



**Ordinary Meeting of the Council held at The
Welfare, Ystradgynlais on Thursday 10th of June
2021 at 6.30 p.m.**

Present : Chairman A Williams, Presided

**Councillors G Davies, L Evans, R Jackson, R Lock
R Millington, W Thomas, M Donnelly, M Allen, S Thomas,
E Evans and M Gough**

33. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors M Evans and L Phillips.

34. MINUTES

Resolved that the Minutes of the Councils meeting held on the 6th of May 2021 and the Management Sub Committee Meeting of 18th May 2021 be confirmed as an accurate record and signed by the Chairman.

MATTERS ARISING

35. REPRESENTATIVES ON OUTSIDE BODIES

a) Cllr E Evans informed the Council that he no longer wished to continue as representative for the Abercrave Welfare Hall.
Resolved that Cllr R Jackson be appointed as the representative for the Abercrave Welfare Hall.

b) Cllr W Thomas resigned from the Ystradgynlais Task & Finish Group and the position passed to Cllr M Donnelly.

36. DIAMOND PARK ACCESSIBILITY

Further to Minute 29, The Deputy Clerk had received a response from Powys County Council to state that according to Land Registry Records, the Land in question appeared to be unregistered, but that on balance it was likely to be Highway's jurisdiction. The matter had been forwarded internally to the relevant representative and the Deputy Clerk would continue to monitor the situation and provide update.

Position noted.

37. MANAGEMENT SUB COMMITTEE MEETING RECOMMENDATIONS

The recommendations from the Minutes of the Management Sub Committee of 18th May were discussed at length and voted upon. Resolved that:

- a) the terms of reference for the Ward Sub Committees be fully implemented and reinstated following the temporary Management arrangements put in place over the past year during the COVID 19 pandemic, and the retirement of the Technical Advisor in 2019.
- b) the updated approved list of Town Council contractors be agreed and confirmed and that the skills and qualifications specific to each of the Town Councils approved contractors be detailed upon the official Approved List.
- c) the tender limit on Capital works be increased from £3,500 to £6,000. Amend Standing Orders Section 62 and 63a accordingly.
- d) the post of part-time Technical Advisor not to be advertised at this time. Plenary powers be awarded to Chairman and Vice Chairman to appoint on an "ad-hoc" basis, a suitably qualified Engineer to undertake the Coronation Park project and any other Capital works projects as deemed appropriate. The Clerk made it clear to the Town Council of his concern with this decision not to appoint a Technical Advisor for the Council. This decision, in the Clerks view, opened the Council to continued health and safety risks in relation to its land, and building and maintenance responsibilities.

e) £2,000 be allocated to cover staff costs to deal with the backlog of office work as a result of the COVID 19 pandemic.

f) the Chairman and Vice Chairman research the options available in relation to the appointment of a suitable qualified Engineer of consultant to undertake the project management of the Coronation Park drainage scheme.

38. PAYMENT OF ACCOUNTS

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

39. CHRISTMAS FESTIVE LIGHTING UPDATE

The Clerk referred to the Ystradgynlais Ward Committees meeting with the contractor, Centregreat on the 7th of June. At the meeting, three quotations were considered for different options available to the ward in relation to upgrading of the Towns Festive lighting for Christmas 2021.

Resolved that:-

a) option 1 be agreed by the Ward. The estimated sum for the upgrading of the Wards festive lighting display for Christmas 2021 amounted to £11,250 incl VAT. Replacement of any column sockets and timers to any of the lamp posts to be an additional cost of £136 inc. VAT per lamp post.

b) the decisions of the Ystradgynlais Ward in this connection be agreed.

c) The Abercrave Ward had also had meetings with its chosen supplier and was awaiting contract quote details for the Town Councils consideration. Agreed to place this matter on the agenda of the next Town Council meeting.

40. ANNUAL MANAGEMENT RISK ASSESSMENT REVIEW 2021/22

The Town Council received and considered in detail the following documentation in relation to the above matter:

a) Details with regard to the Town Councils Insurance policy/schedule with Zurich Insurance.

b) Risk Assessment Report for the financial year 1st April 2021 to 31st March 2022

c) Minor Works Contracts – Risk Assessments – Revised document for 2021/22.

The Town Council considered and reviewed the contents of the above documentation and recommended that it was satisfied that all the potential risks that the Council could conceivably be subjected to during the financial year had been adequately identified and covered within the risk assessment reports.

It was noted that regarding document c) above, and the Town Councils decision not to fill the established post of Technical Advisor, there were limited staffing resources available in terms of health & safety and risk assessment expertise.

Cllr Millington wished to have the following statement included in the Minutes – “Collecting H&S statements and Risk assessments from contractors is a purely administrative matter that I was surprised that the Clerk had not be doing as routine. As we are relying on the contractors expertise in this area this does not need a Technical specialist we merely need to reassure ourselves that they are completing these tasks.”

Resolved to approve the updated documents and to forward copies of the Minor Works Risk Assessment document to all approved contractors.

41. WELLBEING PLAN

The Clerk had received an email in regard the Powys Well-being Plan under the Wellbeing of Future Generations Act 2015. It informed the Town Council that it has had a duty to produce an Annual Report in relation to the Powys County Council Wellbeing Plan. A report for Ystradgynlais Town Council for 2020/21 was under construction and a draft would be provided for the next meeting.

Position noted.

42. **WERN PLEMYS**

Further to Minute 18, the members discussed the access request.

Resolved to arrange a site meeting with a representative for the Nature Reserve to discuss the request and concerns held by the Town Council. Plenary powers awarded to the Chairman, Vice Chairman and Cllr S Thomas to decide on the vehicle access application by the organisation.

CORRESPONDENCE

43. **SKATE PARK**

The Clerk had received a proposal from Powys County Council that the Town Council terminate early on the existing lease on the Skate Park, in order that it could be added onto a lease currently being arranged between the Ystradgynlais Community Centre with Powys County Council.

Resolved to add to the July Agenda for discussion and resolution.

44. **TOWN CENTRE PLANTERS**

Powys County Council had informed the Town Council that large planters provided during the pandemic to aid social distancing were being donated to the Town Council. The planters would need to remain in their current positions until Social distancing ceased and could then be repositioned as appropriate.

Resolved to accept the donated planters from Powys County Council and to allocate to Wards at a later date.

45. **TOWN - VALLEYS INITIATIVE GRANT**

An email had been received from the owners of a local business, expressing frustration at a perceived trading advantage afforded a competitor who had received a seating area under the Valleys Task Force grant funding.

The owners attended the meeting and were permitted by the Town Council to voice and clarify their issues to the members. The situation leading up to the Funding was explained by the Town Council and sympathy expressed for the company's situation. Resolved that Cllr Millington raise the matter with the relevant representatives at Powys County Council and also ascertain whether there may be further funding available under the continuing objectives with the Valleys Task Force.

46. YSGOL Y CRIBARTH REPRESENTATIVE

Correspondence was received informing the Town Council that the Term of Office for Cllr E Evans as Additional Community Governor at Ysgol Y Cribarth had ended, and the position would revert to Tawe Uchaf Community Governor. Position noted.

47. YSTRADGYNLAIS WELFARE HALL GRANT REQUEST

Correspondence had been received on behalf of the Welfare Hall Trust requesting the release of the first installment of the budgeted grant for 2021/22.

Resolved to approve the release of the requested £14,000 first installment.

48. ABERCRAVE DERELICT BUILDING

Abercrave Happy Helpers had written to the Town Council, expressing concern regarding a local property that had remained derelict for many years, changing hands several times recently with no improvements and remaining an eyesore within the community. The organisation was requesting financial support from the Town Council in order to be able to purchase the property itself, in order to demolish and improve the area for the benefit of the community. Resolved to ascertain more information and add to the agenda for the next meeting.

49. DIAMOND PARK BENCH

The Heritage Society had provided a copy of an article produced in the latest leaflet, thanking the Town Council for its financial support in providing a bench at the Diamond Park. The Heritage Society had made a £50 donation towards the purchase of the bench. Position noted.

50. PLANNING

Resolved to accept Planning as detailed in Appendix 2.

51. MEMBERS AND OFFICERS REPORTS

a) Cllr Gough advised the members of a successful meeting had with the A4068 Traffic Group and asked for the matter to be added to the next meeting agenda.

b) Cllr L Evans notified members that two areas of footpath maintenance would cost £3,500 out of the Cwmtwrch Ward budget

c) Cllr L Evans requested information about a Christmas Tree that had been erected in the Cwmtwrch Ward. Cllr W Thomas informed members that the tree had been paid for out of the Chairman's Allowance due to the non-provision of Christmas Lights at the end of the previous year.

d) Cllr Millington had attended the most recent Valleys Task Force meeting as both Chair and Vice Chair had been unable to. He reported that there may be further funding and initiatives available to the Town, including the installation of a Wi-Fi hub in the town. Resolved to gather more information and arrange a meeting with the representative concerning the Wi-Fi hub.

Meeting concluded at 9.15 p.m.

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

1.0 Applications granted consent

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

21/0925/DIS	Mr & Mrs G Morgan Little London 2 Llundain Fach Brecon Road SA9 1ST	Discharge of Condition 4 attached to permission 21/0001/FUL in relation to a Biodiversity Plan
21/0001/FUL	Aaron Morgan Llundain Fach B & B Unit, Brecon Road SA9 1ST	Change of use of an existing mobile home to a static glamping pod, and all associated works
21/1383/HH	Mr A Prosser 8 College Row Ystradgynlais SA9 1BJ	Erection of a wall
20/2102/HH	A Hopkins 14 Heol Maes-Y-Dre Ystradgynlais SA9 1HA	Erection of a replacement rear extension and formation of a new off-street parking area
21/0169/HH	Mr James Davies 58 Wind Road Ystradgynlais SA9 1AF	Erection of a rear extension

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 applications require consideration:-

21/0697/HH	Hywel Watkins 2 Cwm Tawe Road Pen-rhos Ystradgynlais SA9 1QU	Construction of rear two storey extension
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Resolved No Observations

21/0925/DIS	Mr & Mrs G Morgan Little London 2 Llundain Fach Brecon Road Ystradgynlais SA9 1 ST	Discharge of Condition 4 attached to permission 21/0001/FUL in relation to a Biodiversity Plan
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Resolved No Observations

21/0757/NMA	Mr & Mrs R Northey 24 Palleg Road Lower Cwmtwrch SA9 2QE	Application for non-material amendments to planning permission 20/1237/FUL in respect of approved plans
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Resolved No Observations

21/0658/FUL	Barrie Davies – Asbri Land at Yr Ysgol Ystradgynlais SA9 1LQ	Proposed development of 4 no. supported living bungalows, 1 no. staff pod and associated works
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Resolved No Observations

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21/0836/DIS	Mr K Watts Land at 89 Gorof Road, Lower Cwmtwrch, SA9 1DS	Application to discharge conditions 4, 7, 13, 19, 20, 21, 22, 23, 24 and 25 of planning approval P/2018/0373
<i>Resolved</i>		<i>No Observations</i>
21/0813/HH	Mr & Mrs Dobson 8 Weaver Road Ystradgynlais SA9 1PQ	Erection of a 2 storey side extension
<i>Resolved</i>		<i>No Observations</i>
21/0850/FUL	Mr D Hosgrove Ystradgynlais RFC Ynyscedwyn Road Ystradgynlais SA9 1BH	Erection of a disabled viewing platform
<i>Resolved</i>		<i>No Observations</i>
21/0810/AGR	Ms C Esteban Land at Cwmtawe Villa Abercrave SA9 1SW	Proposed general purpose agricultural building 18.3m x 9.14m
<i>Resolved</i>		<i>No Observations</i>
21/0857/HH	Mrs K Davies 9 Heol Maes-Y-Dre Ystradgynlais SA9 1HA	Erection of a replacement single and double storey
<i>Resolved</i>		<i>No Observations</i>
21/0891/NMA	Miss R Welch 18 Alder Avenue Ystradgynlais SA9 1AQ	Non material amendment following planning permission 20/0474/HH regarding a change to the approved plans

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Resolved**No Observations**

21/0940/RES	Mr N Clifford Development Land rear of Nos 64 to 78 Brecon Road Ystradgynlais Swansea SA9 1HH	Reserved matters application in respect of outline planning consent P/2018/0195 for the erection of 26 dwellings and associated works (appearance, landscaping, layout and scale)
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Resolved**No Observations**

21/0942/DIS	Mr N Clifford Development Land rear of Nos 64 to 78 Brecon Road Ystradgynlais SA9 1HH	Discharge of conditions 12,13,14,15,16,18,19 and 21 of planning approval P/2018/0195
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Resolved**No Observations****4.0 Miscellaneous**

No matter to report