



**Minutes of the meeting of Builth Wells Town Council held on
Tuesday 9th April 2024 at 7.00 pm
in The Strand Hall, Builth Wells.**

Present: Cllr's M. Hammond, G.Davies, 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: Cllr L.Pugh.

Non Attendance: None.

BW/030/24: DECLARATION OF INTEREST:

Cllr Davies Item 6(a) - Did not vote. Did not comment.

BW/031/23: MINUTES:

To authorise the Chair to sign the minutes from the meeting held on **12th March 2024** as being a correct record. **Resolved** - minutes were correct.

BW/032/24: C.CLLR PUGH:

Cllr Pugh gave council an overview of what the new proposed parking restrictions were going to look like. Maps were included in this.

BW/033/24: MAYORS REPORT:

- a) Air Ambulance update: the 7 health boards across Wales have stated that they require more information with regards to this issue, so there will be a delay in the outcome.
- b) Friendship agreement: Looking to get this signed in September in Germany.
- c) Mayors' awards: Builth Wells YFC will be given their award and donation on Sunday evening (14th April) at their rehearsal show.

BW/034/23: FINANCE:

- a) Transforming Grants – finances management: In-depth discussion with regards to what this means to council and how this should be addressed. Clerk advised that council have overview of this, and she would like at least two councillors on board to keep this transparent. It is not acceptable for the Clerk to deliver this project or the grant money without this. Clerk made council aware that is her understanding that the money will come into Council account for distribution = **Unanimous - Cllr's Bujok and Hopkins will oversee this with Clerk.**
- b) Hosting Strand Website £15.00 per month: **Unanimous – Resolved.**
- c) Overtime Clerk up to 20 hours. (Grant Applications): **Unanimous – Resolved.**
- d) Retainer Pixelhaze = Cllr Hopkins will take the lead on content.
- e) £515.37 Honesty Boxes Groe Toilets : **NFA.**

- f) VAT to be submitted £14280.56: **NFA.**
- g) Poppy Wreath ordered for D-day £27.50 = **Unanimous – Resolved.**
- h) Social media: **Unanimous** - Cllr Hammond taking the lead on social media content.
- i) Groe Toilet doors: In-depth discussions around the lack of contact and the fact that the doors are well overdue – **Resolved** - Clerk to make contact and ascertain when the doors will actually be fitted.
- j) OVW renewal: **Unanimous – Renew.**
- k) Dyfed Alarms advised with regards to lift update.
- l) Year End close set for 15th April.
- m) Internal Audit set for 22nd April.
- n) Payment Summary: **Unanimous – Resolved.**
- o) Accounts reconciled: **Unanimous – Resolved.**

BW/034/24: CLERKS REPORT:

- a) All emergency Plans have been updated in the Strand.
- b) Trading standards aware of the issue surrounding underage selling of energy drinks.
- c) With regards to the new watering Trolley – It was decided in council November 2023 that the price was approx £1500.00 (BW/107/23): **This is now in the process of being purchased for just over £900.00.**
- d) CCTV: updating the cameras: **This has now been updated and installed.**
- e) All electrical updates have now been completed. Next due in 2027.
- f) Bell-Ringers Poster: **Council do not want any posters on the railings of the Cenotaph.**
- g) BT complaint: Clerk to advise: **Ongoing**
- h) BT Movng to digital.
- i) New Stage curtains have now been fitted.
- j) Benches for the memorial garden have now been delivered: **Clerk to give feedback with regards to the packaging of the benches.**

BW/035/24: HANGING BASKETS TREES AND TUBS:

- a) Discussed on item (C) BW/34/24.
- b) Cllr Waller advised that Nursery is aware that council would like 100 baskets this year.
- c) Bracket testing will be carried out by Cllrs Waller/Davies in the next few weeks.

BW/036/24: GROE TOILETS:

Clerk asked council if they wished to remain with current provider or if they wanted to advertise for another tender: **Unanimous** – Remain with 'CORE' for the next two years. Clerk to advise.

BW/037/24: REQUEST FOR POWYS-WIDE REFERENDUM ON TURBINES & PYLONS:

Vote to ask Powys County Council to hold a referendum on the proposal to erect a series of wind turbines and Pylons in Powys: Cllr Hammond: **Unanimous – Resolved** Cllr Hammond will submit the email to the Chief Executive.

BW/038/24: SUSTAINABLE POWYS / POWYS CAR PARK FEES:

- a) Cllr Hammond made mention of proposal across Powys with regards to the reorganisation of services some of which will not be provided in the future. Cllr Hammond will submit a report to go out to council members. For social media and council website with a more detailed outline of the proposals.
- b) Cllr Hammond advised that there were some changes to the proposal, bringing back the one-hour charges in car parks and better signage, but this is still ongoing and now going to the scrutiny panel. He will keep council updated as to the outcome.

BW/039/24: CONFIDENTIAL:

- a) Staffing contract - Resolved.
- b) Payment – Resolved.

THE MEETING CONCLUDED At 20.15pm

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

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Date.....