



**CYNGOR TREF  
YSTRADGYNLAIS  
TOWN COUNCIL**

**Ordinary Meeting of the Council held at the Welfare Hall on Thursday 8th  
October 2020 at 6.30 p.m.**

**Present : Chairman Wayne Thomas Presiding**

**Councillors R Lock, L Evans, M Allen, A Williams, R Millington, M  
Donnelly, T Davies, E Evans, M Evans, R Phillips,**

**28. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

Apologies were received from Councillors C Nickels, L Phillips, A Davies, M Gough and G Davies.

**29. BUDGET REVIEW FOR FINANCIAL YEAR 2020/21**

The Town Council received the following financial reports for consideration and discussion:

- a) Copy of 2020/21 Budget expenditure and Income report agreed at the Councils precept meeting in January 2020.
- b) Bank reconciliation statement as at 30<sup>th</sup> September 2020 (copy attached as appendix 1).
- c) Budget Monitoring Report for the period from 1<sup>st</sup> April 2020 to 30<sup>th</sup> September 2020 (copy attached as appendix 2)

Resolved that

- a) the content of the reports be noted.
- b) a pre-budget meeting be arranged in December 2020 to receive more detailed reports on the Town Councils financial position prior to the determination of a precept for the financial year.

**30. STORAGE CONTAINER**

The Clerk updated the Town Council on the possibility of purchasing a new storage container and that the current rental arrangement in force with the existing container be discontinued.

Resolved that quotes be obtained in relation to the possible purchase of a new storage container to be sited at the grounds of the Ystradgynlais Welfare Hall.

**31. GLOBAL CENTRE OF RAIL EXCELLENCE**

The Town Council had received pre-planning consultation regarding the development of Nant Helen Open Cast Mine into a train testing track. Members were favourable and the aspect was raised of it bringing employment opportunity to the valley where it may be lost through the closure of the mine.

Resolved that the Chairman and Vice Chairman complete the response form on behalf of the Council.

**32. TRANSFORMING TOWNS FUNDING**

Council members had received information regarding a funding opportunity for Covid recovery for Town Centre Businesses.

The grant has to be match funded of 20% by a lead applicant acting on behalf of local businesses. A Powys County Council representative had invited the Town Council to act as that applicant.

The Town Council considered the benefits for local businesses, residents and visitors.

Resolved that:

a) in principle, Ystradgynlais Town Council accepts the invitation to act as lead applicant and provide 20% core contribution towards a possible total grant of £10,000.

b) to arrange a meeting with Ward Chairs, Powys representative and local business owners to discuss the funding opportunity and local needs.

**33. TICK TOCK COMMUNITY BOWLS – LEASE RENEWAL REQUEST**

Correspondence had been received from the above Bowls Club advising that with the current peppercorn lease expiring in December 2021, it would like to request the renewal of the lease.

Council members had several questions regarding insurances and the Town Councils liability for certain costs.

Resolved that a decision be deferred to the next meeting to allow further information to be gathered.

**34. CHRISTMAS LIGHTS**

The Working Group had been having discussions and meetings regarding the Christmas Lighting for the Wards this year. Due to the pandemic, meetings and work to organise the lighting for this year had been delayed resulting in a very small window remaining to receive delivery of new lighting and install in good time.

Christmas Lighting displays for Ystradgynlais Town Centre had been tested and the majority were in good working order.

Cllr A Williams had had recent site meetings with a potential supplier and the issue had been reviewed with the Clerk and a contractor regularly used for installation of the lights. The Town Council reviewed quotes that had been supplied by several companies taking into account the time remaining in the year.

Resolved that

a) the existing lights already in the possession of the Town Council be installed throughout the Town Centre.

b) further information gathering and evaluation time be allowed to discuss lighting options for Abercrave and Cwmtwrch Wards. Working Group to review the position and that the matter be decided upon at the Councils meeting on the 15<sup>th</sup> of October 2020.

**35. PAYMENT OF ACCOUNTS**

Resolved that accounts as detailed be paid. Copy attached as Appendix 3.

**36. CHAIRMAN/MEMBER REPORTS**

a) Cllr E Evans reported that he had contacted the Town Councils' Site Inspector regarding a damaged gate on a footpath in Caerlan and asked whether the officers may have had an update in relation to the relocation of this gate.

Resolved that the Clerk follow up on the state of progress.

b) Cllr L Evans advised the Council that several trees within the Cwmtwrch ward had fallen by the River Twrch and although Natural Resources Wales had been notified no action had been taken to remove them. Cllr Thomas advised that he also had been in contact with NRW. Resolved that Cllr Thomas to pursue the matter with Neath Port Talbot Borough Council.

c) Cllr L Evans had become aware that Pendine had received National Lottery funding in order to build a motorhome park and questioned whether Ystradgynlais may be able to benefit similarly.

Resolved that the Deputy Clerk contact the clerk of Pendine Community Council to wish them success and request advice and information regarding the application process.

d) Cllr M Evans passed to the Clerk a grant application from Ystradgynlais AFC Juniors. Cllr T Davies queried whether an application for Ystradgynlais Rugby Mini and Juniors had been received which was confirmed.

Resolved that both applications would be considered at a future meeting.

e) Cllr R Millington advised the Council that he had discussions with Cllr M Gough regarding the success of Pontardawe Town Council securing grant funding for the Welfare Hall there. Cllr Millington had passed the information forward to the Board of Trustees for the Ystradgynlais Welfare Hall .

f) Cllr W Thomas advised the Council that at a school in Kent a child had died as a result of a falling tree, reminded the Council of the need to be

vigilant regarding health and safety in the Community and if any have concerns to contact the Clerk directly.

g) Cllr R Millington advised the Council that during the re-opening of Town Centre Businesses following Covid-19 lockdown, the Welfare Hall Management Committee had authorised use of the Hall car park by visitors. "Free Car Parking" signs had been ordered and paid for by Cllr Millington to advise the public and he was requesting whether he could be reimbursed for these through the Town Council.

Resolved that Cllr Millington supply the invoice for the signs and the Council would consider the reimbursement.

Meeting concluded at 8 pm.

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**Bank Reconciliation Statement**

**Period 1<sup>st</sup> April 2020 to 30 September 2020.**

INCOME/ EXPENDITURE/RESERVE ACCOUNTS

		£
INCOME OVER PERIOD INCLUDING OPENING BALANCE AND BANK INTEREST	=	281,777.05
BUSINESS / CAPITAL RESERVE	=	70,500.00
Total Income/Reserve	=	<u>352,277.05</u>

LESS TOTAL EXPENDITURE / BANK CHARGES 119,943.33	=	
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<b>SURPLUS INCOME OVER EXPENDITURE OVER DEFINED PERIOD</b>	<b>=</b>	<b><u>232,395.10</u></b>
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BANK BALANCES AS AT 30 September 2020:

CURRENT ACCOUNT No. ****4735	30/06/20	=	36,709.56
DEPOSIT ACCOUNT No ****2018	30.06/20	=	195,685.54
<b>BANK BALANCE AS AT</b>	<b>30 JUNE 2020</b>	<b>=</b>	<b><u>232,395.10</u></b>

**D B Rees**  
**Clerk and Responsible Financial Officer**  
**2 October 2020**

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BUDGET MONITORING REPORT - 1 April To 30 Sept 2020

<u>BUDGET 2020/21</u>	<u>EXPEND To 30/09/20</u>
Parks/ Open Sp - £71,400	£11,940
Gen Admin - £96,000	£39,649
Gorof Cem - £19,000	£ 8,794
General Grants - £10,000	£ 6,300
Bowling Green - £5,000	£ 5,000
Public Conv - £6,000	£ 2,000
Paths - £51,500	£ 7,790
Welfare Halls - £55,000	£27,000
Council Prop	
/Insurance - £37,350	£ 7,160
Bus/Cap Reser - 70,500	£ 0
VAT Payments	£ 4,222
<b><u>Total</u></b> - <b><u>£421,750</u></b>	<b><u>£ 119,855</u></b>
<b><u>Reserve</u></b> -	<b><u>+£ 70,500 = £190,355</u></b>

**Note : Income ( excluding Opening Balance) received over the period 1 April to 30 Sept 2020 included:**

VAT Refund 2019/20	-	£ 13,677
Precept 1 <sup>st</sup> & 2 <sup>nd</sup> Install	-	£ 196,000
Misc Income (Burial Charges, Reimbursements)	-	£ 3,977
Balance B/F 2019/20	-	<u>£ 138,623</u>

Sub Total	-	<b>£ 352,277</b>
Plus Precept 3 <sup>rd</sup> Install 30/12/20		<b>£ 98,000</b>
Total anticip income to 31/03/21	-	<b><u>£ 450.277</u></b>

**D B Rees Clerk 25 Sept 2020.**



PAYMENT OF ACCOUNTS

October 2020

Parker Plant Hire	Rent Storage unit October	52.80
Matthew Thomas	General maintenance paths/Parks	
Powys C C/Stand Life	Pension Contributions Employer oct	1519.78
HM Customs and Excise	Ni Employer Contrib October	451.10
P Thomas	Gorof Cem maintenance September	1280.00
HM Customs and Excise	Ni Employer Contribution August	356.91
Viking	Stationary/ Office supplies	
116.92		

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