



**CYNGOR TREF
YSTRADGYNLAIS
TOWN COUNCIL**

**Ordinary Meeting of the Council held at the Ystradgynlais
Welfare Hall on Thursday 4th July 2019 at 6.30p.m.**

**Present : Councillor Wayne Thomas, Chairman, Presided.
Councillors A Davies, T Davies, E Evans,
R Lock, M Donnelly, M Evans,
A Williams, N Craddock, G Davies
L Evans.**

45. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE.

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors R Millington, C Nickels, Mrs B Paulett, Mrs L Phillips, and Ms R Phillips.

46. TOWN GUIDE/MAP

Further to Minute 30 of the Councils meeting on the 6th June the Town Council received a presentation from Mr John Owens from the Heritage Society on the progress being made in producing a map and guide for the Ystradgynlais and District area. Also, Mr Owen referred with thanks to the Town Council for the grant awarded towards the production of the 'Black Mountain Air Crashes' panel, which was shown to the Members of the Town Council. The draft presented of the Town guide would be completed soon and it was agreed that the Chairman and Vice Chairman agree the final draft with the Heritage Society. The Chairman in conclusion thanked Mr Owen for attending the meeting and for the valuable work which had been undertaken in this project.

47. MINUTES

Resolved that the Minutes of the Town Councils meeting on the 6th June and the Minutes of the Management Sub Committee meeting of the 1st July be confirmed as an accurate record and signed by the Chairman.

48. CORONATION PARK – PROPOSED MEADOW PROJECT.

Further to Minute 31 of the Town Councils meeting on the 6th June Cllr N Craddock updated the Town Council Members on the progress and discussions which were taking place regarding the future proposed plans for the Park. Also, it was reported that damage had been caused to the stone pillar at the access to path 4 which is adjacent to the Coronation Park. A vehicle of some kind had collided with the pillar making it unstable. Following site visits with Councillor Craddock and the instability of the large pillar urgent work was agreed and carried out by the Town Councils main contractor to make the site and public access to the right of way safe to the public. Further investigations would be undertaken and a request will be sent to the Powys County Council to repair the damage done so that the right of way may be reopened.

Resolved to update the Council on the matter as required.

49. YSTRADGYNLAIS COMMUNITY CENTRE

Further to Minute 49 of the Councils meeting on the 6th June no further progress had been made by the Community Centre Committee in terms of the constitution and financial matters.

Resolved that the Chairman and local Ward meet with the representatives of the Centre to ascertain the position with regard to the above matters.

NOTE; Councillor Tristan Davies declared an interest in this item.

50. APPLICATIONS FOR FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE

a) Resolved that grants in the sums indicated be made to the under mentioned organisations:

Abercrave Senior Citizens	-	£250
**Blodau Ystradgynlais	-	£200
Clwb Plant Ystradgynlais	-	£100

** A recorded vote was requested with regards to this grant application

For the Grant Award

Graham Davies
Aneurin Davies
Leighton Evans
Meurig Evans
Martin Donnelly
Robert Lock
Tristan Davies

Against the Grant Award

Nigel Craddock
Adrian Williams
Evan Evans

b) Resolved that the grant application received from Discover Ystradgynlais be deferred and that a meeting be convened with the Group to ascertain the position with regards to the Groups constitution and relationship with the Blodau Ystradgynlais group.

51. FUTURE STAFFING ARRANGEMENTS FOR THE TOWN COUNCIL.

PUBLIC BODIES (Admission to meetings) Act 1960

Resolved that by virtue of the provisions of Section 1(2) of the Public Bodies (Admission to meetings) Act 1960, the public be excluded during the discussions of the following business on the grounds that publicity would be prejudicial to the public interest by reasons of the confidential nature of the business to be transacted.

The Town Council discussed and considered in detail the content of the Management Sub Committee Minutes of the meeting held on the 1st July on the above matter.

Resolved that the recommendations as stated be agreed and implemented. Further meetings of the Sub Committee be arranged by the Chairman and Vice Chairman as necessary. It was also agreed unanimously that the Sub Committee moves with urgency on the shortlisting of candidates for interview in September bearing in mind the Councils recess period over the month of August and holiday commitments of the Clerk and Members alike.

52. PAYMENT OF ACCOUNTS

Resolved that the accounts as detailed in be paid.

53. GLOBAL CENTRE OF RAIL EXCELLENCE IN WALES.

Correspondence and accompanying documentation was received from the Welsh Government regarding the proposals for a Global Centre of Rail Excellence on an opencast mine and coal washery site in Onllwyn and Nant Helen at the head of the Dulais Valley. The proposals included two electrified test circuits, a research and operations centre, a low speed linear test track together with training, maintenance, storage and decommissioning capacity which would act as a driver for rail industry innovation, investment, and growth in Wales, the wider United Kingdom and internationally.

Public drop in sessions had been organised on the 17th and 18th July at Onllwyn Welfare Hall and Abercrave Miners Welfare Hall and Institute.

Resolved that as many Members as possible attend the drop-in sessions arranged with respect to this major project/initiative for the area.

54. ACCESS TO REAR OF THE PROPERTIES AT HEOL GLANTAWE.

A letter dated 4th July was received from a resident from Glantawe Row seeking the Town Council permission to access the rear of their property via the Diamond park in order to deliver Fencing panels. The Clerk advised Council Members of previous problems that had been experienced about two years ago and that the damaged area had not been repaired. The Councils main contractor had ceased maintaining the area as the damage caused to the ground surface was hazardous and unsafe for his tractor and grass cutting equipment. had been caused at that time made it hazardous

The Town Council Members considered the position and **resolved** that access be approved for the purpose stated subject to Cllr Graham Davies obtaining an indemnification for the Town Council from the houseowner or Contractor for any personal or equipment any damage or injury whilst undertaking this delivery.

55. INTERNAL AUDIT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31st MARCH 2019.

A letter dated 15th June 2019 was received from the Councils Internal auditor confirming that all the prescribed tests in relation to the Councils internal control systems have been satisfactorily completed and as a result there were no matters which needed to be brought to the Councils attention. The auditor's conclusions were reflected in the internal auditor's report in the 2018/19 Annual Return. These are based on the results of the testing of key controls undertaken in accordance with Appendix 4- An approach to internal audit testing as detailed on pages 155 and 156 of the publication 'Governance and Accountability for Local Councils in Wales : A Practitioners' Guide 2011' as amended. The auditor in conclusion extended his thanks to the Clerk for his assistance and co-operation with the completion of the audit.

Resolved to note the Internal Auditor's conclusions on the Councils accounts for 2018/19.

56. YSTRADGYNLAIS WELFARE GROUNDS ASSOCIATION.

The Chairman advised that at a recent meeting of the Association agreement had been reached on the new Constitution for the Group. The Group had agreed that the make-up of the Committee which would include two Town Council representatives, two Powys County Council representatives and two Association reps.. An assurance was given that no financial funding would be required from the Town Council for this project. The Group would also be seeking to register and apply to the Charity Commission for charitable status.

Resolved that Councillors Wayne Thomas and Tristan Davies be appointed to represent the Town Council on the new Committee. Should there be any conflict of interest in relation to the appointed Members then either or both would step down from any Town Council voting procedures.

57. 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 as detailed be forwarded to the Powys County Council.

58. SUMMER RECESS PERIOD.

Resolved that the Chairman and Vice Chairman be given plenary powers to deal with all urgent and non-urgent matters relating to the Councils business over the Summer Recess period and also to approve the payment of the Councils accounts.

59. MEMBERS AND OFFICERS REPORTS.

a) Cwmtwrch Ward Councillors asked for clarification on the status of the access and right of way through the park and questioned as to

whether the pathway was also classed as a bridleway. Agrees that Mr Ben Humphries be asked to clarify the status of this right of way.

b) Cllr R Lock asked as to whether the Council could now clarify the position regarding whether or not dogs were allowed access at Gorof Cemetery. Confusion over this issue had been caused following a recent report that the Council received allowing access for dogs in the Cemetery. Following consideration of the issue it was agreed that no dogs would in future be allowed at the Cemetery and that appropriate signs be purchased and placed in an agreed position in the Cemetery.

c) Cllr Wayne Thomas advised the Council of the oak sculpture that had been made by a local resident and placed adjacent to the main road access to Cwmtwrch. It was actually a large wooden carving depicting a wild boar. The Ward was planning to enhance the area by placing planters around the carving.

d) Cllr Evan Evans advised that he had been amazed the other day to see a road sweeper from the County Council in the Ystradgynlais/ Abercrave undertaking street cleaning duties. Agreed that the local County Councillors be asked as to the frequency and arrangements that the County Council has in place for street cleaning duties in the Ystradgynlais community area.

The meeting terminated at 8.55pm

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Planning matters considered by the Town Council on Thursday 4th July 2019

1.0 Applications granted consent

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

19/0373/HH	Ms G Rees 23 Brecon Road Ystradgynlais	Two storey rear and single storey extension and upgrade of existing fenestration.
19/0455/FUL	Mr M .Soanes Merlins 42 Commercial Street Ystradgynlais	Change of use from residential (C3) to ancillary sleeping accommodation for Merlins (C1)

2.0 Applications refused consent

From information on the Powys CC web the following application has been refused consent.

P/2018/0606	Mr. Davies Gnoll House Neath Road	Erection of a boarding kennel establishment , formation of an access road, parking and turning area for five cars and all associated works (revised proposal)
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The grounds for the Council's decision to REFUSE permission for the development are;

Insufficient information has been provided to adequately assess whether the amenity of local residents – in particular relation to noise – will be unacceptably affected by the proposal.

The proposal would therefore be contrary to policy DM13 of the Local Development Plan (April, 2018), Planning Policy Wales (Edition 10) and Technical Advice Note 11(1997).

The date on which this application is REFUSED is 5th June 2019

3.0 Applications for consideration

From information posted on the Powys County Council web site the following application requires consideration:-

19/0884/HH	Mrs Newton 41 Bethel Road Lower Cwmtwrch	Erection of a rear and side extension and conversion of the existing garage.
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Resolved: No observation

19/0929/HH	Mr. L. Smith Troed-y-rhiw Bungalow Heol Giedd Ystradgynlais	Construction of first floor to bungalow and erection of single storey extensions to side and rear.
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Resolved: No observation

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19/0977/HH Mr. P. O'Sullivan Erection of extension and alterations to driveway
49 Station Road
Ystradgynlais

Resolved: No observation

4.0 Miscellaneous

19/0966/SC Lightsource BP Scoping opinion under EIA Regulations 2017 in relation
Bryn Henllys Farm to a solar farm extension
Waunllwyd Farm
Ystradowen

Note : **No detail available other than CADW response.**
Background : **JUWI Renewable Energies Ltd (P/2015/0176) granted consent in August 2018.**

Resolved: Matter referred to Cwmtwrch Ward with plenary powers to respond.

19/1029/DIS Mrs G. Rees Discharge of condition 3 of planning permission
23 Brecon Road 19/0373/HH with regard to external lighting
Ystradgynlais

Resolved: No observation

19/0936/NMA Mr N. Mullis Application for a non- material amendment to
20 Gorof Road P/2018/0077 in respect of a revised scheme.
Lower Cwmtwrch

Resolved: No observation