



**Extraordinary Meeting of the Council held at the
Ystradgynlais Welfare Hall on Wednesday 19th
January 2022 at 6.30 p.m.**

Present : Chairman Adrian Williams, Presided.

**Councillors Wayne Thomas, R Lock
L Evans, M Allen, E Evans,
R Millington, M Donnelly,
G Davies, S Thomas.**

182. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors C Nickels
M Evans and R Jackson.

183. TOWN COUNCIL BUDGET AND PRECEPT FOR 2022/23

A) The Town Council considered the Clerks report in relation to
the budget for 2022/23 financial year. The financial report
contained information on the following matters, which were
discussed and considered by the Town Council: -

- a) Accounts for the Year Ended 31 March 2021.
- b) Finances and Estimates for 2021/22.
- c) Budget and Recommended Precept for the financial year
2022/23 in relation to actual and estimated income and
expenditure proposed for the financial year 2022/23. The
precept recommended in the Clerks report was £319,000

B) The Town Council also received a report from the Management
Sub Committee which met on the 10th January which was in

response to the Clerks budget proposals as contained in his report. Cllr Millington, as the Chairman, being the author of the Sub Committee report. Following consideration and an in-depth consideration and discussion on both submitted reports it was **resolved** that :

1) The Recommendations contained in Section 1 and 2 of the Management Sub Committee report/minutes be rejected.

2) the following decisions were taken in relation to the Recommendations contained in Section 3 of the Management Sub Committee report/minutes :-

a) that the following expenditure items be removed from the Clerks budget proposals:-

- Ynyscedwyn Ward Budget	£2000
- Gorof Cemetery Contingency	£1000
-Administrative Contingency	£2000
- Parks/Open Spaces Contingency	£1000
- Ystrad Community Enhancement Fund	£2500
- Cwmtwrch Comm Enhancement Fund	£2500

b) that the following budget expenditure allocations remain with the main budget expenditure listings as detailed in the Clerk's report.

c) that the following budget expenditure allocation be reduced from £12,000 to £6000:-

- Festive Lighting Scheme 2022 Ynyscedwyn Ward

d) that the £9,982 allocated to the Caerbont Park improvement scheme be undertaken over a two year period with £5,000 being transferred into the main Parks and Open Spaces expenditure heading. The remaining amount being allocated to the Abercrave Ward budget for paths and parks maintenance and improvement works.

e) that the £400 allocation in the main budget for the installation and removal of the Town Centre Christmas trees be transferred to the Ystradgynlais Ward Budget for

2022/223. This would ensure consistency with Cwmtwrch Wards Christmas Tree expenditure allocation.

f) that the £4,000 grant allocation for project work identified by the local Heritage Society for 2022/23 be reduced to £2,000. The latter amount of grant to be used to cover the Glantawe Electric Company Interpretation Panel and the fourteenth pamphlet relating to a notable person from the area namely Mr David Thomas ‘ The Father of the American Anthracite Iron industry’.

C) a) In recognition of the above agreed changes as detailed in Section B)2) above, **it was resolved** that the following revised budget estimates be approved and a precept of £304,000 be served upon the Powys County Council for the financial year 2022/23. The following **revised budget estimates** of expenditure and income for the 2022/2023 financial year were approved by the Town Council;-

Parks & Open Spaces	93,700
Gen Administration	114,500
Gorof Cemetery	20,300
Grants	32,000
Paths/Ward Budget	45,000
Welfare Halls	71,000
Council Property/Council Insurance	18,500
Business Reserve	50,000
Vacant post – Tech Adviser	5,000
Gwys River landslip Reserve	10,000
Matching Grant Yst Wel Hall	15,000
TOTAL	£ 475,000

b) The above-mentioned total expenditure and reserves of £395,000 for 2022/23 be achieved as follows: -

Less Estimated Income/end of year balances/ Reserve	<u>£171,000</u>
Precept Demand Required for 2022/23	<u>£304,000</u>

c) A precept demand of £304,000 be served by the Clerk on the Powys County Council for the financial year 2022/23. This being a 0% rise in the precept for the next financial year 2022/23.

Meeting concluded at 8.30 p.m.