



**CYNGOR TREF
YSTRADGYNLAIS
TOWN COUNCIL**

**Extraordinary Meetings of the Council held at the Welfare Hall on
Wednesday 13th of January 20201 at 6.00 p.m.**

Present : Chairman Wayne Thomas, Presiding

**Councillors R Millington, Adrian Williams, M Donnelly, T Davies,
L Evans, M Gough**

76. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors R Lock, E Evans, M Evans and the Clerk.

77. TRANSFORMING TOWNS

The Chairman appraised the Council that Gareth Jones from the Regeneration Team at PCC had been in touch and informed him that a review had been conducted by Powys of available funding and that funds existed within the Valleys Task Force Funding, a long term project with similar goals rather than that initiated as COVID-19 recovery, that could be utilised to meet the full grant applied for of £42,000. The Council had previously been offered a far smaller sum of £15,000 through the Transforming Towns Covid Recovery Fund.

There were to be some changes from the original process explained by Gareth as follows:

- No formal confirmation but match funding for this was very unlikely
- There would be no other financial outlay required from the Town Council but would be dealt with through Powys County Council
- Businesses would now be required to deal directly and place orders with suppliers themselves which would mean liabilities, insurances, maintenance, permits, etc would remain entirely theirs and not require the Town Council to produce a legal document exempting itself.

- Gareth/PCC would take up the majority of any admin including dealing with necessary permits and licences for equipment
- All work to be carried out and invoices submitted to PCC ideally by the end of February for reimbursement.

The Deputy Clerk ensured the Council understood that the legality of this decision may be called in to question due to the short notice and lack of formal agenda. The Town Council had been asked to formally notify the County Council of its' decision regarding the offer by the 14th of January 2021. At the risk of losing a very large source of investment for the Town Centre, this meeting had been called as a matter of urgency and the normal notice period and issuing of an agenda had not been possible. This would never be a normal practice for the Town Council but was unavoidable in this instance. The Committee agreed that the item was of such importance and of such benefit to the town that it should be dealt with as a matter of urgency to meet the deadline.

The Town Council were being requested to sign the original Transforming Towns paperwork to accept this new offer. It was agreed that as that document recorded that the offer was for £15,000 the total liability that the Town Council would be signing up for was £3,000 if match funding was required, and as such was deemed low risk with maximum gains for the Town.

It was therefore resolved:

- a)unanimously by all attending members to accept the offer and inform the County Council on the 14th of January.
- b) the Chairman would contact Gareth to ascertain further details and request formal documentation relating to the changes from the original arrangement to be received prior to the Ordinary meeting scheduled for the 18th of January.
- c) Cllr Millington would contact the Canopy Fitter to request lead times and initiate contact with the business owners to appraise them of this development.

Meeting concluded at 7.00 p.m.