



**CYNGOR TREF
YSTRADGYNLAIS
TOWN COUNCIL**

**Ordinary Meetings of the Council held at the Welfare Hall on
Thursday 3rd July 2014 at 6.00p.m.**

Present : Councillor Mrs Beti Paulett, Chairman, Presided

**Councillors Graham Davies, M Evans,
J D Coombe, E Evans, Mrs A Jones,
A Davies, Goronwy Davies, J Steadman,
D Lewis, L Evans, Canon D Roberts
R Curry, C Nickels, W Thomas.**

57. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE.

An apology for absence was received from Cllr Mrs W Williams.

58. WELFARE GROUNDS – YSTRADGYNLAIS.

The Town Council received the Powys County Councils Portfolio Holder Graham Brown, Stuart Mackintosh Senior Officer Recreation and Leisure and Stephan Butcher on the above matter. Due to unprecedented budget cuts at the County Council substantial changes and financial cuts have got to be made over the next three years. In addressing these budget issues the recreation and leisure department has had to take a big hit and changes in the Ystradgynlais area would be the nonrenewal of the lease for the land and also a complete financial cut in grass and building maintenance commitments. The various options available for the future arrangements of the welfare grounds were discussed in detail.

In conclusion it was agreed in principle that the Powys County Council Officers would further consider the options available and obtain detailed information from the landowner with regards to the possible terms and conditions of a new lease.

59. MINUTES

Resolved that the Minutes of the Councils Meetings held on the 5th and 26th June 2014 and the Minutes of the Management Sub Committee meeting on the 30th June 2014 be confirmed as an accurate records and signed by the Chairman. The recommendations as contained in the Minutes of the latter meeting on the 30th June be approved.

60. GENERAL GRANTS APPLICATIONS.

Further to minute 56. Of the Councils meeting held on the 5th June the Town Council further considered the under mentioned deferred grant applications and an award of grant was agreed in the sums indicated:

a) Welfare Sport Grounds Association	-	£500
b) Ystradgynlais Ladies Bowls	-	£150
c) St Cynogs Church Repairs to Chapel	-	£1,000

Note : Cllr Canon D Roberts declared an interest in application c) above and left the room.

61. PROPOSED LEASE - LAND ADJACENT TO GOROF CEMETERY.

Further to Minute 37 of the Councils meeting held on the 5th June the Town Council reconsidered the position with regard to the possible leasing of the above land at Gorof. The Cwmtwrch Ward had again considered the matter of the overhanging trees encroaching on the land of the neighbouring property. The Ward recommended that the Powys County Council be asked again to deal with the problem of the

overhanging branches as a condition to the Town Council proceeding with the leasing arrangement of the land from the Powys County Council.

Resolved that the Ward recommendation as detailed be agreed.

62. DRAFT LEASE – YSTRADGYNLAIS MINERS WELFARE HALL.

Further to Minute 39 of the Councils meeting held on the 5th June the Council considered the observations of CISWO in relation to the content of the draft lease.

Resolved that the amendments suggested be included in the draft lease and copies be forwarded to both the Hall Board and CISWO for any possible further comments they wish to make on the detail.

63. GLANRHYD BRIDGE YNYSCEDWYN WARD.

Further to Minute 40 of the Councils meeting on the 5th June an e mail was received from the Powys County Council confirming that the refurbishment work on the above bridge would commence in September and that the weight limit for vehicles using the bridge would remain the same at 3 tonne MGW vehicles.

Resolved to note the position.

64. BRYNHENLLYS REVISED – SUSPENSION OF PUBLIC RIGHTS OF WAY ORDER 1993

Notification was received from the Powys County Council the Order suspending the public rights of way on parts of the former Brynhenllys open cast site had been revoked. A copy of the actual Order was awaited from the Wales Government. Meetings with the landowners will be arranged shortly to resolve the problems with the definitive map.

Resolved that the Cwmtwrch Ward Members consider the content of the e-mail and forward any observations to the Clerk.

65. WELSH GOVERNMENT'S TOWN CENTRE PARTNERSHIP

Details were received from the Powys County Councils Regeneration Department in relation to grant opportunities available to develop Town Centre Partnership. Any application needs for funding needs to be firmly embedded within a wider Action Plan for the regeneration of the Town Centre.

Resolved to invite the Head of the Regeneration Department of Powys County Council to the September meeting of the Town Council to discuss future arrangements for the service and the Town Centre partnership initiative.

66. GRASS CUTTING CONTRACT – PARKS

Further to Minute 44 of the Councils meeting in June an apology was received from the contractor for the above contractor. The main reason for the poor performance over the May to June period was due to the wet weather and machinery breakdown. It was hoped that the performance level would now improve over the next few months.

Resolved to monitor the progress of the contractor over the remaining period of the contract.

67. AUDIT OF ACCOUNTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2014.

A letter dated 13 June was received from the Councils External Auditors BDO. The auditors advised that it was their intention to issue an unqualified certificate and report on the audit of the Councils accounts. The auditor did recommend and was of the opinion that the Town Council should as a matter of urgency update and review their financial regulations in this financial year.

Resolved that the Clerk and the Chairman on behalf of the Council sign and date Sect 3 of the Return so that the audit can be completed. Financial Regulations to be reviewed as soon as is practicable over the next few months.

68. YSTRADGYNLAIS WEBSITE.

The Clerk updated the Council on the progress being made in relation to the development of the above matter. It was hoped that the site would be ready to launch over the next few months.

Resolved that the Chairman, Vice Chairman and Clerk be given plenary powers to agree the launch of the Town Council website once all the work had been completed with web provider.

69. GWYSFRYN AND PROPOSED ACCESS LICENCE.

The Town Council received an update on the above matter from an e mail sent to the local County Councillor from the Housing Management Section of Powys County Council. It was hoped that the parties concerned would soon sign the licence agreement in relation to this on-going matter. Position was noted by the Town Council.

70. MANAGEMENT SUB COMMITTEE MEETING 30TH JUNE.

The Clerk and Technical Adviser left the room for this item.

71. GENERAL CORRESPONDENCE/CIRCULARS.

a) One Powys Plan 2014 – 2017 – Copy received of the plan the content of which was noted by the Town Council. Copy available with the Clerk for information and reference purposes.

b) The Clerk advised that a letter was written on the 26th June supporting a grant application made by the Swansea Valley Scouts for money towards the refurbishment work at the Scout hut on Varteg Hill. Agreed to confirm the Town Councils support for the project.

c) Cofio'r Glowyr / Remembering the Miners Project. – A letter of thanks for the Town Councils support towards the above project was received from the local Heritage and Language Society. The Town Council noted the content of the letter.

d) A letter dated 24 May was received from a local resident in relation to the removal of engraved posts from the cycle track above Caehopkin. This was a project undertaken by the teenagers from the

Penrhos Youth Club and the removal was of the posts by Powys County Council was a very disappointing act. The content of the letter was noted.

e) Letter dated 11th June received from Roger Williams regarding the review of speed limits on trunk roads. Content noted.

f) Cross Border Collaboration meetings – The dates of the above meetings in 2014 and 2015 was received and noted by the Council members appointed onto this body.

72. PAYMENT OF ACCOUNTS.

The Clerk circulated a letter dated 3 July 2014 to all Town Councillors detailing the future presentation of staff salary/allowances and expenses payments. This procedure was to be implemented to protect the staffs' personal information in line with the Data Protection Act requirements. Also as from 1st August 2014 payments listed will include both employer and employee costs which will correspond with the financial amounts written on the cheque itself.

Resolved that:

a) the accounts as detailed in Appendix 1 be paid.

b) the Chairman considers the position with a view to consulting the Councils external auditors on matters relating to the payment of allowances/expenses.

73. 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 as detailed be forwarded to the Powys County Council.

74. MEMBERS AND OFFICERS REPORTS.

a) The Chairman informed Members that the Ordinary Meeting in September would be held on Monday 1st and not Thursday 4th as scheduled. Council agreed to the revised arrangement.

b) Councillor E Evans referred to the problem being experienced at path 11 in that access onto the path for dogs walking with their owners was difficult as the access gate had been padlocked to stop motorbikes from accessing the path and open cast area. The Powys County Council had advised that the installation of a dog pass was down to the landowner.

Agreed that the local Ward Members identify and discuss the possibility of installing a kissing gate with the landowner.

c) Cllr W Thomas detailed problems he had recently experienced with a local resident relating to a Council matter. The Councillor asked the Council to write a letter to the resident advising that in future that the resident refrains from entering onto the Councillors property and that correspondence be sent to the Clerk of Council on any issues that the resident might have in relation to Council matters.

d) Cllr J Coombe advised that nothing had been done by the County Council in relation to the development at the Ynys . Agreed that the correspondence be forwarded to the Chief Executive of Powys CC.

e) Cllr Canon D Roberts advised the Council of the arrangements for the Act of Remembrance to be held on the 4th August at the Cenotaph at 9.45pm. Also Dechrau Canu , Dechrau Canmol was to be televised at the Tabernacle Chapel on the 10th July at 7.00pm

f) Cllr R Curry and Cllr J Steadman advised the Council of the arrangements for minor injuries unit which had been opened at the Ystradgynlais Community Hospital. Opening The facility was open to the public Monday to Friday 9.00am to 5pm.Cllrs were asked to assist in promoting this important facility to the public as the Community Health Council was failing in its duty to do this.

g) Cllr Mrs A Jones advised of the fact that path 6 had disappeared and needed to be reinstated. Agreed to write to the rights of way Department on the matter.

The meeting terminated at 9.45pm

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Planning matters considered by the Town Council on Thursday 3rd July 2014

1.0 Applications granted consent

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

P/2013/0984	Mr John Adams Tir Canol Landfill Site Lower Cwmtwrch	Provision of new office block facility to serve existing landfill, waste transfer and civic amenity site and retention of waste transfer station.
P/2014/0366	Dr J Jones 20 Tan y Waun Penrhos	Erection of rear kitchen, front and side porches and erection of double garage.
P/2014/0440	Mr W Morgan 37 Maescynog Ystradgynlais	Erection of single storey extension

Brecon Beacons National Park Authority have advised that the following has been granted :-

14/10-601/FUL (BBNP)	Base Station Mast Abercrave Rugby Club Plas Ddol Abercrave	Proposed replacement of existing 17.5m column mast, two antennas and cabinets with 17.5m column accommodating 6No.antenna and two cabinets.
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2.0 Applications refused consent

From information on the Powys CC web site the following application was refused:-

P/2014/0321	Mr. C.M.Evans Land adj.Brynygroes Ystradgynlais	Outline: Demolition of building to allow residential development (up to 155 dwellings) and associated works.
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Note: A letter was received from the Welsh Government dated 11th June 2014 advising that they had decided against calling –in the application.

3.0 Applications for consideration

TREE/2014/0031	Western Power Distribution Tesco Superstore Wind Road	Works to trees subject to a tree preservation order (TPO)
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Resolved: No observation

P/2014/0517	Mr S Johnson Dol Werdd Danyfron Abercrave	Erection of new chimney, rain canopy for stored firewood and children's play house (retrospective)
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Resolved: No observation

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P/2014/0620

Mrs E Adrian
Land at 64 Cwmphil Road
Lower Cwmtwrch

Development of one dwelling and creation of new
access

Resolved: Whilst accepting the principle of a dwelling at this location it was resolved to offer concerns regarding the safeguarding of the privacy of the neighbouring properties.

4.0 Miscellaneous

For information : Carmarthenshire County Council Local Development Plan – as part of the final stages of its preparation their LDP has been subject to examination and the Council is consulting on a number of proposed changes that have emerged during the hearing sessions. www.carmarthenshire.gov.uk/ldp Minor amendments to housing limits are proposed in Ystradowen which do not appear to have any significant impact on Cwmtwrch.

Resolved: To note the position.

J G Jones - Technical Adviser