



**Ordinary Meeting of the Council held via MS
Teams on Thursday 4th of March 2021
at 6.30 p.m.**

Present : Chairman Wayne Thomas, Presided

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

105. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors L Phillips, R Phillips, M Allen, M Gough and E Evans.

106. MINUTES

Resolved :
that the Minutes of the Councils meeting held on the 4th February 2021 be confirmed as an accurate record and signed by the Chairman.

**107. MATTERS ARISING
GOROF CEMETERY LOAN**

Further to Minute 101, the Clerk had returned to the Lender to pursue a more agreeable settlement figure. The Clerk explained to the Town Council that the lender had advised, that as this was a Gilt Edge Loan, there was no flexibility in settlement figures.

The Town Council noted the position and resolved that due to the lack of any benefit by early settlement, to continue with the current financial arrangement.

108. BUS STATION WAITING ROOM

The Deputy Clerk updated the Town Council that contact had been made with the appropriate Powys County Council representative but was still awaiting information. Position noted.

109. CENSUS 2021

The Deputy Clerk advised the Town Council that a response had been given to the original correspondent to offer support, without reply. Position noted.

110. FOOTPATH ORDER PROPOSALS – FOOTPATH 6, BRIDLEWAY 75

The Town Council had been consulted regarding public path order proposals to change bridleway 75 and footpaths 3, 6, 56 and 71. Powys County Councillor, Sandra Davies had communicated some concerns to the Town Council which were noted by the Council.

Resolved that a virtual meeting to be held prior to the deadline for observations of 12th March, should be requested with the appropriate Powys representative to gain a full understanding of the proposals and address the concerns held

111. COPTION – YNYSCEDWYN WARD

The Town Council had received three applications for the vacancy in Ynyscedwyn Ward. The Clerk had circulated the details to the Ward Members who had discussed and agreed upon a recommendation for the Town Council.

There was concern that the remaining Town Council members had not been included in this circulation and that although the Ward could make a recommendation, full Council needed to appoint a new member. The Clerk was requested for this and future coptions, that applicant details be circulated to all Council members. The Clerk reminded Members that in line with data protection regulations, no further information was required from applicants other than name and political affiliation.

Resolved to postpone the appointment of a new member to the next Town Council Meeting and that the names and any information voluntarily supplied by the applicants be circulated with the

Agenda. Ynyscedwyn Ward Members requested it be recorded, that the Ward recommendation was Mr Simon Thomas.

112. FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE APPLICATIONS

The Town Council discussed financial assistance applications submitted and resolved to award as follows:

a) Resolved to release the final installment of £2000 to the Ystradgynlais Convenience & Amenities Association.

b) Resolved to award grants to the following organisations as detailed hereafter:

Cwmtwrch RFC	£500
Josef Herman Foundation	£500

c) Resolved that in accordance with the powers conferred under Section 137 of the Local Government Act 1974 that a grant in the sum indicated be made to the following organisation:

Blodau	£2000
Mr T Barrell	£500

d) Resolved, also in accordance with powers under Section 137, to allocate a further £250 to purchase a quantity of Mr T Barrells book for contribution to appropriate local education facilities and groups or persons.

e) Resolved that the RFO supply a written explanation of the process surrounding allocated but unspent funds within a financial year, and to ascertain suitable financial and governance training for Councillors who wish to undertake it.

In relation to the Town Centre Traders Grant, this was for hanging baskets throughout the Town Centre to improve the appearance and contribute to local wellbeing following a very difficult year due to COVID-19. The Council felt it may be appropriate to display a banner indicating the contribution and its' support to the Town and

community. Cllr Donnelly would correspond with the Town Centre Traders representative regarding this idea and report back.

113. LITTER & FLY-TIPPING PREVENTION PLAN FOR WALES

The Town Council had been consulted regarding a new Welsh Government Litter and Fly Tipping Prevention Plan. The members discussed the long and short range aspects of this as well as the ongoing significant litter and fly tipping issues locally. Cllr Millington raised information concerning the Usk Town Council as having a productive and effective approach towards litter.

Resolved:

- a) to note the position for the time-being regarding the Prevention plan.
- b) that the Deputy Clerk contact the Usk Town Council Office and kindly request a conversation/meeting to discuss its approach and to update the members at the next meeting.

114. PAYMENT OF ACCOUNTS

Resolved that the accounts detailed in Appendix 1 be agreed and paid.

CORRESPONDENCE

115. ABERCRAVE & CWMTWRCH WELFARE HALL

Further to Minute 82, a response had been received and circulated from the Regional Manager of CISWO confirming that depreciation policies of Cwmtwrch and Abercrave Welfare Halls were not the same and that with an overview of the range of the class of assets at both facilities, that the written down value in the accounts are commensurate with the operating value. Town Council Members accepted and noted the position.

116. STORAGE UNIT

Further to Minute 46 of the Ordinary Meeting 15th October 2020 the Clerk advised the Town Council that arrangements had stalled regarding the purchase of a new storage container. This was due to persistent shortage of sixteen foot containers which looked to be an issue in the foreseeable future. The Clerk recommended the purchase of a smaller but still sufficiently sized which would ultimately prove cheaper.

Resolved to accept the Clerks recommendation and purchase a ten foot cabin at a cost of £2,400.

117. DIAMOND PARK BENCH

Further to Minute 69, a survey of the existing substandard bench had taken place along with the obtaining of a quote for a replacement.

Resolved to authorize the cost of £1000 for a replacement bench to be installed in Diamond Park.

118. APPROVED CONTRACTOR

A local resident had contacted the Chairman with a request to be added to the Approved Contractor List. The Town Council discussed the request. Chairman to forward name and contact details.

Resolved that subject to satisfactory background, qualification and insurance checks to be carried out by the Clerk, that this would be approved.

119. YSTRADGYNLAIS RECREATIONAL GROUNDS DRAFT LEASE – GRANT

The Clerk reported that to date no documentation had been received for the Town Council to verify, in relation to the £25,000 grant allocated for the above matter. Cllr W. Thomas, the Chairman, had advised that the final negotiated new lease settlement had been reached, which involved a new 50 year term with a £100,000 lump sum payment to the leaseholder with annual rent payable of £1.00 per annum.

Following a discussion with the Town Councils Auditor on the process of making the £25,000 payment, it was recommended that due process and diligence be adopted in this monetary transaction. This means that it is a requirement that legal matters be resolved according to established rules and principles. It is therefore the position that this agreed grant of £25,000 agreed should be forwarded to the Trusts solicitor at the appropriate time when the contracts are legally exchanged and signed by both parties.

120. PLANNING

Resolved to accept Planning as detailed in Appendix 2

121. MEMBERS AND OFFICERS REPORTS

- a) Cllr E Evans had requested an update regarding a damaged livestock gate on a footpath in Abercrave Ward. Deputy Clerk would follow up.
- b) Cllr A Williams advised the Town Council that Cllr R Jackson had been progressing with information gathering for the Wards Christmas Lighting and was now in advanced discussions with a contractor. Cllr Williams requested clarity regarding Minutes 34 and 47c regarding the number of contractors.
- c) Cllr Millington advised the Town Council that a local resident was very despondent regarding an apparent lack of action regarding speeding in Cwmtwrch. Cllrs L Evans and Thomas gave reassurance that efforts were ongoing including a meeting with an MP that was to have taken place that day, and that these efforts would continue.
- d) Cllr Thomas advised that a bridge had collapsed up at Duffryn Y Glowr. Cllr S Davies for Powys and Neath Port Talbot Council were dealing with the issue.

Meeting concluded at 8.40 p.m.

**YSTRADGYNLAIS TOWN COUNCIL
CYNGOR TREF YSTRADGYNLAIS**

**Planning matters to be considered by the Town Council for the month of
February 2021**

1.0 Applications granted consent

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

20/1696/FUL	Pont Aur Ystradgynlais SA9 1BP	Change of use of Pont Aur from sheltered accommodation (C3) to an extra care facility (C2). To include refurbishment and an extension to provide an additional 10 extra care apartments, landscaping and associated works
21/0038/DIS	Mr Andrew Morgan 58 Bethel Road Lower Cwmtwrch SA9 2PT	Application to discharge condition 3 of planning approval

2.0 Applications refused consent

From information posted on the new Powys County Council web site the following application has been refused consent..

20/1010/OUT	Mr G Price Former School Playing Field James Street Ystradgynlais SA9 1EX	Erection of two detached dwellings and associated works
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3.0 Applications for consideration

From information posted on the Powys County Council web site the following applications require consideration:-

21/0142/REM	Mr & Mrs E Edwards Brynhenllys Cottage Upper Cwmtwrch SA9 2YP	Section 73 application to vary condition no.2 attached to planning approval P/2013/0422 and P/2013/0003 to allow amended house design
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Resolved ***No Observations***

21/0001/FUL	Aaron Morgan Llundain Fach B & B Brecon Road Ystradgynlais SA9 1ST	Change of use of an existing mobile home to a static glamping pod and all associated works
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Resolved ***No Observations***

21/0169/HH	Mr James Davies 58 Wind Road Ystradgynlais SA9 1AF	Erection of a rear extension
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Resolved ***No Observations***

21/0174/HH	Mrs Vicky Owen 1 Cwm Tawe Road Pen Rhos Ystradgynlais SA9 1QU	Erection of an extension and garage, to include some demolition
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Resolved ***No Observations***

21/0278/HH	Mr Davies 1 Railway Terrace Neath Road Ystradgynlais	Erection of sun room to front of property
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SA9 1PT

Resolved ***No Observations***

21/0181/HH	Naomi Townshend 99 Heol Twrch Lower Cwmtwrch SA9 2TE	Demolition of existing utility room and erection of two storey extension to dwelling
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Resolved ***No Observations***

21/0201/NMA	Mr K Watts Land at 89 Gorof Road Lower Cwmtwrch SA9 1DS	Application for non-material amendment to permission P/2018/0373 to alter the approved plans and design
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Resolved ***No Observations***

21/0269/HH	Mrs Gina Brown 5 Alder Avenue Ystradgynlais SA9 1AQ	Single storey, rear and side extension
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Resolved ***No Observations***

4.0 Miscellaneous

No matter to report