



**CYNGOR TREF  
YSTRADGYNLAIS  
TOWN COUNCIL**

**Meeting of the Council held at the Ystradgynlais Welfare Hall on Thursday 3rd October 2019 at 6.30p.m.**

**Present : Councillor Wayne Thomas, Chairman, Presided.**

**Councillors A Davies, T Davies,  
M Donnelly, R Phillips,  
A Williams, C Nickels  
R Millington, L Evans.**

**82. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE.**

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors R Lock, Mrs L Phillips, G Davies, E Evans, and M Evans

**83. CHAIRMANS OPENING STATEMENT**

The Chairman of the Town Council took the opportunity to remind all members of the Ystradgynlais Town Council, including myself, of procedures and protocols at our Town Council meetings.

Our behaviour must be respectful and we must adhere to the principles contained within the code of conduct - as applicable to all Town and Community Councils throughout the UK.

Recently, a healthy debate and discussion took place in which certain comments were made which some colleagues found offensive and inappropriate. That has to be condemned by all of us and we have to be mindful that sometimes, as individuals, we may think that our words aren't offensive, however, to others they are.

Also, allegations or suggestions from an external source, but nevertheless brought to our attention during a formal meeting, casting doubt regarding our collective and principled decision-making process. These allegations were not substantiated by any evidence whatsoever and therefore remain as hearsay or gossip, whichever you prefer. In future may I respectfully remind colleagues that, as an elected accountable body, we have to be extremely careful of what we bring to this domain.

As the Chairman, this worries me greatly and therefore would ask that we all respect each other around this table, even if we disagree with each other, there is a protocol to follow.

#### **84. STAFFING MATTERS – UPDATED REPORT**

**Public Bodies (Admission to Meetings) Act 1960.**

**Resolved that by virtue of the provisions of Section 1(2) of the above Act, the public be excluded during the discussions of the business on the grounds that publicity would be prejudicial to the public interest by reasons of confidential nature of the personnel business to be transacted.**

Further to Minute 64 of the Town Councils meeting on the 5<sup>th</sup> September the Clerk updated the Town Council on the current position with regard to the progress made in the appointment of Mrs. JC to the position of Deputy Clerk to the Council. The appointment being subject to the satisfactory completion of a six-month probationary period.

Resolved that the Chairman and Vice Chairman of the Town Council be given plenary powers to: -

- a) the vetting of the candidate's personal reference, qualification certificates and IT test report.
- b) subject to a) above being approved, to determine a suitable commencement date.
- c) to approve the purchasing of up to £5,000 in this financial year for office/ IT and other equipment and staff training requirements.
- d) agree a date with the Clerk in respect to his approved flexible retirement application. Hours of work to be reduced accordingly as detailed in the staffing report of May 2019.

**85. CLLR MRS BETTY PAULETT – RESIGNATION.**

The Town Council received an e mail from Cllr Paulett tendering her resignation as Councillor for the Ystradgynlais Ward of the Town Council.

Resolved that the Town Council declares a casual in the Office of Councillor for the Ystradgynlais Ward and that the vacancy be advertised in the locality.

**86. MINUTES**

1) The Clerk reported that an e mail dated 3<sup>rd</sup> October had been received from a Council Member seeking the inclusion of two omissions as detailed from the Town Councils Minutes for the 3<sup>rd</sup> September that the Member wished to include. Also, that a correction should be made to the date that was in the title for the Minutes of the Councils meeting on the 5<sup>th</sup> September.

The matters raised were considered and discussed at length.

Resolved that: -

- a) the request to include the two omissions as detailed in the e mail of 3<sup>rd</sup> October be rejected.

b) the date of the meeting be corrected from the 3<sup>rd</sup> September to the 5<sup>th</sup> September.

2) Resolved that the Minutes of the Town Councils Extraordinary meeting held on the 3<sup>rd</sup> September 2019 and the corrected Minutes of the Town Councils Ordinary meeting held on the 5<sup>th</sup> September 2019 be confirmed as an accurate record and signed by the Chairman.

**87. YNYSCEDWYN WARD MEETING – 6 September 2019**

The Town Council received a copy of the recommendations as detailed in the notes of the above meeting.

Resolved that the above recommendations be approved and that a grant payment of £1000 be made to Blodau Ystradgynlais in relation to the arrangements of the Wales in Bloom event which took place at Ystradgynlais Welfare Hall on the 13<sup>th</sup> September 2019.

**MATTERS ARISING**

**88. PAYMENT OF ACCOUNTS**

Resolved that the accounts as detailed be paid.

**89. GORSEDD PARK – SSE SUPPLY CONTRACT.**

Further to Minute 71 of the Town Councils meeting on the 5<sup>th</sup> September the Clerk reported that confirmation had been received from the Powys County Council that the partnership agreement reached two years ago confirmed that the Town Council would continue to cover the energy charges for the Gorsedd Park at Ystradgynlais.

Resolved that the Town Council renew the contract with SSE in respect to the supply of energy for the Park and that the Powys County Council be asked as to confirmation that appropriate public liability insurance cover is in being for the Gorsedd Park.

**90. TOWN CLOCK REFURBISHMENT.**

Further to Minute 74 of the Town Councils meeting on the 5<sup>th</sup> September the Clerk referred to further information received from Smith and Derby, Clockmakers in relation to the various options available with regard to the refurbishment of the Town Clock. Three options were presented and the costs ranged from £9448 to £10,998 excluding Vat. Also, a letter was received from a local resident supporting the option to restoring the Town Clock for all to admire and uphold the wishes of the Ystradgynlais Friendly Society who raised and collected the funds required to install the Clock at the square about 20 years ago. It was seen as an important icon and feature in the Town Centre and admired by many of the local residents.

Resolved that the matter be further considered during the Town Councils budget process in January 2020

**91. SECURITY CAMERAS – YSTRADGYNLAIS WELFARE HALL.**

Further to Minute 76 of the Town Councils meeting on the 5<sup>th</sup> September a letter dated 30 August 2019 was received from the Dyfed Powys Police in relation to the request for an additional security camera to be installed in the vicinity of the front entrance.

Resolved that Cllr Martin Donnelly was asked to investigate with the police force the possibility of installing an additional camera near the front entrance of the Welfare Hall. Funds for this purpose had already been awarded to the Ystradgynlais Welfare Hall management.

NOTE : Cllr M Donnelly attended the meeting at this point in proceedings.

**92. MEMBER QUESTIONS TO THE TOWN COUNCIL.**

Three questions were sent to the Town Council from a Council member from the Ystradgynlais Ward. The questions were detailed on the agenda notice for this evenings meeting. The questions related to

Town Council procedural matters and a personal issue between two members of the Council which were discussed at length by the Council Members. Also circulated was a document detailing five emails sent to Sub Committee members, the Chairman and the Clerk. Following consideration and discussions on the questions posed the Member of the Ystradgynlais Ward who placed the matters on the agenda withdrew the agenda items as detailed.

**93. YSTRADGYNLAIS MINERS WELFAFRE HALL.**

An e mail dated 3<sup>rd</sup> October 2019 was received from the Hall management seeking financial support following the flooding incident that recently took place at the Welfare Hall boiler house. The cost of the repairs required amounts to an estimated £1,000. The lease agreement covering this type of incident was read out by the Chairman.

Resolved that the Town Council supports the repair work up to the value of £1000. The finance to be obtained from the Town Councils Welfare Hall maintenance budget.

**94. RIGHTS OF WAY UPDATE.**

An e mail dated 25<sup>th</sup> September was received from the Powys County confirming that following the implementation of recent management changes Mr Steve Butcher had now been delegated the work involved with the rights of way in both the Ystradgynlais Town Council and Tawe Uchaf Community Council areas. Town Council members welcomed the new changes in personnel.

**95. APPLICATION FOR A PARKING PERMIT – GOROF CEMETERY.**

An application was received from the owner of land adjacent to the Cemetery for permission to park a car in the Cemetery car park in order to access their land

Resolved that the application be refused as the car park is only available to visitors to the Cemetery, contractors and for funerals.

**96. DISCOVER YSTRADGYNLAIS.**

An e mail dated 28<sup>th</sup> September was received from Discover Ystradgynlais extending its thanks to the Town Council for the support that it has received from Council Members over the past year. Preparations were now being made for its Christmas events on Friday 29<sup>th</sup> and Saturday 30<sup>th</sup> November 2019. Further details to be confirmed as to the programme of events.

Furthermore, an Annual General Meeting will take place on Monday 7<sup>th</sup> October at the Welfare Hall. The Committee comprising of 15 volunteers will be available to answer questions from the community. Also, elections to Committee posts will be made and nominations received. Membership is open to anyone on receipt of a membership form.

Resolved that the organisation be asked to revise its constitution in order that a permanent nomination be allowed onto the Committee from the Town Council

**95. TOWN COUNCIL ACCOUNTS TO YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2019.**

A letter dated 28<sup>th</sup> September 2019 was received from the Town Councils auditors enclosing the certified Annual Return for Ystradgynlais Town Council for the year ended 31 March 2019. There were no matters to bring to the attention of the Town Council.

Resolved that the Notice of the Conclusion of Audit be placed in the Councils Public Notice Board.

**96. PLANNING APPLICATIONS.**

Resolved that the observations on planning applications received be forwarded to the Powys County Council.

**97. MEMBERS AND OFFICERS REPORTS.**

a) A report was received that the Welfare Hall Board was not agreeable to the naming of the lesser Hall in memory of Adelina Patti. There was confusion about whether or not the Town Council had decided to the naming of the Lesser in her memory. Agreed that the Clerk reviews the minutes of the Town Councils meetings to check out the position.

b) The Chairman advised that he would convene an informal meeting of members on budgetary matters once submissions had been received from the four Wards in the regard.

c) Cllr R Phillips advised that the Welsh Independence was gaining momentum in Wales and asked the Town Council to support the initiative. The Chairman advised that Cllr Phillips to forward an agenda item to the Clerk on this matter.

Meeting terminated at 9.00 pm.

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**Planning matters considered by the Town Council on Thursday 3rd October 2019**

**1.0 Applications granted consent**

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

19/1055/REM	Mr. P. Lynes Land rear of Jeffreys Arms Brecon Road	Section 73 application to vary condition 3,17 & 21 of planning approval P/2017/1386 in relation to migration of bats.
19/0977/HH	Mr. P. O'Sullivan 49 Station Road Ystradgynlais	Erection of extensions and alterations to driveway.
19/0851/HH	Ms N. Evans & O. Ap. Glyn 16 Alder Avenue Glanrhyd	Demolition of garage and shed and erection of replacement shed.
19/0259/HH	Mr. R. Weaver 13 Heol Tredeg Upper Cwmtwrch	Demolition and replacement of front extension, erection of double storey side and rear extensions. Formation of off-road parking.
19/0208/HH	Mr. G. Morgan 2 Llundain Fach Brecon Road	Proposed extension to create holiday let, to include alterations to existing property and all associated works.
18/1092/DIS	Waddell Armstrong Land at Brynhenllys Opencast Mine Cwmllynfell	Discharge of conditions 11 and14 of planning approval P/2015/0176 .
19/0688/HH	Mr. P. Ball 16 College Row Ystradgynlais	First floor rear extension with three flat rooflights and a glazed roof lantern with a new flat roof and parapet.
19/1029/DIS	Mrs G. Rees 23 Brecon Road Ystradgynlais.	Discharge of condition 3 of planning permission 19/0373/HH with regards to external lighting.

**2.0 Applications refused consent**

*From information available on the Powys CC web site no application has been refused consent.*

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**3.0 Applications for consideration**

*From information posted on the Powys County Council web site the following application requires consideration:-*

19/1363/HH	Mr. C. Nye 38 Tanyrallt Abercrave	Erection of an extension, creation of two parking spaces and all associated works.
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**Resolved:** *Whilst not objecting to an extension to this property concern was expressed over the adequacy of the proposed construction of the off street parking bays due to the drop in level between the highway and the property itself.*

19/1514/OUT	Mr R. Mayrick Land south of 23 Cwmphil Road Cwmtwrch	Outline application for the erection of two detached dwellings and attached garages.
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**Resolved:** **No observation**

19/1495/REM	Mr & Mrs A. Rees 5 Cwrt y Gamlas Gurnos	Section 73 application to vary condition No.2 attached to Planning Permission 18/0624/FUL ( to allow a different house design)
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**Resolved:** **No observation**

*Brecon Beacon National Park have advised that the following application requires consideration:*

19/17841/FUL	Mr D. Daniel Pensarn Farm Cwmgiedd	Proposed farm diversification to accommodate pet crematorium within existing barn buildings.
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**Resolved:** **No observation**

**4.0 Miscellaneous**

No matter to report