



**CYNGOR TREF
YSTRADGYNLAIS
TOWN COUNCIL**

**Ordinary Meeting of the Council held at the Welfare Hall,
Ystradgynlais on Thursday 3rd March 2016 at 7.00p.m.**

**Present : Councillor Aneurin Davies, Chairman, Presided,
Councillors W Thomas, Mrs B Paulett, L Evans,
Graham Davies, Goronwy Davies,
J D Coombe, Meurig Evans,
Mark Evans, Evan Evans.**

170. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE.

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors Mrs W Williams, D Lewis, Mrs A Jones, R Curry and J Steadman.

171. COUNCILLOR MARK EVANS – YNYSCEDWYN WARD.

The Chairman on behalf of the Town Council extended a warm welcome to the newly elected Councillor for the Ynyscedwyn Ward, Councillor Mark Evans. The Clerk confirmed that all necessary documentation had been copied to Councillor Evans and that the Declaration of Acceptance of the Office of Councillor signed by Councillor Evans and had been forwarded to the Powys County Council.

172. MINUTES.

Resolved that the Minutes of the Councils meeting held on the 4th February 2016 be confirmed and signed by the Chairman.

171. SYRIAN REFUGEES – UPDATE.

Further to Minute 161 of the Councils meeting on the 4th February the Town Council was advised by PAVO that the Ethnic Youth Support Team based in Swansea had been appointed to support the Syrian Refugees that will be placed in the community of Ystradgynlais.

Resolved that the position be noted.

172. DANIEL PROTHEROE PARK, YSTRADGYNLAIS.

Further to Minute 158 of the Councils meeting on the 4th February a letter dated 28th February was received from the Heritage Society updating the Town Council on the progress being made in relation to the above matter. Mr John Owen the Treasurer of the Group gave a brief resume of the position and the need for the Town Council to complete as soon as possible the expression of interest form relating to the transfer of the land. The Clerk advised that the annual estimated costs to the Town Council for maintaining this historical site was in the region of £550 per annum. This sum made up as follows:

- £500 annual grass cutting for the area
- £50 insurance cover for the central plinth and panels

Resolved that the Town Council complete the ‘Expression of Interests Form’ as soon as possible so that grant applications could proceed with immediate effect. It was also noted that the Powys County Council would issue a Letter of Comfort to the funding provider stating that the freehold transfer of the land would be confirmed after final consideration and governance.

173. HERITAGE INTERPRETATION PANELS – DISTRICT

A letter dated 28th February 2016 was received from the Heritage Society proposing that a plinth be erected on Town Council land near the Café Chameleon outlining the history of the Brecon Forrest Tramroad and a second plinth inside the gated entrance to the Coronation Park, which would outline the history and development of the park. Total cost of project estimated at £6,750.

Resolved that:

- a) The Town Council unanimously supports the project and approval given to erect the plinths on Council owned land as requested. Detail regarding exact location of plinths to be agreed at a later date prior to construction.
- b) The Town Council agrees to the Society proceeding with the proposals as described and that grant funding be sought for the project by the Heritage Society.

174. BRIDLEWAY 42 AND FOOTPATH 109 – Upper Cwmtwrch.

The Clerk and Cllr L Evans gave a detailed report on the background to the problems being experienced with the above routes. A meeting had recently been undertaken with the landowner with regard to the repair and maintenance work required. The works proposed were agreed with landowner. All matters had been reported to the Rights of Way Officer at Powys County Council and an e-mail dated 1st March had been received approving the requested works to the routes with respect to signage, installation of signs and drainage works. These works to be done for the benefit of the members of the public.

Resolved to note the position and monitor the works to be undertaken to these routes by the Powys County Council.

175. RECYCLING FACILITY, GURNOS, LOWER CWMTWRCH.

Further to Minute 164 of the Town Councils meeting on the 4th February, the Technical Adviser and Clerk had forwarded a detailed report to the Powys County Council Portfolio Member objecting to the consideration of possible closure of the above recycling site at Gurnos. The County Council had replied advising that there was a savings proposal in the Medium Term Financial Strategy to close two of the five existing sites to leave one in the North, one in the Mid and one in the South. The proposal is for 2017/18 and will require a detailed business case to consider the revenue saving and capital

investment. No sites had been earmarked for closure and part of the business case will be to consider alternatives. It was confirmed that the Town Councils comments and objection would of course be considered as part of any decision making process.

Resolved that the above position be noted and that Councillors assist in alerting the public of this proposal and encouraged them to write to the Powys County Council objecting to the possible closure of the Gurnos Recycling Facility.

176. ONE VOICE WALES.

The Town Council received a copy of the Welsh Assembly report into the core funding grant review consultation exercise 2015 undertaken with respect to the above employers' organisation. The consultation had taken place over the past six months and the Town Councils views on the matter had been passed to the Welsh Assembly at a meeting in Brecon last November. 2015. The recommendation as contained in the report, which was available from the Clerk, stated that the organisation represented value for money and that the organisation must build and improve on its existing strengths, and that continued funding from the Welsh Assembly was recommended.

177. FUEL POVERTY – NEST SCHEME.

Details were received from the Powys County Council in relation to the above matter. It was noted that the Welsh Government Warm Homes Scheme had gone from strength to strength, helping households across Wales out of fuel poverty and to live in more energy efficient properties.

Agreed that contact details and information regarding the scheme be placed in the Town Councils Notice Board once available.

178. GENERAL CIRCULARS.

Copies of the following Circulars were provided to all Members at the meeting and copies would be posted to absent colleagues:

a) SHARED PURPOSE : SHARED FUTURE – Welsh Government document on the Statutory Guidance on the Well-Being of Future Generations (Wales) Act 2015.

b) The Local Authorities (Model Code of Conduct) (Wales) (Amendment) Order 2016. – The Order amends the Model Code of Conduct for local government members, set out in the schedule to the Local Authorities (Model Code of Conduct) (Wales) Order 2008.

Resolved that both items be placed on the agenda for consideration at the Councils meeting on the 7th April 2016.

179. POWYS COUNTY COUNCIL – COMMUNITY DELIVERY PROGRAMME.

Further to Minute 158 of the Councils meeting on the 4th February 2016, the Clerk confirmed that a meeting of the Town Councils Sub Committee members and Powys County Council representatives will be held at the Cwmtwrch Welfare Hall on Tuesday March 8th at 6.00pm.

180. POWYS COUNTY COUNCIL – COMMUNITY PLAN.

Notification was received from the ‘Resources for Change’ consultants confirming that the Powys County Council had offered an additional three days support for the development of the projects identified in the community action plan for the Ystradgynlais community. A meeting had been arranged for the 4th March, 10.30 am at the Ystradgynlais Welfare Hall. An invitation for the Council to send one representative was received.

Resolved that the Chairman be appointed to represent the Town Council at the meeting.

181. YSTRADGYNLAIS WELFARE HALL – IMPROVED STORAGE FACILITIES.

The Joseph Herman Foundation had secured £11,000 in grant funding for installing improved specialised storage in Room 13 at the Welfare

Hall. The facility would be used to store Artwork belonging to the Foundation, which would be sent in the near future to the National Library of Wales in Aberystwyth for digitisation.

Resolved that approval be confirmed for the installation, and that the Hall Board be reminded of its obligation to consult the Town Council sooner on such refurbishment projects.

182. PAYMENT OF ACCOUNTS.

Resolved that the monthly accounts as detailed in the payment list circulated be paid.

183. APPOINTMENT OF COUNCIL REPRESENTATIVE TO THE YSTRADGYNLAIS VOLUNTEER GROUP COMMITTEE.

Following consideration of the above item it was resolved to re - agenda the item for the Town Councils meeting on the 7th April 2016.

184. 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 be forwarded to the Powys County Council.

185. MEMBERS AND OFFICERS REPORTS.

a) Cllr J D Coombe advised of his concern that the Town Council had not been consulted with regard to the closure of path 16 at Abercrave. The path had been closed and fenced off as part of the construction of the new cycle path. Agreed that the Rights of Way Department of Powys County Council be contacted on the matter.

b) Cllr Evan Evans advised that at a recent site meeting with County

Council representatives it had been agreed that 10 of the lower steps on footpath 25 were to be rebuilt by the Powys County Council in the next financial year.

c) Officers advised that Mr Simon Crowther of Powys County council was currently investigating two matters reported to him by the Town Council namely:

- Flooding of farming fields adjacent to Nant Helen Open cast site.
- Stability of land adjacent to Council owned land where the landslip occurred in the River Twrch in January 2015.

d) Cllr L Evans raised the question with regard to the position regarding highway C202. The Clerk advised that the matter had now been passed to Mr Alistair Knocks of the Highways legal department, Powys County Council.

e) Cllr Mark Evans stated that it was his view that the Town Council should register on facebook to make members of the public aware of current issues that were being considered by the various local authorities in the area. Agree that the matter be placed on the agenda of the Councils meeting in April.

f) Cllr Mark Evans advised that he visited Tesco Store Ystradgynlais had recently and found that the organisation was supporting projects in Merthyr Tydfil and not at Ystradgynlais. Agreed that the Chairman and Cllr Evans discuss this anomaly with the Tesco store manager.

g) The issue of planning section 106 grants to the community was discussed and it was the view that where in the future such opportunities arise that the Powys County Council be directly contacted on the matter so that the Town Council can assist in identifying suitable projects that the grant can be allocated to.

The meeting terminated at 8.55pm

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Planning matters considered by the Town Council on Thursday 3rd March 2016.

1.0 Applications granted consent

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

P/2015/0677 Ms Yu Wu & Mr.N. Owen Outline (all matters reserved) development of 8 dwellings to include demolition of existing dwelling house and other outbuildings.
89 Gorof Road
Lower Cwmtwrch

2.0 Applications refused consent

From information posted on the Powys County Council web site the following applications have been refused consent.

No matter to report

3.0 Applications for consideration

NMA/2016/0010 Mr&Mrs A.O'Connell Application for non-material amendments to planning application P/2014/0090 in respect of alterations to drawings.
16 Station Road
Ystradgynlais

Resolved: No observation.

P/2016/0136 Ms Jo Lancey Erection of an extension.
16 Heol Maes Pica
Lower Cwmtwrch

Resolved: No observation.

P/2016/0047 Mr C. Hopkins Residential development, formation of vehicular access road and all associated works (outline)
Land at playing field
Former Cynlais School

Resolved: Whilst minded in principle to approve of the development it is subject to the site being included in the revised LDP (focussed change process) and the highway aspects (subject to BBNP approval) being acceptable in terms of design , visibility spays and turning movements onto the A4067.

P/2016/0148 Mr A .Davies Erection of detached two bedroom dormer bungalow.
Land at rear of 87 Gorof Road
Lower Cwmtwrch

Resolved: No observation.

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P/2016/0184 Mr A. Paulman Erection of a single detached, four bedroom dwelling
Land south of Tai Gwalia and detached garage. Associated access, parking and
Upper Cwmtwrch landscaping.

Resolved: *It is not accepted that the previous highway concerns relating to the additional use of the sub standard county road network are sufficiently mitigated by this proposal to reduce to one dwelling.*

P/2016/0194 Mr & Mrs Everett Proposed single storey extension
7 Glantawe Row
Ystradgynlais

Resolved: *Whilst not objecting to the extension should rear access be required to construct the extension the applicant would be required to make representation to the Town Council.*

4.0 Miscellaneous

Appeals

Powys County Council have advised that the following applications are subject to appeal to the Planning Inspectorate:-

Appeal by : Rachel Williams
Land at 351 Brecon Road (P2015/ 0572)
Two storey extension to the original rear extension

Appeal by : Jeffrey Hopkins
Access track to Pencaerlan Farm ,Seven Sisters (P2015/0301)
Creation of new road over old access track to agricultural holding

Resolved: *To note the appeals.*

Focussed changes to the Local Development Plan

The following notification has been received from Powys County Council
You are reminded that the Schedule of Focussed Changes to the Deposit Powys Local Development Plan 2015 is now available for public consultation up until 4.30pm Friday 11th March. All comments on the Focussed Changes should be forwarded to the LDP team at the County Council and not the Programme Officer. Please note that in the original information the telephone number for the Programme Officer, Tracey Smith was incorrect. The correct telephone number is 07919396609.

Resolved: *To note the information.*

J.G. Jones - Technical Adviser