



Welsh Language Policy

Builth Wells is a very cosmopolitan and welcoming Town, which has attracted a large number of predominately English-speaking residents to the area over recent decades. Therefore, English is the principal language of the Town. This is not an unusual situation in Powys, as approximately 78% of the County's population are recorded as not being able to speak Welsh.

At present, all Town Council documentation is in English only (although the Town Council's name on document headings are bilingual). Full translations of Town Council documents are not automatically produced, but the Council will make every effort to provide these on request.

The Town Council is happy to receive correspondence in Welsh. However, it will need to be noted that the Council has only one full time employee (The Town Clerk), who is not a Welsh speaker. Therefore at the present time the Council would need to engage a translation service. Any initial reply to the sender of correspondence in Welsh would be in English, to acknowledge receipt of it.

All Council meetings are currently only held in English, and the Council's Website and Facebook page are also only available in English at this time.

However, Builth Wells Town Council recognises the importance of the Welsh language, and in particular the relevance of the Welsh Language Act 1993 and Welsh Language (Wales) Measures 2011 and will look to develop, over time, its business accordingly.

Signed on behalf of the Town Council: Cllr Alan Waller

Printed Name:

Date: 11 / 10 / 2022

Signed by the Town Clerk:

Printed Name: LOUISE HAMMOND

Date: 11 / 10 / 2022