

BUILTH WELLS TOWN COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE TOWN COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON TUESDAY, 13TH AUGUST, 2013 IN THE STRAND HALL, BUILTH WELLS

73. **Present**
Cllr. Meryl Prynne (Town Mayor), Cllr. John Carruthers, Cllr. Allen Evans, Cllr. Lynda Fletcher and Cllr. John Richards.
74. **Apologies**
Apologies were received from Cllr. Adrian Jones, Cllr Dennis Jones, Cllr. Doug Wellstead and Cllr. Geoff York.
75. **Declarations of Interest**
No declarations of interest were declared
76. **(a) Appointment of Deputy Town Mayor**
Following a proposal from Cllr. Allen Evans and seconded by Cllr. Lynda Fletcher it was **RESOLVED** that Cllr. John Carruthers be appointed Deputy Town Mayor.
- (b) Representatives to Outside Bodies 2013/14.**
- (i) **RESOLVED** that Cllr. Allen Evans replace Frances Christley as the Rev.Jones Charity Representative
 - (ii) **RESOLVED** that Cllr.Meryl Prynne (Town Mayor) replace Frances Christley as the One Voice Wales Representative.
 - (iii) **RESOLVED** that Cllr. Lynda Fletcher replace Frances Christley as the Strand Hall Management Group Representative.
 - (iv) **RESOLVED** that Cllr. Lynda Fletcher replace Jonathon Morgan as the Wyeseide Arts Centre Representative.
 - (v) **RESOLVED** that Cllr. John Carruthers replace Jonathon Morgan as the Sculpture Working Group Representative.
- (c) Membership of Committees**
- (i) **RESOLVED** that Cllr. John Carruthers replace Frances Christley as a Member of the Strand Hall Committee.
 - (ii) **RESOLVED** that Cllr. John Carruthers replace Frances Chrisley as a Member of the Christmas Lights Committee.
 - (iii) **RESOLVED** that Cllr. John Carruthers and Cllr. Lynda Fletcher replace Frances Christley and Jonathon Morgan as Members of the Policy and Resources Committee.
 - (iv) **RESOLVED** that Cllr. Allen Evans replace Frances Christly as a Member of The Groe Committee and that the replacement for Gail Jones be filled at the September Meeting.
77. **Minutes of the Town Council Meeting held on the 9th July, 2013**
Following a proposal by Cllr. John Carruthers and seconded by Cllr. Allen Evans it was **RESOLVED** that the Minutes of the Town Council Meeting held on the 9th July, 2013, be accepted as a true record they were duly signed by the Town Mayor.

78.

Matters arising from the Minutes

(a) **Resignation of Town Councillors**

The Town Clerk advised Members that a letter of resignation has been received from Cllr. Jonathon Morgan.

RESOLVED

- (i) That a letter be sent to Jonathon Morgan thanking him for his services to the Town Council and to the Community of Builth Wells.
- (ii) That a Notice be published regarding the Co-option of 3 Town Councillors and inviting expressions of interest from persons qualified to serve as Councillors. Applications to be received by 3rd September, 2013.

(b) **Builth and Llanwrtyd Medical Practice – Changes to Appointment System**

The Town Clerk advised Members that Andrew Cotton, Chief Executive Powys Teaching Health Board has replied to the Town Council letter which raised concerns regarding the above. Mr Cotton has assured that the Health Board will monitor the appointment system as part of its routine approach regarding general practice access across Powys.

(c) **Fish Sculpture on The Groe**

Arrangements to preserve the David Williams Sculpture were put in hand.

(d) **One Voice Wales – 2013 Conference and AGM**

RESOLVED that Cllr. Meryl Prynne be the Town Council's delegate at the One Voice Wales Conference to be held at the Royal Welsh Showground on Saturday, 5th October, 2013.

(e) **Hanging Baskets**

Town Clerk advised Members that Cllr. Dennis Jones is continuing to collect money from local Businesses.

(f) **Resignation of Town Clerk**

RESOLVED that the appointment of the Town Clerk take place at an Extraordinary Meeting of the Town Council to be held on Thursday, 5th September, 2013.

(g) **The Welsh Memorial in Flanders Campaign – Application for Financial Assistance**

Following a proposal by Cllr. John Carruthers and seconded by Cllr. John Richards it was **RESOLVED** that a grant of £100 be awarded to The Welsh Memorial in Flanders Campaign.

79.

Correspondence

(a) **Defence Estates** – Events on Eppynt for August 2013 received.

(b) **Builth Wells & District Heritage Society – Builth Wells Hospital Building**

Letter received from Malcolm Morrison, Chairman of Builth Wells & District Heritage Society expressing concerns regarding the rumours that the hospital building is to be sold to developers and demolished to provide housing.

The Heritage Society feel that the original part of the building should be saved and request that the Town Council write to Powys Health Authority expressing concern at the potential loss of such an iconic building.

RESOLVED that a letter of support be sent to Powys Health Authority and that the Town Clerk make enquiries regarding the possibility of the original part of the Builth Wells Hospital Building being registered as a Listed Building.

(c) **Samaritans** – letter of thanks for Grant received.

(d) **HM Revenue & Customs** – Remittance Advice for repayment of VAT amounting to £776-48p to the 30th June, 2013 received.

(e) **SSE** – Gas Supply Contract for Strand Hall received.

- (f) Powys County Council – Town Council Websites – The grant funding of £500 provided by the Welsh Government for the establishment of Town Council Websites by 2015 will be received with the precept payment at the end of August 2013.
- (g) Brecon Advice Centre – Annual Report and Application for Financial Assistance – **RESOLVED** that the Annual Report be received and that an Application for Grant Form for 2014/15 be sent to David Weston, Vice Chairman of the Brecon Advice Centre.
- (h) Shelter Cymru – Application for Financial Assistance received.
- (i) SSE – Electricity Supply Contract for Strand Hall received.
- (j) SSE – Electricity Supply Contract for Strand Street Toilets received.
- (k) Play for Wales – Summer Issue received.
- (l) Cty Cllr. Avril York – Seats on The Groe – Town Clerk advised Members that the only seat on The Groe which is owned by the Town Council is the ‘Schweitzer Seat’ situated near the Bull Sculpture and this has been confirmed by Steve Butcher of Powys County Council.
- (m) Powys County Council – Public Convenience Provision - Under a new policy the running of public conveniences will be offered to community interest groups with an annual grant and where no interest is expressed Powys County Council will close the facilities.
Powys County Council will shortly be writing to Town and Community Councils outlining the terms of the proposals and seeking expressions of interest to operate public convenience facilities.
- (n) Powys CAB – News letter received.
- (o) Alison Davies – Antiques Centre, Smithfield Road – Email received regarding her concerns how garden tools etc. are stored at the premises. She has reported this to the local police officer and the Environmental Health Department of Powys County Council.
Cllr. John Carruthers agreed to take this matter up with the owner of the Antiques Centre and Powys County Council.

80. **Matters raised by Members**

(a) The Castle

Cllr. Allen Evans reported on the problems caused to adjacent properties with the overgrowth of trees and bushes on the Castle Site.

Town Clerk will contact Ben Humphries of Powys County Council regarding the Rights of Way.

81. **Strand Hall**

Due to the absence of Cllr. Adrian Jones discussion on the matters relating to the Strand Hall were held over for the September Meeting.

82. **The Groe – The Big Scoop**

Email received from Rachel Palmer of Keep Wales Tidy advising that they and the Dogs Trust are raising the awareness of the problems caused by dog fouling by organising special days called The Big Scoop.

Rachel Palmer has indicated that she is prepared to attend a Meeting in the Strand Hall on Wednesday, 4th September in order to finalise arrangements for ‘The Big Scoop’ to be held on The Groe on Saturday, 14th September, 2013.

An informal Meeting of The Groe Committee will be held on the 27th August, 2013 to

discuss the arrangements and letters are to be sent to local organisations inviting them to support the event on the 14th September, 2013 and attend the Meeting with Rachel Palmer on the 3rd September, 2013.

83. **Christmas Lights**

Town Clerk advised Members that the Minutes of the Christmas Lights Committee held on the 2nd August, 2013 will be confirmed at the September Meeting of the Town Council.

84. **Planning Applications**

(a) **Erection of a car port at 27 Park Road**

RESOLVED that Powys County Council be advised that the Town Council have no objections in respect of the planning application but that the views of neighbours should be taken into consideration.

85. **Financial Matters**

(a) **Accounts for Payment**

RESOLVED that the following accounts be paid from the Council's Current Account:-

2482	BT – 551568	£ 79-16
2483	BT – 551789	£ 75-78
2484	BT – 553881	£ 75-78
2485	One Voice Wales – Training Course Fees	£ 60-00
2486	Gareth Williams – Wages/Exp. July 2013	£424-37
2487	Mike Davies – Toilets/Hanging Baskets	£579-70
2488	BDO – External Audit Fee	£510-00
2489	One Voice Wales – Training Course Fees	£ 60-00
2490	The Welsh Memorial in Flanders Campaign – Grant	£100-00
2491	Builth Wells Playscheme – Grant	£250-00

(b) **Application for Grant**

Following a proposal from Cllr. Lynda Fletcher and seconded by Cllr. John Carruthers it was **RESOLVED** that a Grant of £250 be given to Builth Wells Playscheme for the year 2013/14.

(c) **Councillors Allowances**

RESOLVED that this matter be considered at the September Meeting of the Town Council.

(d) **NALC – National Salary Awards 2013/14**

Town Clerk advised Members that the hourly pay rates for all part-time clerks have been increased as follows:-

SCP19	from £9.253 to £9.345
SCP20	from £9.591 to £9.687
SCP21	from £9.941 to £10.040

(e) **Annual Return 2012/13**

The Annual Return was presented to Members following the External Audit and it was **RESOLVED** that the Annual Return be approved and accepted by the Town Council.

Reports**(a) Mayor's Diary**

Cllr. Meryl Prynne (Town Mayor) reported that she had attended the following:-

July 10th – Attended with Cllr. Lynda Fletcher One Voice Wales Training Course.

July 11th – Attended Youth Club at Riverside with Cllr. Lynda Fletcher.

July 14th – Civic Service at Knighton.

July 16th – Best Kept Gardening Competition

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July 18th – Attended function at Primary School to say goodbye to the Headteacher who is taking up a post with Powys County Council.

July 19th – School Leavers' Assembly at Primary School.

July 21st – Opening Concert of the RWAS.

July 22nd – Attended luncheon at RWAS at the invitation of the President Mr. Wyn T. Jones.

July 23rd – Invited to attend Irfon Judo Display on the Showground.

July 23rd – Invited by Lieutenancy Office to meet Prince Charles and the Duchess of Cornwall.

In the afternoon helped out at the Tea-Tent for the Gardening Club.

July 26th – One Voice Wales Area AGM at The Strand

(b) Builth Wells Access Group

Cllr. Allen Evans reported on the Group Meeting held on Monday, 28th July, 2013. Access to the churches were discussed and arrangements for the Group to visit the Medical Centre on 7th August.

(c) Builth Wells Primary School Governors' Meeting

Cllr. Meryl Prynne reported that at the Meeting held on the 18th July, 2013 the Governors agreed to a contribution of 50% towards the wages of Gail Evans, the School Crossing Attendant. Payment will be made in September.

The Meeting closed at 8.40 pm.

SignedTown Mayor

Dated 2013