



**CYNGOR TREF
YSTRADGYNLAIS
TOWN COUNCIL**

**Ordinary Meeting of the Council held at the Welfare Hall,
Ystradgynlais on Thursday 5th October 2017 at 6.30 p.m.**

**Present : Councillor Meurig Evans, Chairman, Presided,
Councillors D Lewis, A Davies, , E Evans,
M Donnelly, R Lock, T Davies,
A Williams, N Craddock, G Davies,
W Thomas, C Nickels,**

82. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE.

An apology for absence was received from Councillors R Millington
Ms R Phillips and L Evans.

83. MINUTES.

Resolved that the Minutes of the Town Council meeting held on the
7th September 2017 be confirmed as an accurate record and signed by
the Chairman of the Council.

**83. THE URDD NATIONAL EISTEDDFOD BRECON AND
RADNOR 2018.**

Further to Minute 82 of the Town Councils meeting on the 7th
September 2017 the Council considered the position in relation to
possible grant assistance being afforded to the 2018 Urdd Eisteddfod.

The general consensus between members was that grants for this event should be afforded to the local schools participating in the Eisteddfod. The Town Council discussed the matter in detail.

Resolved that further information be obtained from the local schools in relation to their involvement and costs of participation in the Urdd Eisteddfod.

84. PATH 110a – GATE POSTS.

Further to Minute 71 of the Town Councils meeting on the 7th September it was **agreed** to allocate £450 towards the refurbishment and installation costs of the above 18th century gateposts with explanatory signage at the Wind Road entrance to footpath 110a. The former cannon barrels would be a feature near to the Wind Road entry point to footpath 110a.

85. CORONATION PARK

Further to Minute 75b) of the Town Council meeting on the 7th September an e mail dated 21st September was received from a local resident in relation to Coronation Park and Town Council financial and staffing matters. The Town Council noted the content of the correspondence.

86. FOOTPATH 110A – PROVISION OF A LITTER BIN.

The Town Council received a number of e-mails from the Powys County Council in relation to the above matter. As part of the project undertaken at path 110a a litterbin was placed on Town Council land near the boundary with Maesydderwen School. An agreement was made with the Powys County Council Engineering and Environmental Health Depts that the County Council would empty the litter bin on a frequent basis. However recently the County Council had reneged on this agreement and was refusing to empty this litterbin, as it was not deemed to be its property. The Town Council discussed the matter at length and **resolved that** a meeting be convened with representatives of the County Council on the problem.

87. TRAWS CYMRU T6 SERVICE BUS STOP IMPROVEMENTS

Correspondence dated 4th October 2017 was received from the Powys County Council containing proposals to improve the bus stop facilities within the Ystradgynlais community. The improvements are Welsh Government funded and involves the demolition of existing block construction shelters and replacement with a new Traws Cymru branded steel and glass shelters. The initial proposal affected a few bus shelters in the Abercrave Ward. Observations were requested in relation to the proposals as documented.

Resolved that copies of the proposals be further considered by the Abercrave Ward and that plenary powers be given to the Ward to forward any comments on the proposal to the Powys county Council.

88. BRECON BEACONS NATIONAL PARK LOCAL ACCESS FORUM

Correspondence dated 25 September 2017 was received from the Brecon Beacons National Park advising that it was currently advertising for suitable persons to apply for membership of the Local Access Forum to cover the whole of the National Park Area. The closing date for is the 21st October 2017.

Resolved to note the notification in relation to these vacancies.

89. ROYAL AGRICULTURAL BENEVOLANT INSTITUTION – BRECON & RADNOR.

A letter dated 26 September was received from the above Institution seeking funding from the Town Council towards supporting the work of your local R.A.B.I. County Committee in Brecon and Radnor.

Resolved that the application for funding be noted.

90. COUNCIL INSURANCE AMENDMENTS.

The Clerk advised that the following land acquisitions had been added to the Town Councils insurance policy at a total cost of £76.34. The

parcels of land concern included;

- **Daniel Protheroe Memorial Park.**
- **War Memorial, Gorsedd Park.**

Resolved to note the changes made to the Town Councils insurance policy.

91. YSTRADGYNLAIS DISTRICT HERITAGE AND LANGUAGE SOCIETY.

a) A request was received from the above Society for the release of the £1000 grant money awarded by the Town Council in April of this year for the Machine path project near Café Chameleon. The project involves the design and the preparation of information to be placed on a 3'x2' bilingual interpretation panel which will be erected alongside the public footpath opposite Café Chameleon.

Resolved that grant award of £1000 be released to the Society for the above-mentioned project.

b) A letter dated 29 September 2017 was received from the Society expressing its disappointment with the standard incompleteness of the work undertaken by the contractor who installed the Interpretation Panel on the project undertaken by the Town Council at footpath 110a in the Ynyscedwyn Ward. Cllr Aneurin Davies acknowledged the problem and his own personal disappointment over this matter and assured the Town Council and the heritage Society that the work required to the Interpretation panel would be undertaken as soon as possible at no cost to the Council. The Town Council thanked Cllr Davies for assistance in this matter.

92. GORSEDD PARK – ELECTRICITY INSTALLATION.

The Clerk reported to the Town Council that meetings had been convened with YSATT and the Powys County council in relation to the above matter. Western Power would install a power supply soon to the Park.

YSATT had advised that in order to carry out events at the Gorsedd Park it needed to capitalise on the installation of electricity by purchasing cabling which could cost up to £2000. A request was made for the Town Council to cover this cost. The Clerk advised that the financial cost of the electricity installation was to be covered by the Powys County Council and at the recent meeting with Steve Butcher of the Powys County Council who had advised that a further grant of £2000 would be awarded to the Town Council for the cabling.

Resolved that the Town Council facilitates the installation of Electricity into the Gorsedd Park as long as there is no cost implication at this moment in time Matter to be reviewed should the Town Council negotiate to acquire the land on an asset transfer basis.

**93. A) LAND AT DIAMOND PARK- YNYSCEDWYN
B) DANIEL PROTHEROE MEMORIAL PARK**

Confirmation was received from the Town Councils solicitor that the above recently required parcels of land in the community had now been registered with HM Land Registry. The Councils title to the lands had been registered under the following title numbers: -

- a) Land at Diamond Park – CYM706142
- b) Daniel Protheroe Memorial Park - CYM706700

94. REVIEW OF TOWN AND COMMUNITY COUNCILS IN WALES.

Notification was received from the Welsh Government that it had established an Independent Review Panel to consider the future role of Community and Town Councils. The Panel would undertake this work over the coming year with a view to making to the Cabinet Secretary for Finance and Local Government next autumn. Views were sought on the position and the Panel would be hosting opportunities to engage during the year on the review.

95. REMEMBRANCE DAY PARADE 2017.

Notification was received from the local branch of the Royal British

Legion detailing the arrangements for the parade on the 11th and 12th November 2017. Details regarding the parade were noted by the Town Council Members.

96. PAYMENT OF ACCOUNTS.

Resolved that the accounts as detailed be paid.

97. YSTRADGYNLAIS MINERS WELFARE AND COMMUNITY HALL.

The Town Council received a Quarterly financial and performance report from the Welfare Hall Board together with a request for the release of the 2nd grant instalment of £10,000 from the Town Council. Members considered and discussed the reports in detail.

Resolved to release the 2nd grant instalment of £10,000 be released to the Welfare Hall and that the content of the reports received be noted.

98. MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING – STEERING GROUP RECREATIONAL GROUNDS.

Further to Minute 74 of the Town Councils meeting held on the 9th September 2017 an updated report on the above matter was received from Cllr Wayne Thomas. A further meeting of the Group will most probably be held towards the end of this month in order to progress matters relating to the Recreational Grounds.

Resolved that the document be approved by the Town Council and that the Council be kept updated on the progress made by Steering Group.

99. ADVANCE NOTICE OF LDP CONSULTATION

Further to Minute 79 of the Town Councils meeting on the 7th September a report detailing the proposed changes with the revised maps was circulated to members. The proposed changes relating to

Welsh Language Strongholds (DM12) and the safeguarding of Employment Sites (Policy E4) were supported and the removal of Solar Search areas (Policy E1) was noted. Concern was however expressed by members that MAC 97 which refers to affordable

housing targets (Policy H5) retained the proposal that the target contribution in the South West of Powys was a 0% provision and **it was resolved** to make further representation on the matter.

100. CWMTWRCH WELFARE HALL COMMITTEE.

Resolved that consideration of the Town Councils appointments onto the above Committee be deferred as an item to the Town Councils meeting in November.

101. PLANNING APPLICATIONS.

The Town Council received the Technical Advisers report on the planning applications received from the Powys County Council.

Resolved that the Town Councils observations on planning applications considered be forwarded to the Powys County Council.

102. MEMBERS AND OFFICERS REPORTS.

a) Cllr R Locke gave a detailed report in relation to his induction meeting with the Welfare Hall Manager. A tour of the building had identified a number of building repair works that needed to be undertaken especially the window in Dressing room 3 at the rear of the main stage. The Clerk would raise the matter with the Hall Manager.

b) Cllr Meurig Evans advised that refurbishment work to the skateboard park at Penrhos had now been completed and that the Park would be open once the Safety inspection had been undertaken at the Park.

c) Concern was expressed by Council Members on the restrictions on vans and cars with trailers from entering the recycling site at Gurnos. Agreed that each Ward discusses the restriction issues with their Ward County Councillors in the first instance with a view to seeking a review of this policy

The meeting terminated at 8.50pm

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Planning matters considered by the Town Council at its meeting held on 5th October 2017.

1.0 Applications granted consent

From information posted on the Powys County Council web site the following applications have been granted approval:

P/2017/0882	Arquiva Ltd Land adj. Cwmtwrch RFC Heol Gwys	Construction of a replacement communications mast 17.5m high, installation of antennas, ground based apparatus and ancillary development
P/2017/0854	Mr. J.P.Evans 4 Cwrt y Gamlas Gurnos	Erection of a detached single garage.
P/2017/0847	Mr Coles 1 Ynys Tre Deg Heol Gwys Cwmtwrch	Erection of conservatory to side elevation.
P/2017/0820	Mrs K .Pirotte Maes y Coed House Maesycod Ystradgynlais	Erection of a building within domestic curtilage to be used as therapy room.

2.0 Applications refused consent

From information posted on the Powys County Council web site the following application has been refused approval for the reasons outlined below:

P/2017/0414	Mr. M. D. Cooper Land rear of Tanywaen Tan y Waen Penrhos	Outline application for the erection of three dwellings, demolition of outbuildings and all associated works
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The grounds for the Council's decision to REFUSE permission for the development are:

- 1. The proposed development does not provide a safe means of access onto the adjoining county highway to the detriment of highway safety. The proposed development is therefore contrary to policy GP4 of the Unitary Development Plan (2010), Technical Advice Note 18: Transport (2007) and Planning Policy Wales (Edition 9, 2016).*
- 2. Insufficient information has been provided in relation to the impact of the proposal on biodiversity. The proposed development is therefore contrary to policy ENV3 of the Unitary Development Plan (March 2010) and Planning Policy Wales (Edition 9, 2016).*

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3.0 Applications for consideration

From information posted on the Powys County Council web site the following applications require consideration:-

P/2017/1068	Mr D. Llewellyn 93 Heol Giedd Ystradgynlais	Proposed first floor extension and internal alterations
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Resolved : No observation

4.0 Miscellaneous

NMA/2017/0076	Mr. J. Dale 17 Rhestr Fawr Ystradgynlais	Non material amendment to Planning Permission P/2017/0051 in respect to position of dwelling
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Resolved : No observation

DEM/2017/0005	Mr. P Lynes Jeffreys Arms 108 Brecon Road Ystradgynlais	Application for prior notification of proposed demolition of barn at rear of Jeffrey's Arms
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Resolved : No observation

P/2017/0877	10 Central Fish Bar Station Road Ystradgynlais	Application for certificate of lawfulness for an existing use namely use of property as Class A3 use (sale of hot food and takeaway)
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Resolved : No observation

**J.G.Jones
Technical Adviser**