



**Ordinary Meeting of the Council held via Zoom on
Thursday 1st of April 2021 at 6.30 p.m.**

Present : Vice Chairman A Williams, Presided

**Councillors T Davies, L Evans, R Jackson, R Lock
R Millington, G Davies, M Donnelly, L Phillips
and M Gough**

122. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors M Evans, W Thomas, E Evans and the Clerk B Rees.

123. MINUTES

Resolved :

- a) that the Minutes of the Councils meeting held on the 4th of March 2021 be confirmed as an accurate record and signed by the Chairman.
- b) that “a)” be removed from Minute 106
- c) that the second “d)” in Minute 112 be amended to “e)”
- d) that in Minute 112c, Town Centre Traders be correctly amended to Blodau as the organisation receiving the resolved grant award for floral displays within the Town Centre.

**124. MATTERS ARISING
BUS STATION WAITING ROOM**

Further to Minute 108, the Deputy Clerk informed the Town Council that a response was still pending from a representative at Powys County Council despite several attempts to gain one which

the deputy Clerk would continue in her efforts with. The Town Council noted the position.

125. FOOTPATH ORDER PROPOSALS

Further to Minute 110, Town Council representatives had met with the Countryside Services representative for and Cllr S Davies to discuss the plans.

Following a very comprehensive presentation, the Town Council had corresponded via email and had resolved not to object to the proposal.

126. ACCOUNTING PROCEDURES END OF YEAR REPORT

The Town Council received an interim report from the Clerk regarding the above matter. The Clerk was currently preparing the report for Council for the May meeting of the Town Council. The end of year accounts needed to be completed in order to finalise the report.

127. LITTER & FLY-TIPPING PREVENTION PLAN

Further to Minute 113, a virtual meeting had been arranged between Cllr R Millington and representatives of the Usk Town Council as well as the Community Litter Action Group to discuss the approach taken there and seek guidance.

Cllr Millington advised that the discussion had been very helpful, although activities had been hindered throughout the lockdown period due to lack of equipment from County Council providers for Health and Safety reasons, as well as the restrictions preventing people from meeting for organised events.

Resolved to place this matter on the agenda for the next Ordinary Meeting for further discussion.

128. STORAGE CONTAINER

Further to Minute 116, the Town Council were advised that the Storage container had now been purchased and installed at the Welfare Hall. Position noted.

129. DIAMOND PARK BENCH

Further to Minute 117, the deputy Clerk did not have an update on progress regarding this matter and quotes that were being sought regarding works to a Park footpath but would ascertain the situation and update at the next meeting. Position noted.

130. APPROVED CONTRACTOR

Further to Minute 118, no progress had been made in contacting the contractor requesting addition to the Approved list, due to the Clerk taking Annual leave and lack of contact detail forthcoming from the Chairman.

Cllrs discussed this matter and suggested the construction of an application form for contractors wishing to be added to the Approved list, requiring information sufficient to confirm their eligibility to serve the council and community, including qualifications, background checks and references.

Resolved that the administration officers construct the appropriate form and that the Chairman forward the contractors details from the correspondence received by him.

131. PAYMENT OF ACCOUNTS

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

132. COOPTION OF NEW YNYSCEDWYN WARD MEMBER

Further to Minute 111, the three candidates' details for the vacancy had been circulated to all Town Council Members prior to the meeting. The attending members of the Town Council carried out a vote with Mr Simon Thomas receiving the most votes.

Resolved to coopt Mr Simon Thomas as a Councillor for Ynyscedwyn Ward.

133. CORONATION PARK – POTENTIAL FLOODING ISSUE

The Town Council had received a letter and photos from a local resident living close to Coronation Park. It was concerning drainage issues from the Park site resulting in large amounts of water during heavy rain, running across the road and residential area as well as carrying debris and stone to those areas.

Resolved to arrange a meeting with Cwmtwrch and Ystradgynlais Ward Representatives and the Councils Contractor to discuss the issues and potential solutions and return to the Town Council with recommendations.

134. CORRESPONDENCE

GORSEDD WAR MEMORIAL

Correspondence had been received from a representative of the local British Legion, to inform the Town Council they had been awarded a Tesco Grant to carry out some remedial works to the plaques. The representative had verbally indicated a request for financial assistance would be sought from the Town Council to cover the difference. Further information was needed.

Resolved that in principle and subject to the submission of formal request for support from the Town Council to award a grant of up to £500.

135. BRECON BEACONS NATIONAL PARK MANAGEMENT PLAN

Correspondence had been received from a Park representative informing the Town Council of a current review of the Brecon Beacons Management Plan as well as the ability to join a virtual conference to discuss the plan. The Town Council noted the position.

136. JOINT ONE VOICE WALES AND SLCC EVENT

The Deputy Clerk advised the Town Council of a virtual conference in May that Councillors could attend, dealing with among other things, elections and the General Power of Competence. The Town Council noted the position.

137. PLANNING

Resolved to accept Planning as detailed in Appendix 2

138. MEMBERS AND OFFICERS REPORTS

a) Cllr Millington advised the Town Council that a Website Working Group meeting held had discussed the current situation with the Website and would be recommending that the Deputy Clerk continue to use and gain familiarity with the Website in its current setup to be reviewed after three months. The Deputy Clerk would be researching and constructing a Social Media Policy to be reviewed at the next Town Council Meeting.

b) Cllr L Evans indicated concern that the Small Grants issued by the Town Council were not routinely followed up to ensure awards issued had been used for the purpose indicated on the application. The Town Council agreed to place this on the next Agenda for discussion.

c) Cllr Gough requested whether it might be possible to place maps of the local Rights of Way and Footpaths upon the Town Council Website. Resolved to review at the next Website Working Group Meeting.

d) Cllr L Phillips raised the issue of significant queues of traffic into the Lower Cwmtwrch Recycling Facility at times. The Town Council discussed the issue and it was resolved that the Deputy Clerk contact the relevant department at Powys County Council to raise the issue and encourage means of addressing it.

Meeting concluded at 8.40 p.m.

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**Planning matters to be considered by the Town Council for the month of
March 2021 - for acceptance at the April 2021 Ordinary Meeting
(here forward resuming entitlement by the Month of consideration at full
Council Meeting)**

1.0 Applications granted consent

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

20/1627/HH	Mrs Amy Davies 47 Brecon Road Ystradgynlais SA9 1HH	Proposed 2 storey and single storey rear extensions and side facing windows to existing side elevation
20/1563/FUL	Edwin Rubens 40-42 Commercial Street Ystradgynlais SA9 1JH	Proposed conversion of a detached dwelling (C3) use into a six bedroom house of multiple occupation (C4) use together with with a single storey extension and external works.
19/1812/OUT	Mr Morgan Land at former Bryn Seion Chapel Heol Tawe Abercrave SA9 1XP	Erection of a dwelling house, formation of vehicular access, demolition of chapel and all associated works (outline application with all matters reserved)
20/1220/HH	Mr Paul Kelly 35 Tan-Y-Farteg Ystradgynlais SA9 2JU	Erection of extensions and removal of an outbuilding

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2.0 Applications refused consent

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

3.0 Applications for consideration

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

21/0346/HH	Mr Ashley Farrell 24 Glan-rhyd Road Ystradgynlais SA9 1AU	Erection of extensions and a terrace, and alteration to vehicular access
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Resolved ***No Observation***

21/0356/HH	Mrs Rachel Davies 94 Wind Road Ystradgynlais SA9 1AH	Erection of a ground floor rear extension
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Resolved ***No Observation***

21/0281/OUT	Jin Tan 84 Heol Gleien Swansea SA9 2TZ	The proposed development is to construct two contemporary three storey residences, with trees and landscaping forming private gardens in the surrounding.
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Resolved **The Ystradgynlais Town Council has concerns regarding the number of vehicle spaces allocated to these properties being just 1 per 4-bed residence. If there is to be just one vehicle parking availability for each of the 2 proposed housing developments, there will be issues with further vehicles attending both proposed developments. There have been issues amongst residents within the cul-de-sac type road located at the rear of the proposed development, involving vehicle access and parking with the current residents.**

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Additional needs for vehicle use and parking will add further concerns there.

Whilst there is a recorded footpath along the single road located at the rear of the proposed development, linking A4068 to Tai Gwalia estate area, this single road was in fact a service road to the former Tro Glien Cwmtwrch Primary School. This single unclassified road currently serves approx 7 homes.

The junction formed with the A4068 is currently exceptionally restricted as far as view is concerned. Increase with volume of traffic through this junction will increase potentiality of collisions.

This Town Council have previously requested Powys CC Highways, to install further street furniture at the junction, perhaps a purpose located traffic mirror at this in order to contribute to road safety.

21/0359/DIS	Mr Richard Northey 24 Palleg Road Lower Cwmtwrch SA9 2QE	Application to discharge conditions 3, 7, 8, 9, 11, and 12 in relation to site layout, verification plan, site investigation, ecology report and external lighting
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Resolved* *No Observation

21/0381/HH	Miss Jessica Gannon, Woodlands, Tanyrallt, Abercrave, SA9 1XD	Erection of a two storey side extension including demolition of existing single storey garage
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Resolved* *No Observation

4.0 Miscellaneous

20/0034/HH	Mr Ian Morgan 25 Ynyscedwen Road Ystradgynlais SA9 1BE	Double storey side extension, single storey rear extension and replacement WITHDRAWN
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