

CYNGOR TREF
YSTRADGYNLAIS
TOWN COUNCIL

Ordinary meeting of the Council held at the Welfare Hall, Ystradgynlais on Thursday 3rd September 2015 at 7 p.m.

Present: Councillor Aneurin Davies Chairman , Presided

Councillors: Mrs. W. Williams, J. Coombe, E .Evans , L. Evans, W. Thomas, G. Davies, D. Lewis, R. Curry , M. Evans , Goronwy Davies, J. Steadman , Mrs A. Jones.

61. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors Mrs B. Paulett, Canon D. Roberts and C. Nickels.

62. MINUTES

Resolved that the Minutes of the Town Councils meeting on the 2nd July 2015 be confirmed as an accurate record and signed by the Chairman.

63. CHAIRMAN /VICE CHAIRMAN SUMMARY REPORT FOR SUMMER RECESS

The Town Council received a copy of the Clerks report in relation to the main actions taken over the summer recess period by the Chairman and Vice Chairman of the Council.

Resolved that the content of the report be accepted and the recommendations contained therein be agreed.

Note : County Councillors to be made aware of the loss of the Radar key facility at the former Volunteer Centre.

64. EXTERNAL AUDIT

It was reported that BDO Auditors had completed the 2014/15 External Audit. No matters came to the attention of the auditors which required the issuing of a separate report. A notice of conclusion of the Audit is required to be displayed in the Notice Board as soon as is reasonably practical before the 30th September 2015. During the recess period the Chairman and Vice Chair had agreed that the notice would be placed on the Welfare Hall notice board from 27th July to the 9th August 2015. Also the following documentation was received :

- Audit Invoice
- Notice of Conclusion of Audit

- Date Selection form for 2015/16
- Annual Return
- Contact Details
- Survey 2014/15

Whilst members noted the satisfactory conclusion to the audit queries were raised as to whether or not the notice had been displayed in Cwmtwrch and it was indicated that it should in future be incorporated onto the Town Councils web site.

Resolved that the content of the auditors documentation received be noted and that the annual return be approved and accepted by the Council.

65. THREE WEEKLY RUBBISH COLLECTION CONSULTATION

Further to item 12 of the Chair/Vice report it was reported that no further response to extend the consultation deadline had been received. It was reported that Powys County Council were now considering extending the service to a four weekly cycle from September 2017. It was concluded that as the consultation period had expired that there was little purpose in opposing the measure.

Resolved to note the consultation.

66. COMMUNITY PLAN

A letter was distributed from the Resources for Change Co-ordinator indicating that the returns to the questionnaire was to date relatively disappointing. Members were challenged to get 10 people to complete the questionnaire.

67. SCHEDULED ANCIENT MONUMENT – MACHINE PATH

It was reported that CADW's regional Inspector had visited the site and were currently investigating the matter.

68. CWMWRCH WELFARE HALL REPRESENTATIVE

The Cwmtwrch Ward reported that the position would remain unallocated at present.

69. UPPER BRYNMORGAN BRIDGE

Further to minute 60(a) information had been received from Neath Port Talbot that the temporary safeguards were to be replaced with permanent covers and grids. It was acknowledged that these works had now been implemented.

70. INDISCRIMINATE PARKING IN CWMTWRCH

It was reported that a site meeting had been arranged with Powys County Council for 4.30pm on Monday 7th September 2015 to discuss the issues raised in minute 60(b).

71. COFIOR GLOWYR – DIAMOND PARK

A request from the project funder (WREN) for a declaration to be completed over the continued satisfactory use of the project has been duly completed and returned to WREN.

72. ONE VOICE WALES 2015 CONFERENCE

It was reported that the 11th Conference and Annual General Meeting of One Voice Wales was being held on Saturday 3rd October 2015 at the Bont Pavillion, Pontrhydfendigaid . Both of the Town Council representatives were unsure about their availability and would consult with the Clerk at a later date when matters were clarified.

Resolved that subject to availability, Councillors John Coombe and Dennis Lewis be authorised to attend.

73. YSTRADGYNLAIS WELFARE GROUND SPORTS ASSOCIATION

A letter was received outlining the actions undertaken by the various sporting groups in significantly reducing their energy and water consumption following the devolvement of responsibility from April 2015. It was further mentioned that a grant of £40,000 was being sought from the M & S energy fund. To qualify for the funding an internet voting process was underway which concludes on 30th September 2015.

Resolve to support the initiative.

74. GOROF CEMETERY TRADE WASTE COLLECTION

Powys County Council had indicated that following a risk assessment they had concluded that they were unable to service the cemetery unless trade sacks were brought down to the main road on a fortnightly basis. This was regarded as being an unacceptable solution to the Town Council. Following discussion it was concluded that the connectivity of the upper cemetery area to the lower part could be improved if a ramp /steps were installed thereby easing the pedestrian route distance to the waste bunker.

Resolved to install a ramp / steps between the upper and lower areas of the Cemetery.

75. GWENT AND POWYS ARMY CADET FORCE

A letter had been received from the Cadets regarding their availability to support local civic parades or presentations.

Resolved: To involve the Cadet force at appropriate occasions.

76. BRECON AND DISRICT CREDIT UNION

The above organisation advised that they were seeking grant funding to extend their development work in Powys.

Resolved: To further consider the request following the completion of a grant aid form.

77. PARK PLAYGROUND INSPECTIONS 2015

The annual reports of the Insurers inspection had been received and indicated that the apparatus was in satisfactory condition with only some minor issues requiring attention. It was also reported that some minor maintenance works were required to fencing/ tree branches etc at the Swynant playground.

Resolved: To commission contractors to undertake the necessary works.

78. CARMEL CHAPEL ABERCRAVE

A letter was received regarding the alleged unacceptable state of the immediate access ramp to the graveyard of the former chapel rendering it very difficult for infirm relatives to tend the graves. Background information relating to covenants was provided together with site photographs and a copy of a former petition were provided. In addition a copy of a recent letter to the Property and Estates Manager of the Presbyterian Church of Wales was included.

The unacceptable condition of this access was confirmed by Abercrave Ward members.

Resolved: To support the action taken by the individual and to issue a letter of support to her actions to the Property and Estates Manager.

79. PAYMENT OF ACCOUNTS

Resolved that the accounts as detailed in the payment list be paid

80. SMALL SCALE PROJECT FUNDING APPLICATIONS 2015-16

A Welsh Assembly Government initiative inviting community councils, community groups and third sector organisations to bid for small scale project funding for projects between £1,000 to £15,000 was reported. The deadline for applications was very tight with submissions needed by 11th September 2015.

Resolved: To put forward an application to construct a drained footpath at Coronation Park.

81. PLANNING APPLICATIONS

Town Councillor Mrs. Anne Jones reported that the Brynygroes application which she had been mandated to speak on behalf of the Town Council had been deferred and was now expected to be convened on 15th October 2015. Members confirmed that she would remain as the appointed speaking representative when the meeting is confirmed.

The Town Council received the Technical Advisers report on the planning applications received from Powys County Council.

Resolved that the Town Councils observations on planning applications considered be forwarded to the Powys County Council.

82. MEMBERS AND OFFICERS REPORTS

- a) Defibrillator at the Welfare Hall – a meeting with the Hall Manager was requested over the provision of a defibrillator service.
- b) Footpath signage – it was stated that there was a longstanding need to erect further or new signage and it was requested that this request be followed up with officers at Powys County Council.
- c) BOAT No. 7 – it was queried why the gates had been relocated on this route and that the single entrance gate had effectively become redundant. In addition it was requested whether or not a copy of the independent report commissioned by Powys County Council could be obtained.
- d) Footpath 136 - it was suggested that Powys County Council be contacted regarding the closure of the concrete walkway under the road bridge to prevent undesirable behaviour.
- e) A Councillor expressed his praise at the way he had been recently medically treated at the Ystradgynlais Community Hospital and requested that a letter of thanks for their excellent service be issued to them by the Town Council.

The meeting terminated at 8.45 pm.

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APPENDIX 2

Planning matters considered by the Town Council on Thursday 3rd September 2015

1.0 Applications granted consent

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

P/2015/0309	Mr D. Jones 86-92 Wind Road Ystradgynlais.	Conversion of domestic flat and un-used shop into two domestic dwellings to include External alterations.
P/2015/0565	Mr S. Bowkett Delfan Heol Rheolau ,Abercrave	Proposed single storey rear extension to provide new dining room.
P/2015/0568	Mr G Jones 3 Derwen Road Ystradgynlais	Construction of a detached garage and creation of new access

2.0 Applications refused consent

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

P/2014/0620	Mrs E. Adrian Land at 64 Cwmpnil Road Cwmtwrch	Outline: Development of one dwelling and creation of new access.
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*The grounds for Powys County Council's decision to **REFUSE** permission for the development are:-*

- 1. The proposed scheme proposes to use a substandard access onto Palleg Road and improvements to the access cannot be carried out within land under the applicant's ownership, as such the proposed scheme is not in accordance with Planning Policy Wales (7th July 2014) and Powys Unitary Development Plan policy GP4 (2010)*

P/2015/0301	Mr J. Hopkins Pencaerlan Farm Seven Sisters.	Creation of new road over old access track to agricultural holding
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*The grounds for Powys County Council's decision to **REFUSE** permission for the development are:-*

- 1. The proposed development would result in an increased use on a substandard access to the detriment of highway safety. It is therefore considered that the proposed development is seen to be contrary to policy GP4 of the Unitary Development Plan, Technical Advice Note 18: Transport and Planning Policy Wales (Edition 7, 2014).*

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3.0 Applications for consideration

P/2015/0650 Mr J. Adams Application for the establishment of an open windrow
Tir Canol Landfill green waste composting facility on an area of
Lower Cwmtwrch completed but unrestored landfill.

Resolved: *Whilst not objecting to the principle of an open windrow composting facility concern is raised over the appropriateness of its location on an unrestored landfill site.*

P/2015/0671 Mr C. Last Outline planning permission with some matters reserved
Ynys Newydd relating to access, appearance landscaping and scale
Opp Lock Cottages in relation to a four bedroom detached house.
Ynys Uchaf

Resolved: *To offer a strong objection to this proposal on the grounds that it lies outside the development limits of the UDP and in any event the highway access is totally unacceptable*

P/2015/0677 Ms Fang Yu Wu Outline: development of 5 dwellings to include
89 Gorof Road demolition of existing dwelling house and other
Lower Cwmtwrch outbuildings

Resolved: *To offer no observation to this revised proposal.*

P/2015/0702 Mr & Mrs J. Roberts Proposed detached garden activity room for home
98 Station Road schooling with associated external and drainage works.
Ystradgynlais

Resolved: *No observation.*

P/2015/0721 Ms. S. Reynolds Bathroom extension at first floor level to side and rear
8 Heol Gwys dwelling.
Upper Cwmtwrch

Resolved: *No observation*

P/2015/0705 Mr. G.Price & W. Melderda Outline development for up to 6 residential dwellings
Playing field all matters reserved.
Ysgol Ynyscedwyn
James Street
Ystradgynlais

Resolved: *Concerns are expressed over the suitability of James Street to accommodate the highway movements associated with this development.*

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P/2015/0750

Mr. M. Davies
Land off Brecon Rd
(Rear of 64 to 78)
Ystradgynlais.

Section 73 application: Variation of Condition No.2
of planning approval P/2012/0801 to extend time
for the submission of reserved matters .

Resolved: No observation.

4.0 Miscellaneous

No matter to report

J.G. Jones
Technical Adviser