



**CYNGOR TREF
YSTRADGYNLAIS
TOWN COUNCIL**

**Ordinary Meeting of the Council held at the Welfare Hall,
Ystradgynlais on Thursday 3rd December 2015 at 7.00p.m.**

**Present : Councillor Aneurin Davies, Chairman, Presided,
Councillors W Thomas, Mrs A Jones, L Evans,
D Lewis, G Davies, Mrs B Paulett,
M Evans, Goronwy Davies,
J D Coombe, E Evans**

124. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE.

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors Mrs W Williams, R Curry and C Nickels.

125. MINUTES.

Resolved that the Minutes of the Councils Ordinary meeting held on the 5th November 2015 and the Management Sub Committee Minutes of the 9th November 2015 be confirmed as accurate records and signed by the Chairman. It was also resolved that the recommendations contained in the Management Sub Committee be agreed and ratified by the Council.

**126. YSTRADGYNLAIS WELFARE HALL
CWMTWRCH WELFARE HALL.**

Letters were received from the above Welfare Halls seeking additional grant funding from the Town Council for the next financial year 2016/17.

Resolved that the applications be considered at the Councils budget meeting in January 2016. It was also agreed that the Chairman and Hall Manager be invited to address the Town Council at this meeting in order to clarify the funding and staffing position of the Hall for 2016/17.

127. SYRIAN VULNERABLE PERSONS RELOCATION SCHEME.

The Town Council received a copy of the above scheme from the Powys County Council. The Powys County Council had identified Ystradgynlais and Newtown as communities that are well placed to receive Syrian refugees because of the availability of family housing and capacity in local schools.. The first families, who are currently living in refugee camps in the area surrounding Syria, are expected to arrive in Ystradgynlais before the end of March 2016.

Resolved to note the position.

128. DOG FOULING.

The Clerk reported that Powys County Council had refused a request made by the Town Council to locate three dog-fouling bins adjacent to the pavement along the A4067 bypass. The Technical Adviser advised the Member of the new dog orders that had been made using the Public Space Protection Orders, which were created under the Anti Social Crime and Policing Act 2014. The Bill introduces a power for an authorised person, that is a constable, a police community Support Officer etc to issue a Community Protection Notice.

Resolved to note the new legislative changes appertaining to dog fouling.

129. RIGHTS OF WAY – CONSTRUCTION WORK.

The Clerk gave a detailed report on a recent request made to the Powys County Council Rights of Way section in relation to a problem regarding footpath 58. The work involved drainage and excavation work and which was deemed as new work rather than maintenance. The Rights of Way Section had advised that there were strict County Council legal guidelines to follow where such works were being contemplated. Similar type work had also been identified in the Cwmtwrch Ward, which required undertaking. The Town Council discussed the matter in detail and **resolved to** invite the appropriate Officers from the County Council to a future Town Council meeting with a view to establishing some sort of arrangement for undertaking this type of work in the future.

130. PROPOSED BUS STOP, ABERCRAVE.

A further e-mail was received from Kirsty Williams AM attaching a reply received from the Powys County Council on the above matter and requesting the Town Council's views on the content of the letter.

Resolved that the AM be advised that the Town Council is not party to any agreement or arrangement with the County Council in relation to 50% funding for the establishment of bus shelters. Also no allocated money is contained in the Town Council's budget for this service provision.

131. YSTRADGYNLAIS WELFARE GROUNDS ASSOCIATION.

Financial details were received with regard to utilities expenditure from the above organisation, the content of which was considered by Town Council Members. Also discussed was the on going negotiation with regard to a new lease for the Welfare Grounds

Resolved that:

- a) The detail financial information received be referred to the Council's budget meeting in January.
- b) The Council's Chairman at the time be appointed to represent the

Council in meetings with the owners representatives of the site namely Cook and Arkwright Estate Agents in relation to the negotiations on a new lease for the Grounds.

132. CASUAL VACANCY – YNYSCEDWYN WARD.

Notification was received from the Powys County Council that no request had been received from 10 electors from the Ward for an election to be called in relation to the casual vacancy in the office of Councillor for the Ystradgynlais Town Council.

In accordance with the Local government (Wales) Measure 2011 notice is to be given that the vacancy is to be filled by co-option and a notice to this effect be placed on the Councils Website and in the community. Also the casual vacancy advert to be placed in the Tawe Talk community magazine on the understanding that there would be no charge for the placement of the advertisement.

133. DRAFT LOCAL GOVERNMENT (WALES) BILL.

The Town Council considered in detail the content of the proposed Part 6 of the above draft Bill which if implemented will affect all Town and Community Councils in Wales. The White Paper sets out the intention to strengthen the Town and Community sector so that it has a greater capacity and capability to take on responsibility for local facilities and services. It was envisaged that the review to be undertaken into Town and Community Councils would be completed by 2023.

Resolved that Councillors submit individual comments to the Clerk in the first instance for consideration by the Council at its January meeting.

134. CAPTAINS CHAIRS –WELFARE HALL.

A letter dated 11th November 2015 was received from a friend to the Welfare Hall asking if the Council would consider selling one of the above chairs. The chairs were of interest to the resident as her family had been involved in the history of the Welfare Hall at Ystradgynlais.

Resolved that the request be declined.

135. C202 BRYNHENLLYS

The Town Council received a written report on the meeting held on the 24th November with a representative from Powys County Council regarding the above matter The Town Council considered the position in detail.

Resolved that the Town Council formally request that the Powys County Council seek the removal of the field gate at point B on the C202 highway on the basis that there is no lawful authorisation for the gate.

136. PROVISION OF A DEFIBILLATOR AT THE WELFARE HALL YSTRADGYNLAIS

The Town Council considered the proposal in relation to the installation of a new defibrillator at the Welfare Hall Ystradguynlais. Various options were discussed in relation to the siting of the equipment.

Resolved that £1500 be placed in the Councils budget for this equipment and that further discussion on the matter be undertaken in the New Year.

137. WARD COMMITTEE MEETINGS.

The Town Council received copies of the Minutes of the following Ward Committee Minutes:

Abercrave Ward	-	15th November
Cwmtwrch Ward	-	3rd November
Ynyscedwyn Ward	-	8th October
Ystradgynlais Ward	-	8th October

Resolved that:

a) the Minutes of the Ward Committee meetings be confirmed as an accurate record and signed by the Chairman.

b) the work programme recommendations and estimates contained in the Ward Minutes be approved subject to ratification at the Councils budget meeting in January 2016.

138. COUNCIL TAX POLICING PRECEPT 2016 -17

Correspondence and a survey questionnaire in relation to the above matter were received from the Police and Crime Commissioner. The questionnaire contained a number of questions in relation to the setting of the Police precept and what the public wished to pay for the service. The Town Council considered and duly completed the questionnaire accordingly.

139. PAYMENT OF ACCOUNTS.

Resolved that the monthly accounts as detailed be paid.

140. DRAFT COMMUNITY PLAN.

The Town Council received a copy of the above document together with an action plan. The document sets out the Community Led Action Plan for Ystradgynlais, covering a five-year period from 2015 to 2020. It is aimed as a working document for organisations, businesses and individuals to use to guide their work (whether paid or voluntary) to provide facilities, services and activities for people living in and visiting the town and its hinterland.

In consideration of the above the Steering Committee of the project are to hold a public meeting on the final draft documents on Wednesday 9th December 2015. Council members were requested to make every effort to attend the meeting.

Also a further meeting was to held with Powys County Council on the

11th December following the public meeting on the 9th December. The purpose of the meeting is to share any learning from this pilot scheme both with the County Council and other towns. In consideration of this invitation to attend it was agreed that Cllr Wayne Thomas be appointed to represent the Town Council at this meeting.

141. PLANNING CONSULTATION.

Notification was received from the Powys County Council in relation to a change in planning consultation matters. The implications of this change in arrangement were significant in that no paper copies of the planning data would now be sent out to individual Town and Community Councils. Since the data and maps were now to be received via the internet the way forward would be to connect to a CD/laptop or internet at a meeting and transmit the plans to the screen in the Lesser Hall, but the way the files are sent out will need to be ascertained first.

Resolved that to note the changes proposed and to determine practically the significance of the change in terms of resources and possible costs of new office equipment.

142. POWYS CC – COMMUNITY DELIVERY.

Correspondence was received from the Powys County Council in relation to the list of assets and services that are currently open for discussion regarding transfer options. Other services such as the library and youth services were currently being reviewed to assess their future delivery arrangements.

The Clerk advised the Town Council that the meeting on the budget cuts arranged with local County Councillors on the 7th December had been cancelled. The County Councillors had advised that they had other commitments on that date. An e-mail had been received from the County Council Officers on this matter and suggesting that a joint meeting be held in the New Year on the said subject matter.

Resolved to note the current position on Community delivery matters and to agree to the offer of a joint meeting in the New Year.

143. 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.

Note : Councillor Evan Evans declared an interest in planning application

123. MEMBERS AND OFFICERS REPORTS.

- a) Cllr W Thomas advised that a local Army Cadet Evening had been arranged on the 8th December at the Cadet Headquarter on Cwmphil Road. Council Members were invited to the evening.
- b) Cllr E Evans advised of the community's disappointment again with the failure of the Christmas lighting at Abercrave. The Cwmtwrch Ward also advised of the same problems with the Christmas lights. The problems had been reported to the Public Lighting Section of Powys County Council and a response was awaited.

The meeting terminated at 9.20pm

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

1.0 Applications granted consent

From information posted on the Powys County Council web site no applications have been granted approval in the Ystradgynlais Town Council area.

2.0 Applications refused consent

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

**P/2015/0434 Outline planning for erection of a single dwelling (all matters reserved)
Land at Caerlan, Abercrave**

*The grounds for the Council's decision to **REFUSE** permission for the development are:-*

1. *The proposed development would result in an open market dwelling located within the open countryside. The proposed development is therefore contrary to planning policy HP5 and HP6 of the Unitary Development Plan and Planning Policy Wales (Edition 7, 2014).*
2. *Insufficient information has been submitted to assess the potential impact on archaeology features located within the application site. The proposed development is therefore seen to be contrary to policy ENV18 of the Unitary Development Plan (March 2010) and Planning Policy Wales (Edition 7, 2014).*
3. *The proposed development would result in residential development (highly vulnerable development) within a C2 flood zone. The proposed development is therefore contrary to SP14 of the Unitary Development Plan (March 2010) and Technical Advice Note 15: Development and Flood Risk and Planning Policy Wales (Edition 7, 2014).*
4. *Insufficient information has been submitted to assess the potential impacts on protected species namely otters and bats. The proposed development is therefore seen to be contrary to policy ENV4 and ENV7 of the Unitary Development Plan (March 2010), Technical Advice Note 5- Nature, Conservation and Planning (2009) and Planning Policy Wales (Edition 7, 2014)*

**P/2015/0920 Full: Erection of two bedroom dormer bungalow Land to rear of 87
Gorof Road, Lower Cwmtwrch.**

*The grounds for the Council's decision to **REFUSE** permission for the development are:-*

1. *Insufficient information has been submitted to demonstrate adequate provision for the highway access including visibility. The development is therefore seen to be contrary to policy GP4 of the Unitary Development Plan (March 2010), Technical Advice Note 18: Transport (2007) and Planning Policy Wales (Edition 7, 2014).*

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P/2015/0753 Outline - 3 No detached 4 bedroom dwellings, associated access, parking and landscaping at Land South of Tai Gwalia, Upper Cwmtwrch.

The grounds for the Council's decision to **REFUSE** permission for the development are:-

1. *The proposed development would result in the increased use on a substandard county road network in terms of its widths, alignments, gradients and junction visibility. The proposed development is therefore seen to be contrary to policy GP4 of the Unitary Development Plan (March 2010), Technical Advice Note 18: Transport (2007) and Planning Policy Wales (Edition 7, 2014).*

3.0 Applications for consideration

P/2015/0442 Mr D. Lewis Demolition of existing garage /workshop to
 Former Derwen Garage provide 5 residential dwellings (all matters reserved)
 Derwen Road
 Ystradgynlais

Resolved: No observation

P/2015/0971 Mrs K Jenkins Demolition of outhouses and erection of extensions
 12 Min-Y-Rhos
 Ystradgynlais

Resolved: No observation

P/2015/1000 Mr R Purvis Erection of timber framed building to rear garden
 93 Maesybryn
 Station Road
 Ystradgynlais

Resolved: No observation

P/2015/1018 Mr P Hammond Erection of a dwelling and formation of vehicular access
 Land adj 2 Bryncerdd Villas
 Brecon Road

Resolved: To offer an objection on the grounds that a highway access to this property is likely to be too steep. In addition the proposed vehicular access point would be relatively close to the nearby twin mini roundabout system and could result in undesirable traffic manoeuvring.

P/2015/1073 Mrs M Craig Section 73 – removal and variation of conditions
 Coed Cynwal 2,3,4,5 & 6 against application P/2012/1042
 Glyn Cynwal Road
 Upper Cwmtwrch

Resolved: No observation

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4.0 Miscellaneous

The planning application for an extension and alterations at 72/74 Heol Tawe Abercrave referred to the Abercrave ward Annual General Meeting on 16th November 2015 for the determination of any observation. On the basis that the application offered an improvement to the existing building arrangement it was resolved to offer no observation.

Resolved : To note the position

J.G. Jones - Technical Adviser