



**Ordinary Meeting of the Council held at The
Welfare, Ystradgynlais on Thursday 7th of October
2021 at 6.30 p.m.**

Present : Chairman A Williams, Presided

**Councillors L Evans, M Allen, W Thomas, S Thomas,
E Evans, C Nickels, M Donnelly, R Lock and R Millington**

92. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors G Davies, R Jackson, M Gough, M Evans and L Phillips.

93. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Cllr R Millington declared an interest in Planning application 21/1600/FUL.

94. MINUTES

Resolved that the Minutes of the Councils meeting held on the 2nd of September 2021 be confirmed as an accurate record and signed by the Chairman.

MATTERS ARISING

95. CORONATION PARK DRAINAGE WORK

Further to Minute 74, the Town Council received an update regarding the findings of a site meeting that had taken place on the 30th September. Several options to address the drainage issues were considered. At a previous meeting a Powys County Council representative had informed the members that a County owned culvert could be used to divert water for one of these options.

Resolved to inform the Powys County Council of the Town Councils intention to make use of the culvert and commence the drainage works urgently, within an expenditure of £2,500. Plenary powers awarded to the Chairman and Vice Chairman to approve additional work and any expenditure exceeding £2,500.

96. CHRISTMAS ILLUMINATIONS

Further to Minute 83, it was resolved to contact the local organisation responsible for illuminations in the Gorsedd Park and Cwmtwrch Ward to ascertain the date for switching on the illuminations for Christmas 2021.

97. GWYS ROAD ACCESS

Further to Minute 86, the Clerk advised members that the appropriate Notice had been issued to the resident, in respect of the obstruction the vehicles were causing at the above locality.

Resolved to carry out an inspection following the Notice period deadline to ensure compliance.

98. LITTER ISSUES

Further to Minute 88, the Clerk updated members that issues had continued during the previous month at Coronation Park with unauthorised camping, littering and motorcycle scrambling. Two riders had been apprehended by the local constabulary, which was also now ensuring the site was visited on a regular basis. Two gates

had also been supplied by Powys County Council and under approval from the Chair and Vice Chair had been fitted by a Council contractor to prevent unauthorised vehicular access.

Resolved to note and monitor the position.

99. TOWN CENTRE PLANTERS

Further to Minute 91d, almost all final locations for the planters had been confirmed. All planters had now been moved to the local Nursery in preparation for final re-location, which was to be organised promptly, within the next week.

Resolved to note the arrangements.

100. CWMTWRCH WARD MEETING

Further to Minute 91b, the Members were informed that no Ward meeting for Cwmtwrch had taken place due to the unavailability of Ward members during the previous month. This meeting had now been arranged to take place within the next week.

Position noted.

101. GORSEDD REFRESHMENT KIOSK

Further to Minute 73, the Town Council received an update that the local business owner interested in securing a licence to vend refreshments in the Gorsedd Park was now in contact with Powys County Council.

Position noted

102. CWMTWRCH WELFARE HALL/CHAIRMAN'S ALLOWANCE

Further to Minute 78, Cllr Wayne Thomas produced a report for the financial dealings CISWO had had with local Welfare Halls. He clarified that he was not presently a member of the Board at the Cwmtwrch Welfare Hall and that he and his employer did not

benefit financially from any connection with Cwmtwrch Welfare Hall.

Cllr Thomas also provided a breakdown of expenditure from the Chairman Allowance during his term 2019/2020 and 2020/2021.

Resolved to note Cllr Thomas' position and that the breakdown of expenditure provided be circulated to the Town Council Members

103. PAYMENT OF ACCOUNTS

Resolved :-

- a) that the accounts detailed in Appendix 1 be agreed and paid.
- b) that the receipt from September payments list for Flags purchased for the Gorsedd Park Flagpole be circulated to the Chairman and Vice Chairman for inspection.
- c) that the Chairman and Vice Chairman request details from the British Legion representative regarding flags held for use at Gorsedd Park and the condition that they were in.

104. BUDGET MONITORING REPORT

The Clerk presented an updated report relative to the above matter relating to the Councils finances for the period 1st April 2021 to 30th September 2021.

Resolved that:-

- a) the Clerk forward the full breakdown of Ward Budget expenditures in preparation for the Annual Ward Meetings.
- b) the content of the Clerks budget monitoring report be noted.

105. YSTRADGYNLAIS WELFARE HALL

Public Bodies (Admissions to Meetings) Act 1960

Closed Item – Resolved that the public and press be excluded from the meeting due to the confidentiality of the item under discussion

The Members had received a financial report and formal request for the second financial assistance instalment for 2021/22 from the Ystradgynlais Welfare Hall.

Resolved to approve the release of the second instalment of £12,000.

106. YSTRADGYNLAIS HERITAGE SOCIETY – CORONATION PARK

The members discussed correspondence from the Heritage Society informing the Town Council of an interpretation panel project for the Coronation Park. Funding had been awarded to the Heritage Society from the Brecon Beacons National Park Authority towards the cost. This funding was conditional on match funding and a request was being made to the Council for financial assistance the sum of £1,000 to enable this project to go ahead.

Resolved to award the requested £1,000 grant to the Ystradgynlais Heritage Society.

107. FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE AWARDS.

The Town Council received and considered the financial assistance applications received.

a) Resolved that the grants in the sums indicated be made to the organisations as follows:

Abercrave & Penrhos Senior Citizens Association	£200
Cor Y Gyrlais	£500
Tawe Voices	£250

b) Resolved that a further £250 be made available to Tawe Voices within the 2021/22 financial year, conditional to this new organisation providing evidence of financial and constitutional governance at the time of application.

c) Resolved that the budgeted and pre-approved financial assistance award of £4,000 be released to the Ystradgynlais Amenities and Conveniences Association towards the operational and maintenance costs of the Town Centre public conveniences.

108. ASH DIEBACK DISEASE

Public Bodies (Admissions to Meetings) Act 1960

Closed Item – Resolved that the public and press be excluded from the meeting due to the confidentiality of the item under discussion

Members were circulated a report of the findings of the site meeting at Footpath 110a along with three quotations received from qualified arboriculturist companies, this being the first stage in the process.

It was resolved that:-

- a) the Inspection work for FP110a be awarded to Steve Ambler Trees in the sum £995 + VAT and mileage expenses. This work would include GPS plotting to record all trees or groups of trees with significant condition issues and would include a photograph and prioritised recommendation for each tree.
- b) that the findings of the Inspection be considered by the Town Council once completed.

109. ACTIVE TRAVEL ROUTES

The Members discussed the information previously circulated and agreed that the maps were difficult to decipher in order to ascertain whether there were any changes being proposed within the Towns area.

Resolved to note the content and travel routes proposed by PCC.

110. FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT REQUEST

Public Bodies (Admissions to Meetings) Act 1960

Closed Item – Resolved that the public and press be excluded from the meeting due to the confidentiality of the item under discussion

The Town Council had received a formal request from a Member of the Public for information concerning Diamond Park. The Member had also raised questions concerning information currently published by the Town Council. The Council Members considered the correspondence and draft report pertaining to the request.

Resolved:-

- a) to award plenary powers to the Chairman and Vice Chairman with the Town Council Officers to collate available information and respond to the Member of the Public on the various requests received.
- b) that the Website Working Group review the current status of the Town Councils Website Publication scheme and need to update policies.

CORRESPONDENCE

111. BUS TIMETABLE CHANGE

The Town Council had received a letter from a local resident informing them of a change to a local bus service and the impact it would have.

Resolved that Cllr S Thomas contact the resident to ascertain more information and report back to the Council.

112. PLANNING

Cllr Richard Millington declared an interest in planning application no. 21/1600/FUL and did not speak or vote on this application.

Resolved to accept Planning as detailed in Appendix 2.

113. MEMBERS & OFFICERS REPORTS

a) Cllr E Evans informed the Council that he was still to hear from Caerbont Depot Manager regarding a tree inspection that had been

requested. It was agreed that the Deputy Clerk would enquire as to the current position.

b) Cllr L Evans informed the members that a local organisation had contacted him to ask whether the Town Council may be able to assist financially with the cost of banners to promote the Town. It was agreed that Cllr Evans ask the organisations representative to make a formal approach with full details to the Town Council.

c) Cllr L Evans made members aware of the Boundaries Commission changes coming into effect throughout Powys. Position noted.

d) Cllr L Evans also commented on the increase in Covid 19 infection rates locally. Position noted.

e) Cllr R Millington updated the Town Council on the possibility of having a meeting with the Powys County Council Digital Officer regarding the possibility of installing WiFi Connection in the Town Centre. Agreed that an invite be extended to the PCC Officer to attend and address the next Council meeting on this matter.

Meeting concluded at 8.50 p.m.

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

1.0 Applications granted consent

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

21/0810/AGR	Ms C Esteban Agricultural Building Cwmtawe Villa Brecon Road Abercrave	Proposed general purpose agricultural building 18.3m x 9.14m
21/1491/DIS	Mr J Davies Plot off Brecon Road Ystradgynlais Swansea SA9 1QX	Discharge of condition no.4 attached to planning approval P/2016/0123 (specification for Gas Protection Measures (including verification plan/ methodology
21/1178/FUL	Mrs J Rees 78 Commercial Street Ystradgynlais SA9 1LA	Change of use from hairdressers to ice cream/waffle shop (A3)
21/0117/REM	Mr R Turner Proposed Solar Farm Bryn Henllys Upper Cwmtwrch	Section 73 application to vary condition 24 from planning permission P/2015/0176 in relation to rewording regarding operational life

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: -

21/1622/DIS	Mr J Davies Vacant Plot of Land off Brecon Road Ystradgynlais SA9 1QX	Application to discharge condition 4 from planning permission P/2016/0123 in relation to gas protection measures
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Resolved ***No Observations***

21/1348/FUL	Mr J White 3 Heol Rheolau Abercrave SA9 1TB	Change of use of property from office use to use as café on ground floor and retail use on upper floor
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Resolved ***No Observations***

21/1600/FUL	Mr A Singh 22 Commercial Street Ystradgynlais SA9 1HD	Change of use from Commercial to Sui Generis to accommodate a tattoo parlour
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Resolved ***No Observations***

21/1477/HH	Williams 167 Brecon Road Ystradgynlais SA9 1QN	Erection of a garage
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Resolved ***No Observations***

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21/1380/FUL Mr G James
Unit 7 Ynyscedwyn
Industrial Estate
Ystradgynlais
SA9 1DT

Change of use from industrial to D2 to allow for 1-2-1 and group personal training

Resolved **No Observations**

21/1556/HH Mr M Clist
47 Maescynog
Ystradgynlais
SA9 1PB

Construction of 2 storey Rear Extension and associated groundworks and internal re-model

Resolved **No Observations**

21/1628/DIS Mr N Williams
40 Tan Y Farteg
Ystradgynlais
SA9 2JU

Discharge of planning condition no.3 attached to planning approval 21/0964/HH (bird box details)

Resolved **No Observations**

4.0 Miscellaneous

No matter to report