

**BUILTH WELLS TOWN COUNCIL
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Minutes of the Meeting of Builth Wells Town Council held on **Tuesday 13th November 2018 commencing **at 7.30 pm** in The Strand Hall, Builth Wells.**

Present : Cllr G. Davies (Deputy), Cllr M. Prynne, Cllr D. Jones, Cllr B Watkins, Cllr D. Ronicle

Apologies for Absence : Cllr P. McNiffe Cllr. B. Reardon, Cllr R. Sweet

In Attendance : Karen Compton (Press), County Cllr J. Pugh

BW/172/18 **Declarations of Interest:** None

BW/173/18 **Minutes:**

To authorise the Chairman to sign the minutes of meeting held on 13th November 2018 as a correct record.

Proposed Cllr . M.Prynne, seconded Cllr B.Watkins all agreed

BW/174/18 **County Councillors Report** Cty Cllr J. Pugh

Meeting commenced at 7.40pm. Prior meeting regarding regeneration at 7.00pm with input from Cty Cllr J. Pugh

Cty Cllr J. Pugh attended a recent regeneration meeting. Builth Town Council need representatives at each meeting if possible. Builth Wells Town need to support local builders to build social housing in Builth along with larger building companies. This is required to promote and develop local home buying and regeneration.

The Rugby club are thinking of placing seating within Builth Wells.

Cty Cllr J. Pugh left the meeting at 7.40pm.

BW/175/18 **Vacancies for three new councillors:**

No applications so far

BW/176/18 **Current position regarding Town Clerk update**

2 candidates were interviewed for the position. Both had the required qualifications but were compromised by time restrictions. Another advertisement was distributed with a closing date of the 16th November, and interview set for Wednesday 23rd.

BW/177/18 **Finance:** Cllr. D. Ronicle

Accounts – reconciled by H. Bozier up to 30/09/2018. VAT return was completed as well.

Internal Audit – 2017-2018 £54,000 submitted but audit commission would like to see the accounts. We have contacted them asking them to meet with us here at the Strand. Due to the internal audit

pressure Di will not attend to our audit again. Elaine Morgan might be approached and asked if she would like to do it.

Reconciled figure - £79,445.63 for current bank account. £71,047.15 outgoings after we have agreed the invoices.

Income – Cllr D. Ronicle empties the cash for Groe toilets each Friday. Any cash collected needs to be doubly checked.

Strand – Cllr D. Ronicle would like to compile a report regarding costs of the Strand this year. This is to obtain an working figure of what the Strand has cost to run over the last 12 months. The current budget is £70,318.42. There has been an increase also with the Groe. Business account is the same as previously.

Cllr. G. Davies suggested that as there is funds available perhaps this should be used to complete the ‘snagging’ list of the Strand. I.E coat hooks, mirrors etc.

Cllr. D. Jones proposed, Cllr M.Prynne seconded. All agreed.

Up-date rates appeal – this is to be placed on every agenda. There is a dichotomy as assessed as a business premises but the loan is for a non-profit making organisation.

Date Stamping Mail – please could all councillors date stamp emails and mail.

TC Cleaning – A re-tender from TC cleaning was read out by Cllr G. Davies. He suggested that the outside toilets should be opened – however, Cllr M. Prynne thinks that this needs to be discussed further. This will be discussed at the next meeting. Clerk to send a letter to TC Cleaning informing them we will stick to current agreement until the end of the financial year. 2 deep cleans were in the contract, we could have one now and one next Easter. Cllr D. Ronicle proposes we continue with our current contract until March 31st. Cllr. B. Watkins seconded. This is to be discussed again in January 2019.

A formal letter needs to be sent to PCC and the Welsh Assembly regarding funding for toilets on the Groe.

Groe Toilets – There was not enough money in the account to pay for DD utilities so the amount was paid from the current account. However in the interim money was transferred into the account so it was paid again. This should be re-funded by 09/11/2018. Cllr D. Ronicle suggests we need to speak to Nat West about what is available to us pertaining to accessibility of the accounts.

BW/178/18 Grant Applications:

Builth Bike Bash – sent in a grant application form but have not listed grants from other sources on the application form. Clerk to write back to inform that there is not enough funds to support the application.

BW/179/18 Christmas Lights and High Street: Cllr. M. Prynne and Cllr. D. Ronicle

We are up to date with the Christmas lights so far. Some will be washed ready to be placed on Sunday 18th November. The hoist is organised. Mr. C. Bass has collected the ties. Cllr. D. Ronicle and Cllr. G. Davies have got the collection boxes ready to go out. Cllr. M. Prynne asked if the name of the shop could be placed on the boxes and a corresponding list compiled.

BW/180/18 Honorarium: Cllr. M.Prynne

The seating is now in place and looks very good.

War Memorial – We have not heard anything from Cadhu so far. £5,000 restoration funding is available but the restoration cost will be £7,000. However, Builth Wells Town council will add the difference. Cllr M. Prynne will contact Kay Francis on Friday. We need the funding to start as soon as possible.

Dressing A Christmas Tree – Would council like to dress a tree in St Mary’s Church? More information about this will be required.

Christmas Dinner – Would BWTC like Christmas dinner in the Golf club? All agreed that Christmas dinner on the 15th December was a good idea and that Cty Cllr J. Pugh should be invited.

BW/181/18 Music on the Meadow:

Cllr P. McNiffe sent a letter to Music on the Meadow in response to a newspaper article. The article appears fine and it is difficult to understand why there has been such upset. BWTC must write again to inform Music on the Meadow that it was discussed at this meeting and we can only apologise for any implied criticism about Music on the Meadow. We are to thank them for their input over the years. Cllr G. Davies proposed and Cllr M Prynne seconded.

BW/182/18 Correspondence: Cllr. G. Davies

All invoices are to be paid. Cllr G. Davies proposed and Cllr M Prynne seconded. All agreed. Correspondence was read out by Cllr G. Davies. Fire matters need to be paid. Cllr D. Ronicle will deal with SSE electricity. Archive Derek Gibbons CV.

Dyfed Police – The difference between the quote and the invoice needs to be explained by DoorTechnik. The police need to be contacted with all copies of information and a letter suggesting they should pay for the door. Heart of Wales property services may have to pay the bill. DoorTechnik needs to be contacted to explain the difference in bills is. This should give us a little time while the ownership of payment is pursued.

Registration – DD will come out.

Defibrillator – To reply to them stating that we have a few.

BW/183/18 Strand Hall Cllr. D. Ronicle

Cllr D. Ronicle to chase up service contract for the lift.

Booking Procedure – from inquiry a provisional booking is placed. A booking form is sent out which is returned with a 20% deposit and damages/cleaning cover of £100. The booking then becomes confirmed.

Car Parking – Parking at the Strand Hall can be an issue. We need our own spaces defined. A suggestion of ‘pop up bollards’ was considered. Perhaps to discuss at the next meeting.

Brecknock Under 18’s dance – Hopefully this event will go well but there may be issues. Should there be male/female pastoral services available? If there are any issues we must bear in mind these are minors. Cllr G. Davies will speak to Mr. P. Hope on Wednesday 14th. Depending on the responses this will denote whether the event will go ahead. If it is a NO a formal letter will need to be sent to them. Cllr M. Prynne proposed, seconded Cllr D. Ronicle

Rotary Clock update – The meeting that was arranged did not go ahead but will be re-made with Cllr. P. McNiffe and Cllr G. Davies. The structure needs to be affirmed by a builder before the clock can be placed. A suggestion was put forward that this Sunday while the Christmas lighting is being erected might be a better prospect for inspection.

Mayoral Chain – This is to be sent for engraving.

BW/184/18 Groe Toilets up-date: Cllr. P. McNiffe

CCTV signage was not discussed due to Cllr P. McNiffe’s absence.

BW/185/18 Community Award: Cllr P. McNiffe

This was not discussed due to Cllr P. McNiffe’s absence.

BW/186/18 Invoices for Payment:

All invoices are to be paid. Cllr G. Davies proposed and Cllr M Prynne seconded. All agreed.

BW/187/18 Any Other Business

Rotary Trees – Cllr D. Ronicle. A discussion needs to take place with Stephen at Powys County Council for permission for the siting of the trees.

BW/188/18 **Chairman’s Report/Diary**

Meeting closed at 10.10pm

Signed.....

11th December 2018

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