

BUILTH WELLS TOWN COUNCIL

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Minutes of the Meeting of Builth Wells Town Council held on Tuesday 10th January 2017 commencing at 7.30 pm in The Strand Hall, Builth Wells.

Present : Cllrs M.Prynne (Mayor), A.Jones, B. Watkins, G Thomas, D Ronicle, A Powell, A Offa, P McNiffe, B Reardon

Apologies for Absence : Cllrs D Jones, T Layton.

Absent : Cllr J Price

BW/10/17 **Declarations of Interest:** Cllr A Powell declared an interest in Agenda item 9, Strand Hall.

BW/11/17 **Minutes:**

To authorise the Chairman to sign the minutes of the meeting held on the 13th December 2016 as a correct record. To authorise the Chairman to sign the minutes of the meeting held on 9th January 2017 as a correct record.

Proposed. Cllr B Watkins, Seconded Cllr D Ronicle. Unanimous

Cllr Prynne expressed a view that she was not happy that the precept had not been raised for the next financial year. It was stated that Cllr Reardon had wanted £5000 to go on the precept. Several uses for extra money were discussed. Cllr A Jones explained that a business plan should usually be started in October and that £5000 could go under the heading of Community Delivery Projects. Cllr Reardon stated his belief that the council is very cost conscious and that councillors do not charge for the extra work they do. Much discussion took place about how to present a precept rise to the people of Builth. £5000 equates to £4.70 on a band D property. It was proposed to increase the precept by £5000.

Proposed. Cllr B Reardon. Seconded Cllr D Ronicle. Unanimous.

Minutes of 9th Jan accepted as true record.

Proposed. Cllr G Thomas. Seconded Cllr A Offa.

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BW12/17 Clerks Report:

- 1- Letter sent to Hughes Architects
- 2- Dog bags – discussion around bag design and looking into a different supply.
- 3- Quote £2200 from Andrew Mills for tree work along Three Bridges Walk.
Quote accepted.

Proposed Cllr Powell. Seconded Cllr Reardon. Unanimous

- 5 – Pre Planning Consultation Event – Cllr Jones willing to attend.

BW/13/17 Planning:

Planning permission refused to turn 20 Market Street into a micro pub.

BW/14/17 Finance:**Account balances – before following schedule of payments**

Balance of Current A/C:	£28,555.38
Balance of Business Reserve A/C:	£37,838.58
Balance of Groe Toilet A/C :	£419.30
Balance of Strand Hall A/C:	£181,122.64

a. Schedule of Cheques and Direct Debits to be paid from Current A/C No 05202906

Cheque No	Payee	Purpose	Cheque Total £	VAT to be reclaimed £	Budget Expenditure
2833	Valerie Lymer	Salary	398.90	-	398.90
2834	Glasdon	Dog bags for bins	140.06	23.34	116.72
2835	PCC	Grass Cutting	718.80	119.80	599.00
2836	Adrian Jones (Maplin)	BT Telephone for office	29.99	4.99	25.00
2837	Builth Memorial Gdn	Grant	300.00	-	300
2838	TC Cleaning	Groe Toilets	1568.85	261.48	1307.37
2839	T.C.Cleaning	Groe Toilets Consumables	86.35	14.39	71.96
2840	HMRC	Tax – Shirley (Nov) Val (Dec)	187.40	-	187.40
	Totals		3683.85	424.00	3259.85

Following on from the finances there was a brief discussion about toilet signage and the snag list. It was stated that it would be a good idea to contact Chris Thompson at TC Cleaning and have the toilets deep cleaned twice a year – now and before Easter.

Proposed Cllr Reardon. Seconded Cllr B Watkins. Unanimous

BW15/17 **Grant Applications:**

The Wyeside requested £5000. Full accounts provided to councillors.

Proposed Cllr Reardon. Seconded Cllr Thomas. Unanimous

BW/16/17 **Correspondence:**

2 – Concern about lack of phone coverage in some areas if boxes removed.

3 – Cllr A Jones agreed to attend Community Engagement Event

4 – Cllr A Jones volunteered to help Clerk put application together for Tourism Awards

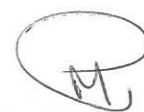
BW/17/17 **Strand Hall:**

Cllr Powell left the room.

Brian Jones and Cllr A Jones met with the Quantity Surveyor on Monday. The contract should be ready to go out this week or next to be returned on 3rd February 2017. There will be a financial assessment and then tender selected. The Council will need to decide who to send tenders to. Once the successful contractor has been decided there will be a meeting and the contract will be for a 16 week period. The tendering process will ask contractors when they could expect to start work. The tenders will be opened by the clerk in the presence of two councillors. There will be a penalty clause based on unearned income if the hall is not open when agreed. It is anticipated that the Strand Hall could open in July in time for the Royal Welsh Show.

BW/18/17 **Christmas Lights:**

Cllr Prynne commented on how lovely the lights have been this year. Fourteen people put up the lights and the lights will be taken down this Sunday 15th January. Cllr Reardon stated that the Christmas lights are the envy of local towns and that he is very grateful to the volunteers who help every year. Cllr Prynne informed the council that the Royal Welsh had agreed to provide £500 towards next year's lights and thanks must go to Mr Steve Hughson. Cllr Prynne also said that thanks must go to all the supporters of the lights – The Greyhound, Lion Hotel, The Fountain, Charlie Bass, Mike



Metcalf and Jim Price. Discussion followed around the honorarium payments granted to the professionals who donate their time. It was decided that payments be awarded to Graham Davies, Malcolm Metcalf and Mike Davies.

Proposed Cllr B Reardon, Seconded Cllr B Watkins. Unanimous

Discussion followed around collection boxes placed in shops for donations to Christmas Lights. The existing boxes belong to the Chamber of Trade. It was suggested that we look into the Council providing boxes.

BW/19/17 Review of Committee Membership:

It was said that the Strand Hall Committee needs to meet asap as there is a lot of work to be done. Cllr Jones would like to co-opt John Carruthers onto the committee and Mary Bradley has also expressed an interest. All existing committee membership was assessed and new members appointed where necessary and the list amended.

BW/20/17 Reports:

There were no reports.

BW/21/17 Chairman's Report:

The Chairman attended the Alpha Carol Service. The Mayor highlighted the information received from Karen Compton regarding Tesco's grant scheme and a discussion followed about possible projects. It was suggested that the Council apply to put picnic tables down near the bridge on Three Bridge Walk. The Mayor also asked for volunteers for the Saturday morning Town Council Surgeries held in the Strand Hall on the last Saturday of the month. It was also suggested that all councillors attend on 28th January from 9.30am if possible to have their photographs taken for the website.

Meeting Closed at 9.32pm

Signed..........

Date.....14.2.17.....