



**CYNGOR TREF
YSTRADGYNLAIS
TOWN COUNCIL**

**Ordinary Meeting of the Council held at the Welfare Hall,
Ystradgynlais on Thursday 18 January 2018 at 6.00 p.m.**

Present : Councillor Meurig Evans, Chairman, Presided,

**Councillors D Lewis, E Evans, Mrs B Paulett,
M Donnelly, R Lock, T Davies,
A Williams, N Craddock, L Evans,
W Thomas, C Nickels, G Davies,
A Davies.**

159. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE.

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors Ms R Phillips and R Millington.

160. CORONATION PARK.

The Technical Adviser gave a detailed presentation to the Town Council relating to the site meeting that Councillors attended in December at the above site. Members discussed the position in detail and resolved to meet with the owner of the neighbouring land on the issues raised.

160. A) TOWN COUNCIL BUDGET AND PRECEPT FOR 2018/19.

Prior to the continuation of the budget meeting which had been reconvened this evening from the Town Council meeting on the 11th

January, the Council received correspondence and reports from the following organizations/individuals which Members were asked to take cognisance of when giving consideration to the setting of the precept and the Town Councils budget for the 2018/19 financial year:

- Local Resident – Financial Application - St Cynog’s Churchyard
- Ystradgynlais Community Centre Regeneration Committee – Youth Centre / Service
- Ystradgynlais Volunteer Centre
- Council Members had received Cllr R Millington’s submissions and considerations relative to the budget proposals for 2018/19.

The Town Council reconvened its discussion and consideration of the Clerks budget report. The following further reports were also circulated, discussed and considered by Town Council Members:

- Budgetary Issues for 2018/19
- Town and Community Councils Precept demand comparison information for 2017/18 (Both neighbouring and Powys Town and Community Councils)
- Makeup of Estimated Balance of Accounts as at 31 March 2018.
- Budget Worksheet for 2018/19

Following a detailed scrutiny of the budget worksheet provided for the 2018/19 estimates it was **resolved** that:

1) The following **revised** estimates of expenditure for 2018/2019 be approved: -

Parks & Open Spaces	66,120
Gen Administration	97,500
Gorof Cemetery	19,380
Grants	11,500
Paths	52,880
Welfare Halls	43,000
Council Property, Market	

& Insurance	35,300
Business Reserve	20,000
Gwys River landslip Reserve	10,000
Critical Reserve Fund	12,540

TOTAL **368,220**

2) The above-mentioned total expenditure and reserves of £368,220 for 2018/19 be achieved as follows: -

Estimated Balance for 2017/2018	£ 92,580
Estimated Income for 2017/18	£ 19,640
Precept 2018/19	<u>£ 256,000</u>

3) A precept of £256,000 for 2018/19 that equates to 4.9% on a Band D property be signed by the Clerk and served upon the Powys County Council.

4) With regard to the provision of the seasonal flower displays in the four wards the following proposal/ amendments were tabled and a recorded vote requested.

a) **Proposal** - Cllr Adrian Williams Abercrave Ward proposed that a central fund for all 4 Wards in the total sum of £6000 be established.

b) **First Amendment** – Cllr Tristan Davies Ynyscedwyn Ward proposed a total sum of £10,000 divided as follows between the four Wards be established:

Ystradgynlais Ward	-	£5,500
Abercrave Ward	-	£1,500
Cwmtwrch Ward	-	£1,500
Ynyscedwyn Ward	-	£1,500

c) **Second Amendment** – Cllr Richard Lock Ystradgynlais Ward proposed a total sum of £12,000 divided as follows between the four Wards be established:

Ystradgynlais Ward	-	£6,000
Abercrave Ward	-	£2,000
Cwmtwrch Ward	-	£2,000
Ynyscedwyn Ward	-	£2,000

On being put to the vote the Second Amendment carried and it was resolved accordingly that £12,000 be allocated for this item of expenditure in the sums indicated per Ward. The recorded vote was as follows:-

Second Amendment:	Cllr Robert Lock Cllr Meurig Evans Cllr Aneurin Davies Cllr Graham Davies Cllr Martin Donnelly
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First Amendment:	Cllr Tristan Davies Cllr Evan Evans Cllr Wayne Thomas Cllr Leighton Evans Cllr Dennis Lewis
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Proposal:	Cllr Adrian Williams Cllr Nigel Craddock Cllr Cen Nickels
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Due to a tie in the voting above the Chairman Cllr Meurig Evans used his casting vote for the **Second Amendment**.

NOTE ; Cllr Mrs. B Paulett had left the meeting prior to the consideration and voting with respect to this item.

- 5) No financial funding be placed in the budget in the next financial year for the possible acquisition of the Gorsedd Park. Position to be reviewed in January 2019. Powys County Council to be advised accordingly.
- 6) The Heritage Society be asked as to why an invoice was sent to the Abercrave Regeneration Committee regarding the maintenance of the Interpretation panels at Abercrave when the Town Council had a financial allocation within its budget for the maintenance of these and other Interpretation panels.
- 7) The Clerks recommendations on the Councils inadequate business reserve be noted and that the Town Council over the next few years endeavors to achieve the Audit Commissions recommendation in the minimum level of reserve that the Town Council should hold i.e. at present the recommended level for the Town Council is £85,000.
- 8) That One Voice Wales be asked to conduct a finance course for the Ystradgynlais Town Council
- 9) The Clerk and Technical Adviser be thanked for their detailed presentations of the above mentioned budget reports and recommendations for the financial year 2017/18.

The meeting terminated at 9.45pm.