.

We will be taking on the purchase of the Toilet Consumables.

Cllr Reardon – we must outline what we want for a new contract.

Need to arrange further meeting with T C Cleaners.

Proposed Cllr Waller, Seconded Cllr Reardon – Unanimous.

BW/038/19 – Barclays Bank.

Not going to close but it is a case of ‘Use it or lose it’

Cllr Davies noted that, like other banks, it is poorer at agricultural business, although Barclays is making efforts to get better.

BW/039/19 – Projects for the Council beyond the Strand.

Cllr Ronicle suggested that we need to be seen to be ‘doing things’ for the town. He suggested that we need to come to the next meeting with ideas/projects that can raise our profile in the town.

Some concern was noted that we need to get the Strand Hall sorted first, other comments were made to the effect that we spend too much time on the Strand Hall and we appear to have 'lost' our profile in the town.

Related topic - Town Meeting – suggestion by Cllr . Davies that we invite public to the Strand to find out what they want – open forum – part of trying to bring the community together.

BW/040/19 – Hanging Baskets

To be put up on Sunday 19th May.
£31 with watering - £18 without watering.

We need to check the brackets before the start of May – suggested we look into buying a 'testing kit' for the brackets.

Do this at the same time as putting up Pink Ribbons for Cancer Charity on 7-11 th May.

Agreed to test brackets on Sunday 5th May.

Thanks given to Cllr. D. Jones for organizing the Hanging Baskets.

BW/041/19 – Memorial

Renovation work starts in May.
Cllr. Prynne has applied for a grant of £200 for the Memorial garden.
Has had some ?quotes? from Mrs Booker who maintains the garden.

BW/42/19 – Christmas Lights.

Cllr. Waller gave some outline prices to refresh the Christmas Lights – some are with light steel, more expensive with aluminium – suggested that the longer lights should be with aluminium.

We need to check the load bearing weight of the cables – when ? – needs to be done by late autumn.

Budget of £5,000 for this year, to be spent before end of March, we have been given a good price if we give a early down payment.

Proposed Cllr. Davies, Seconded Cllr. Prynne. – Unanimous

BW/043/19 – Strand Tariffs.

Pricing agreed, some discussion/concerns with how balanced the prices are so we will review the prop0sed prices in September meeting.

Proposed Cllr. Davies, Seconded Cllr Goodwin – Majority agreement.

Light and Sound team to be established, we pay for training of a group, who we allow to use the equipment. Training to be done by the installers – he already has agreed – we need to contact for a date – it will be a Saturday.

YFC/MPYT..... other groups can have a representative at this training.

Proposed Cllr.Davies, Seconded Cllr. Waller – Unanimous.

BW/044/19 – Strand Committee

We need a date to get a committee organized to begin to operate the Strand on the Council's behalf.

Proposed Cllr. Reardon, Seconded Cllr. Goodwin

BW/045/19 – Nicky Grist Ralley.

Cllr. Prynne had a meeting last week – suggested that they use the Council Chambers, Kitchen and the Cadets area – to use for their HQ

It will bring trade into the Town.

We need to check on the Bridge booking – that clashes – do they need the kitchen / noise problems

Ideas - Contact/inform the Traders/CoT to open for breakfasts at 6.30 (early starts) – and School PTA for litter picking

BW/046/19 – already discussed (C.Cllr. J. Pugh)

To invite Mrs. B. Williams to update the Council prior to next meeting.

BW/047/19 – Correspondance – items in the correspondence file.

BW/048/19 – Fence by Doctors

Check if fence belongs to PCC.

Re: the fence on the Irfon River bank – meeting with Mr. T. Conti and get quotes.

BW/049/19 – Howey OVW

Cllr Reardon report

BW/049/19 – AoB

Copies to made of side gate keys.

Groe railings/Cenotaph/ Bull to be done

'Cartoon' wall by bus stop looking bad – letter to architects to 'do something'.

Close 10.07.

Minutes agreed.

Signed **Date**