



# 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 08/10/2019** commencing **at 7.00 pm** in The Strand Hall, Builth Wells.

**Present:** Cllr's G.Davies,M.Pryne,J.Jones.A.Waller,J.Walters,C.Mavin,G.Thomas. Cllr D. Ronicle attended late (apologies given)

**Apologies for Absence:** Cllr B. Reardon, Cllr D.Jones, Cllr Goodwin

**Other Attendance:** Louise Hammond (Town Clerk) C.Cllr J.Pugh, Karen Compton (press)

**Matter arising prior to Town Council Meeting:** Before the meeting, two representatives from Builth Fest explained the good work they were doing for our Community, in order to seek assistance from the Town Council, as they are finding funding difficult. Town Council suggested grant process and stated they would look into other avenues to see what help could be given.

Reference	Subject	Actions & Action Owners (if appropriate)
BW/147/19	<b>Declaration of Interest:</b> None	
BW/ 148/19	<b>Minutes:</b> To authorise chair to sign the minutes of the Town Council meeting held on the 13 August as a correct record. This still needs altering to reflect Cllr Ronicle (late attendance to the meeting). This will be amended and taken to next Town Council meeting on the 12th November 2019	Clerk to amend minutes.

<p><b>BW/ 149/19</b></p>	<p><b>Minutes:</b> To authorise chair to sign the minutes of the Town Council meeting held on the 10th September 2019 as a correct record.  <b>Proposed Cllr Walters/Seconded Cllr Mavin – Unanimous.</b></p>	
<p><b>BW/ 150/19</b></p>	<p><b>County Councillor Pugh:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a) Reported that he had resigned from the Independent Group, and had started a new group “Action for Powys”. He strongly believes that this new group will be of more benefit to Powys.</li> <li>b) The lights under the bridge: electrician is being sought and hopefully this will resolve all of the issues.</li> <li>c) There will now be palative care offered at Glan Irfon.</li> </ul>	
<p><b>BW/ 151/19</b></p>	<p><b>Clerks Report:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a) Mayors Chain.</li> <li>b) Money raised from “ Fun Day” will go towards presents for Christmas Grotto.  <b>Proposed Cllr Walters/ Seconded Cllr Thomas – Unanimous</b></li> <li>c) Concluded.</li> <li>d) Elizabeth and Margaret Powells Charity.</li> <li>e) Charity No5: Town Council agreed that the money which was left in this account will go to Community Support total being £444.96.  <b>Proposed Cllr J. Jones/Seconded Cllr Thomas – Unanimous</b></li> <li>f) Clerks chair. Town Council agreed for new chair.  <b>Proposed Cllr Walters/Seconded Walters – Unanimous</b></li> <li>g) Town Council agreed to “New Bin”  <b>Proposed Cllr Davies/Seconded Cllr Mavin – Unanimous</b></li> <li>h) As per agenda</li> <li>i) Grants Policy, whilst this was being discussed it was decided that since a lot of the Town Council Policies are out of date, or not held. It would be more beneficial to the Council if we had bespoke policies made.  <b>Proposed Cllr Thomas/ Seconded Cllr Walters – Unanimous.</b></li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a) Clerk to make enquires with Fattorina’s in Birmingham as this is the company that is used for repair and updates to the Mayoral chain (there are three years’ worth of updating required)</li> <li>d) Clerk to contact Solicitors again and advise Council happy to take this charity “in House”.</li> <li>e) Clerk to Write to Community Support.</li> <li>f) Clerk to order “new chair”</li> <li>g) Clerk to order “new Bin”</li> <li>i) Clerk to contact Gwilym Rippon and ask him to create bespoke policies for Town Council.</li> </ul>

	<p>j) Town Council advised (as per Agenda item)</p> <p>k) Clerks proposal for increased hours due to increased workload in conjunction with Gwilym Rippons report. Clerk left the room whilst this was being discussed, Cllr Thomas took over minutes. Town Council agreed to increase clerks' hours to 20 per week with a further review 31/3/2020. <b>Proposed Cllr Waller/Seconded Cllr Walters – Unanimous.</b></p> <p>l) Town Council agreed to support Clerk in learning programme.</p> <p>m) Groe Toilets BW/135/19 (minutes write to local Assembly Members, who is this action for?)</p> <p>n) N/A</p> <p>o) As per agenda.</p> <p>p) As per agenda</p> <p>q) As per agenda, bin has been moved</p> <p>r) Awaiting meeting date with Niblett's.</p>	<p>m) This action was for the Clerk to write to local assembly members. Cllr Thomas Will draft a letter.</p>
<b>BW/ 152/19</b>	<p><b>Policy, Resource and Finance Committee Minutes:</b> Town Council Resolved to agree to actions and suggestions made at this meeting. <b>Proposed Cllr Ronicle/Seconded Cllr J Jones - Unanimous</b></p>	Minutes will be displayed in window.
<b>BW/ 153/19</b>	<p><b>Groe Trees:</b> Cllr Davies reports that the Ash-Dye back trees are diseased and will need to be felled awaiting a quote from PCC.</p>	Cllr Davies liaising with Powys
<b>BW/ 154/19</b>	<p><b>Finance:</b> Finance will now be brought Council on a monthly basis for signing of cheques and monitoring. Except for T.C. Cleaning and Clerks wages, as this has been previously agreed in Town Council.</p> <p>All finance sheets will now be displayed in the window and at Library, Clerk advised that she has only recently found out about this procedure.</p> <p>Clerk would also like it noted that due to website still being under construction and Clerk still awaiting training on this, uploading minutes and agenda will take some time. Clerk submitted overtime Town Council Agreed</p> <p><b>Proposed Cllr Prynne/seconded Cllr Davies – Unanimous</b></p>	

<b>BW/ 155/19</b>	<b>BSW:</b> Cllr Ronicle would like to know the Town Council position in this, Town Council all agreed that it is very sad to see local jobs being lost.	Clerk to write letter to Head Office.
<b>BW/ 156/19</b>	<b>Correspondence: Clerk</b> a) Gas bill, the reason it was so high is due to the fact that Town Council haven't had a meter reading for over 2 years and as a consequence they have been charging a lower rate, since having the meters read the tariff has been adjusted and the bill now higher. b) Sunday Cinema c) Poppy appeal. d) N/A e) BT <b>Proposed Cllr Davies/Seconded Cllr Waller - Unanimous</b>	c) Clerk to reply and advise Town Council will buy a wreath and availability of use of the Strand.  e) Clerk to arrange for engineer to attend Strand to find out where all the landlines are and what exactly we are paying for.
<b>BW/ 157/19</b>	<b>Christmas Lights and Grotto:</b> Cllr Davies reports that the date is now set for the 13 <sup>th</sup> December. Town Council will report back on what type of gifts to give out for the children.	Clerk to contact Welsh Choir and ask if they can attend.
<b>BW/ 158/19</b>	<b>Lights on Bridge, New Clock for Chambers:</b> Cllr Reardon As apologies given by Cllr Reardon, this item to be brought back in next Town Council Meeting.	
<b>BW/ 159/19</b>	<b>Gwilym Rippon Report:</b> Town Council would like alternative date when Policies can also be discussed.	Clerk to arrange.
<b>BW/ 160/19</b>	<b>Councillors report:</b> a) Cllr Walters proposes that keypad is changed once a month for security purposes. b) External Audit has now been sent off, the only item which Cllr Walters wasn't able to find was the tenders' submissions. c) Cllr Prynne advises the need for a key register.	
<b>BW/ 161/19</b>	<b>Strand Hall and Strand Street Toilets: Cllr Davies</b> a) Coin Covers.	a) Cllr Waller sourcing this.

	<p>b) Strand Car Park, Cllr Davies reports that he has had one quote in from a local firm for the resurfacing of the carpark total quote £4986.00 plus vat, Cllr Davies will endeavour to obtain further quotes. Town Council did agree the carpark does need re tarmacking.  <b>Proposed Cllr Ronicle/Seconded Cllr Prynne – Unanimous</b></p>	
<b>BW/ 162/19</b>	<p><b>Groe Toilets:</b></p> <p>a) Baby bench  <b>Proposed Cllr Davies/Seconded Cllr Waller – Unanimous</b></p> <p>b) Signs to be checked  c) Signs to be checked  d) Emergency cords – Discussed and ongoing  e) Letter to be sent to Portfolio Official.</p>	<p>a) Cllr Waller will investigate sourcing this.</p> <p>d) Cllr Davies will check signs and has electrician dealing with cords this was previously agreed in Town Council.</p> <p>e) Cllr Thomas will draft a letter for this purpose.</p>
<b>BW/ 163/19</b>	<p><b>War Memorial:</b>  Cllr Prynne to make enquires as to whether this has finished, as some parts do not seem satisfactory</p>	Cllr Prynne following up
<b>BW/ 164/19</b>	<p><b>Mayor Report:</b></p> <p>a) Honesty Boxes going up 9/10/19  b) Hanging baskets were taken down over last weekend  c) Grotto discussed along with the Christmas lights  d) Received a Co-option letter earlier today, Cllr Davies asked Town Council if this could be read out for if they would like to be brought back to Novembers Council meeting, Cllr Prynne advised it was in order to read it. Co-option letter From Angharad Morgan was read out by Cllr Davies, after some discussion  <b>Proposed Cllr Thomas/Seconded Cllr Prynne – Majority One abstained (Cllr Gwyn Davies)</b></p>	<p>e) Clerk to send letter out inviting Angharad Morgan to next Town Council Meeting.</p>

**The meeting concluded at: 10pm**

Clerk would like it noted that owing to in-depth discussions on several subjects going on at the same time, the meeting became out of sync with the agenda. However, all subjects discussed have been recorded in these minutes.

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

**Name:** .....

**Date:** .....