



# 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 8th December 2020** commencing **at 7:00pm** in The Strand Hall, Builth Wells.

(Conducted within the Welsh Governments Covid-19 regulations and guidance)

**Present:** Cllr's G.Davies, A.Waller, J.Jones, G.Thomas, G.Goodwin, M.Hammond, B.Reardon, M.Prynne, C.Mavin.

**Apologies for Absence:** Cllr A.Morgan

**Non Attendance:**

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

Before the meeting commenced, The Clerk read out a resignation letter received from Cllr Dennis Jones, who explained his reasons for resigning and his reluctance to do so after spending 32 years on Council. Council accepted his resignation letter with regret, but do not want his dedication to the Council and the Community to pass without proper acknowledgement. This will be discussed by the Council in the very near future.

| Reference | Subject                       | Actions & Action Owners (if appropriate) |
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| BW/121/20 | Declaration of Interest: None |  |

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| <b>BW/122/20</b> | <p><b>Minutes:</b> To authorise The Chair to sign the minutes of the meeting held on 10<sup>th</sup> November 2020 as being a correct record.</p> <p><b>Proposed Cllr Prynne / Seconded Cllr Mavin – All in favour</b></p>  |   |
| <b>BW/123/20</b> | <p><b>Minutes:</b> To authorise The Chair to sign the minutes of the Budget meeting held on 1<sup>st</sup> December 2020 as being a correct record.</p> <p><b>Proposed Cllr Hammond / Seconded Cllr Reardon – All in favour</b></p>   |   |
| <b>BW/124/20</b> | <p><b>County Cllr Pugh:</b></p> <p>Firstly, I would like to pass on my thanks to Dennis Jones for all of his hard work and service to the Town.</p> <p>Secondly, I have recieved an email from Welsh Government asking how the Town has coped throughout the pandenmic, and what measures can be put in place to help for the future. C.Cllr Pugh would like to send a joint response with Council.</p>   | <p>Cllrs Davies and Hammond will meet up with C.Cllr Pugh to discuss.</p> |
| <b>BW/125/20</b> | <p><b>Clerks report:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a) N/A</li> <li>b) N/A</li> <li>c) N/A</li> <li>d) N/A</li> <li>e) <b>Update from VOA:</b> Regarding the rates a postponement has been issued and a representative will attend Strand Hall to revalue the kitchen area.</li> <li>f) N/A</li> <li>g) N/A</li> <li>h) <b>Welcomes signs:</b> letter received from Network Management advising that we could go ahead and renew the signs, but the design of the face must be in compliance with the traffic sign regulations. It was thought that Council could ask schools if they would like to design the signs for us.</li> </ul> | <p>h) Cllr Hammond will follow this up.</p>                               |

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| <p><b>BW/126/20</b></p> | <p><b>Finance</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a) Council resolved to accept Budget 2021/2022 and precept request to be sent to Powys. <b>Proposed Cllr Hammond/Seconded Cllr Reardon – All in favour</b></li> <li>b) New banking system now set up: some teething problems with signatories but hopefully this will be sorted soon.</li> <li>c) Financial Regulations: All Members received a copy Council resolved to accept the new version.</li> <li>d) Overtime agreed.</li> <li>e) Audit Return: All members received a copy and this was accepted by Council, no comments and no queries.</li> </ul> <p>No comments made regarding the finance review or cheque summary.</p> <p>Reconciliation completed - returned to zero.</p> <p>Council thanked the Clerk for all the hard work undertaken.</p> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a) Clerk to send precept request to Powys</li> </ul>   |
| <p><b>BW/127/20</b></p> | <p><b>Correspondence:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a) Request to purchase a bench for the Groe: Council agreed to this</li> <li>b) Closer working with other Councils</li> <li>c) Builth Bike Bash (Cycling Track)</li> <li>d) Llandrindod Wells letter regarding Dental crisis</li> <li>e) N/A</li> <li>f) Jehovah Witness letters received for Councillors</li> </ul>  | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a) Clerk to advise</li> <li>b) Cllr Thomas to make contact</li> <li>c) Cllr Waller to make contact &amp; sit on the Committee, reporting back to Council</li> <li>d) Council agrees</li> <li>e) N/A</li> <li>f) Councillors given letters</li> </ul> |
| <p><b>BW/127/20</b></p> | <p><b>Grants</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a) Heart of Wales – Council resolved to award sum of £130.00 for new signs.</li> <li>b) Wyeside – A lengthy discussion surrounding this grant. Council would like to bring this back in January when Members have had time to read through all the correspondence.</li> <li>c) Community Support – Council Would like to bring this back in January, until after Community Support have had their AGM.</li> </ul>  | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a) Clerk to advise</li> <li>b) Clerk to inform Wyeside. Cllr Jones attending AGM</li> <li>c) Clerk to advise Community Support. Cllr Hammond attending AGM</li> </ul>  |

| <b>Proposed Cllr Reardon/Seconded Cllr Prynne – All in favour</b> |  |
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| <b>BW/128/20</b>  | <p><b>Hanging Baskets:</b></p> <p>Council meeting set for the 19th January 2021 to discuss the way forward with this issue.</p>  |
| <b>BW/129/20</b>  | <p><b>Christmas Lights:Cllr Davies</b></p> <p>The lights are now up and are looking very festive. Obviously we were unable to do the Grotto this year, but we did do “Operation Chocolate Drop-off”; Cllr Davies spent his Mayors allowance to buy chocolate for all the Schools, Nurseries, childminders and creches within the Builtth area. This was very much a Council team effort.</p> |
| <b>BW/130/20</b>  | <p><b>Councillors Report:</b></p> <p>Cllr Hammond attended the first meeting of the strategic Community Support &amp; Response Group (CSRG) organised by PAVO. Report sent out to members on the 25/11/2020.</p>   |
| <b>BW/131/20</b>  | <p><b>Mayors Report:</b></p> <p>Cllr Davies advised that he had made contact with YFC regarding a treasure hunt around the Town for the children and families during the festive season. Details yet to be confirmed.</p>  |

**The meeting concluded at 8:00pm**

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

Name: .....

Date: .....

