



**CYNGOR TREF
YSTRADGYNLAIS
TOWN COUNCIL**

Ordinary Meeting of the Ystradgynlais Town Council held at the Welfare Hall on Thursday 15th October 2020 at 6.30 p.m.

Present : Chairman Wayne Thomas Presiding

**Councillors M Allen, N Nickels, E Evans, M Evans
A Williams, R Millington, L Evans, R Lock.**

37. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies were received from Councillors A Davies, M Donnelly, R Phillips, L Phillips, M Gough and T Davies.

38. GRANT RELEASE APPLICATIONS – WELFARE AND COMMUNITY HALLS

Financial Assistance applications were received from the Ystradgynlais and Cwmtwrch Welfare Halls. Documentation with respect to the Halls activities, capital works projects was also received.

Resolved that:

- a) A financial grant in the sum of £4,000 be released from the Welfare Hall's fund to the Cwmtwrch Miners Welfare Hall.
- b) The second grant instalment in the sum of £12,000 be released from the Welfare Hall's fund to the Ystradgynlais Miners Welfare and Community Hall

39. MINUTES

Resolved that the Minutes of the Councils meeting held on the 3rd September 2020 be confirmed as an accurate record and signed by the Chairman.

MATTERS ARISING FROM MINUTES

40. APPOINTMENTS TO COMMITTEES

Further to Minutes 15d) and 16 of the Annual Meeting on the 3rd September the following appointments were made to the respective Committees:

- a) Councillor Leighton Evans was appointed as Cwmtwrch Ward's representative on the Management Sub Committee.
- b) Nominations for appointment onto the Cwmtwrch Miners Welfare Hall Committee to be referred to the Cwmtwrch Ward Committee in the first instance.

41. TOWN COUNCILS SMALL GRANTS SCHEME

Issues were raised regarding outstanding grant applications which had not as yet been dealt with, as outstanding information had been requested from the various organisations.

Resolved that plenary powers be given to the Chairman and Vice Chairman in conjunction with the Deputy Clerk, to consider these outstanding applications/accounts in their entirety and agree a grant award on behalf of the Town Council to the said local organisations.

42. AMENDMENTS TO THE TOWN COUNCILS STANDING ORDERS AND FINANCIAL REGULATIONS

The Town Council received updated documentation in relation to the above matters. With regard to Councils Standing Orders, amendments were included relating the commencement time of future Ordinary meetings of the Town Council and the position regarding the appointment

of the Chairman at the Councils Annual Meetings. In relation to the Financial Regulations changes were incorporated in the document in relation to future banking arrangements with the inclusion of the BACS payment and receipts system in addition to the current cheque system.

Resolved that the updated documents with the amendments included and the new banking arrangements as stated be agreed.

43. YSTRADGYNLAIS COMMUNITY CENTRE

The Town Council received an application from the above Centre for a £9,000 capital grant to be agreed in the Town Councils budget estimates for the financial year 2021/22. The Town Council expressed concern in relation to the unaudited accounting statement received from the Centre and the lack of constitutional documentation in relation to the operational procedures and management/committee structure at the Community Centre.

Information had recently been received from the Powys County Council stating that the Head of Terms for a 30-year lease to the Ystradgynlais Community Centre had been agreed. There is also ongoing dialogue over a few residual matters and that hopefully these can be agreed so that a draft lease can be formalised. The County Council's contribution is via an annual rental of £1.00 and it is not planned to make any further capital payments to the tenants. Also, the County Council raised the issue regarding the possible transfer of the skateboard park to the Community Centres responsibility.

Resolved that:

a) in the first instance a copy of the draft lease be obtained from the Powys County Council and that documentation listed above together with a business plan be obtained from the Ystradgynlais Community Centre.

b) that the request received from the Powys County Council for the transfer of the skateboard park to the Community Centre be deferred until the such time as the Town council has had sight and had the opportunity of examining the detail contained in the draft lease and constitution.

c) the Ystradgynlais Ward meet with Community centre representatives on the issues as detailed above.

d) the request to contribute £2000 to the Police Commissioners Fund be noted.

44. WARD COMMITTEES – AUTHORISATION PROCEDURE FOR EXPENDITURE

The Ystradgynlais Ward members asked for delegated powers to the Ward so that they would be allowed to allocated finance from the Wards annual budget towards unforeseen small works which needed to be undertaken within the Ward.

Resolved that:

a) the request be agreed and that a limit be placed on the small works required up to the value of £500. Members to liaise with the Clerk on the availability of finance for the selected works prior to commencement. Each Ward to present a report on a quarterly basis to the Town Council meeting of works undertaken in this regard

b) this new procedural arrangement applies to all the Wards of the Council.

c) the Ward Minutes containing this financial year's budget estimates be circulated to all Councillors so the they may convene a Ward meeting to determine next financial years as soon as possible for the Clerk.

45. YSTRADGYNLAIS WELFARE HALL – FREE PARKING SIGNAGE

Further to e mails requesting the reimbursement of the cost in relation to the above matter the Chairman advised that he would cover the amount of £150 to Cllr Millington with regard to the cost of providing the signage.

Agrees that Cllr Millington forwards an invoice to the Chairman for the cost of the signage in order that payment could be made.

46. SHIPPING CONTAINER – YSTRADGYNLAIS WELFARE HALL

Quotations were received from two suppliers in relation to the purchase of a new Shipping Container to be sited at the Welfare Hall grounds. The current container was on a rental agreement which would be terminated once the new container had been sited at the Hall.

Resolved that the quotation received from CME Ltd in the sum of £3800 plus VAT be accepted and the current rental agreement with Parker Plant be terminated.

47. CHRISTMAS LIGHTS – CWMTWRCH AND ABERCRAVE

Further to the Councils meeting on the 8th October and due to the limited amount of time available and the imminent lockdown in Wales due to COVID – 19 situations, it was agreed that both the above Wards be given plenary powers within the budget limit to :-

a) choose suitable Christmas displays for each respective Wards.

b) consider the quotations received and to appoint a suitable company to supply and install and store the Xmas Lights for each respective Ward. Company to insure products.

c) a site meeting with Centregreat to be convened as soon as possible to finalise matters for both Wards.

d) to agree annual costs of installation, removal and storage of the Christmas displays.

48. TICK TOCK COMMUNITY BOWLS CLUB

Further to the Council meeting on the 8th October it was resolved that a new lease be offered to the management Committee of the above bowling Club. The lease would be for a further term of 25 years on the same terms and conditions as detailed in the existing lease with an annual peppercorn rent of £1.00 being payable.

Resolved that the offer on the above detailed terms be forwarded to the management Committee of the Bowling Club

NB Councillor Meurig Evans declared an interest in this item and did not speak or vote on the matter.

49. INDEPENDENT REMUNERATION PANEL FOR WALES ANNUAL REPORT CONSULTATION

A response was received from Cllr Millington regarding the above consultation document which was considered by the Council and the content of the comments were noted.

50. YSTRADGYNLAIS HERITAGE SOCIETY. - DIAMOND PARK

Correspondence was received from the above Society confirming that it was envisaged that this year agreed partnership projects would hopefully be completed in this financial year. Also, a request was submitted together with costs to site two benches at Diamond Park following the Miners heritage theme that had been established at the Park.

Resolved that further information on costs be obtained from the Heritage Society on this proposed project.

51. TRANSFORMING TOWNS COVID-19. Grant Funding

Further to the Town Councils meeting on the 8th October 2020 it was reported that Jo Lancey of the Powys County Council had confirmed that she would be available for a meeting with the local business traders with respect to this initiative. It was reported that a meeting was to be convened on Wednesday 28th October. Cllr Millington and the Deputy Clerk were tasked with coordinating and leading on this initiative.

52. DISCOVER YSTRADGYNLAIS

An e mail dated 7th October was received from the above local Group detailing the effects and cancellation of all the events that had been proposed and organised for this year. Hopefully it is currently planning its first event in the Summer of 2021. Also, the Group had been successful in its grant application to Ford Bridgend. On the question of having a TC representative on its Committee the Group are prepared to allow a Town Council representative to attend part of Groups meetings.

Resolved that the Chairman, Vice Chairman and the Councils current representative on the Group make arrangements to meet with the Groups representatives on this matter.

53. YSTRADGYNLAIS WELFARE AND SPORTS GROUNDS

The Chairman Cllr Wayne Thomas updated the Council on the progress being made with respect to the renewal of the lease for the above sports ground at Ystradgynlais. Negotiations were continuing with the landowners in respect of this matter. The Chairman confirmed that the Ystradgynlais Community Welfare Grounds Association had recently been successfully confirmed as an approved Charity. This Charity would now be continuing the negotiation with the landowners in order to preserve the area and manage the land as the main sports recreational facility at Ystradgynlais.

54. ACTIVE TRAVEL INITIATIVE FOR THE YSTRADGYNLAIS COMMUNITY AREA

Cllr Leighton Evans advised of details that he had received from County Councillor Sandra Davies had received from Officers of the Powys County Council. Agreed that the correspondence be circulated to all Members of the Town Council.

The meeting terminated at 8.30 pm