



Ordinary Meeting of the Council held at The Welfare, Ystradgynlais on Thursday 3rd of March 2022 at 6.30 p.m.

**Present : Chairman A Williams, Presided
Councillors E Evans, M Allen, S Thomas, C Nickels,
M Donnelly, J Morgan and G Davies**

198. COUNCILLOR JOSH MORGAN – CWMTWRCH WARD

The Chairman welcomed Cllr Morgan to the Town Council. Cllr Morgan had completed the Declaration of Acceptance.

199. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors R Jackson, R Millington, M Evans and L Evans

200. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

No interests were declared.

201. MINUTES

- a) Resolved that the Minutes of the Councils Ordinary meeting on the 6th of January 2022 be confirmed as an accurate record and signed by the Chairman with the following amendments and notes: -
- i) that the last two sentences in Minute 197b be amended to read as follows - “The estimated cost of repair was £1500. This proposal was agreed by the Town Council”.

ii) that Minute 197f be amended to insert the statement at the end as follows – “Town Council agreed and accepted the request.”

Cllr M Donnelly joined the meeting

iii) Cllr Leighton Evans had submitted a request to insert additional information into Minute 197d, the contents of which were noted. The Town Council did not accept the personal version as accurate, therefore the request was refused.

- b) Resolved that the Minutes of the meeting of the Management Sub Committee held on the 24th of February 2022 be confirmed as an accurate record and the recommendations contained therein were approved and signed by the Chairman
- c) Resolved that the Minutes of the Councils meetings as follows be confirmed as an accurate record and signed by the Chairman
- ii) the Ystradgynlais Ward Committee Meeting held on the 2nd of November 2021.
 - ii) the Cwmtwrch Ward Committee Meeting held on the 16th of November 2021.
 - iii) the Abercrave Ward Committee Meeting held on the 25th of November 2021.
 - iv) the Ynyscedwyn Ward Committee Meeting held on the 2nd of December 2021.
 - v) the Cwmtwrch Ward Committee Meeting held on the 15th of February 2022.

MATTERS ARISING

202. OLD RAILWAY LINE, GWYSFRYN, UPPER CWMTWARCH – ILLEGAL PARKING OF PRIVATELY OWNED VEHICLES ON LAND OWNED BY THE YSTRADGYNLAIS TOWN COUNCIL.

Further to Minute 185, the Clerk reported that he had ascertained that the Town Council would be covered for legal costs by its Insurers in order to resolve the illegal parking issue. The Solicitor would forward terms of reference for the work involved and agree an estimated cost for the legal work involved. Town Council to be updated on progress as necessary.

203. DIAMOND PARK – HIMALAYAN BALSAM

Further to Minute 189, the Clerk had arranged for a meeting with Natural Resource Wales representatives, to take place on the 24th of March at the Diamond Park. This meeting would be an opportunity to discuss the issue of Himalayan Balsam at the Park and surrounding areas and ascertain what support the Town Council was prepared to consider in this matter

Resolved that all Members that are able, attend the meeting and report back to the Town Council at the next Ordinary Meeting.

204. THE QUEENS JUBILEE CELEBRATIONS

Further to Minute 192, the Town Council had received one grant application and two expressions of interest regarding financial assistance towards local Jubilee celebration events.

Resolved that grant applications be considered at the next Ordinary Meeting.

205. TOWN AND COMMUNITY COUNCIL ELECTIONS 2022

Further to Minute 193, the Clerk informed the Members that Nomination packs would shortly be arriving for those wishing to stand in the 2022 Town and Community Council Elections in May. The deadline for submission of the forms to Powys County Council was the 5th of April 2022. Position noted.

206. PAYMENT OF ACCOUNTS.

Resolved that

- a) the accounts detailed in Appendix 1 be agreed and paid.
- b) the Chairman and Vice Chairman be given plenary powers to approve and make the necessary payments of all invoices received to the end of the financial year 31st March 2022.

207. GOROF CEMETERY BURIAL CHARGES REVIEW

The Town Council reviewed the interment charges for Gorof Cemetery.

Resolved that in line with inflation and rising costs since the previous review in 2020, that an increase of 6% be applied to the current charges from the 1st of April 2022.

208. COVID MEMORIAL

The Town Council had received a suggestion from a Member of Public that a Memorial be placed in the Gorsedd Park in memory of those lost to the Coronavirus 19 Pandemic. On the proposal, varying thoughts were expressed by those present.

Resolved that due to low attendance at this meeting, the item be deferred to the following meeting for further consideration.

CORRESPONDENCE

209. GRANT APPLICATION - YSTRADGYNLAIS PUBLIC BAND

A further grant application had been received by the Ystradgynlais Public Band for the financial year 2021/22.

Resolved: -

a) to refuse the application on the basis that the organisation had already been awarded the maximum amount for the municipal year.

b) to commence advertising the Small Grant Funding for the 2022/23 financial year.

210. CWMTWRCH COMRADES CABINET

The above cabinet had been agreed for installation at the Ystradgynlais Welfare Hall. However, the contractor had expressed Health and Safety concerns regarding the original glass in the cabinet.

Resolved to have the cabinet reglazed with safety glass prior to installation.

211. POWYS MAINTENANCE COSTS

The Clerk advised the Town Council that a quotation had been received from Powys County Council for grass cutting at the Abercrave, Caerbont and Swn Y Nant Play areas for 2022/23.

Resolved that the estimate in the sum of £3808 + VAT be accepted.

212. REPORT PUBLICATION TIMETABLE

The Clerk notified the Members of the dates that various Town Council reports would require publication by, these being the Well Being Report 2021-22, the Annual Report 2021-22, Training and Biodiversity Reports.

Resolved that the dates be circulated to all Members.

213. INDEPENDENT REMUNERATION PANEL

The Town Council reviewed the Annual Report from the Independent Remuneration Panel regarding Allowances and Expenses payable to Members from the 1st of April 2022. Certain decisions regarding what would be payable rested with the Town Council.

Resolved to agenda the item for the Annual Meeting following elections for the new Council to make final determinations.

214. PLANNING

Resolved to accept the observations forwarded to Powys County Council as detailed in the attached Appendix 2.

215. MEMBERS REPORTS

a) Cllr E Evans raised the ongoing issue with overhanging trees at Caerbont play area. It was **agreed** that the Chairman pursue the matter with maintenance department at PCC.

b) Cllr S Thomas reported back regarding a site meeting he had attended with the Town Councils contractor and a local resident in Ynyscedwyn. The resident had concerns about land adjacent to their property and the potential for vermin infestation, although no evidence had been observed by the contractor. The resident had indicated they were willing to pay for the clearance work.

Agreed to issue permission to the resident to clear the area of land referred to adjacent to the footpath.

c) Cllr M Allen expressed concerns about the ongoing issue of Dog Fouling in the area and the Members discussed the primary responsibility of PCC as well as the financial limitations of the Town Council in being able to address this issue. Agreed to note the position.

Meeting concluded at 8.20 pm

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**Planning matters to be considered by the Town Council for the month of
March 2022**

1.0 Applications granted consent

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

21/1707/FUL	Ms Charasco Chaves Christinas Wellbeing 24 Station Road Ystradgynlais SA9 1NT	Change of use of property from a chiropractic clinic to a chiropractic clinic on the ground floor and self-contained flat on the first floor
20/2094/FUL	Mr E Chilcott Dyfnant 123 Heol Tawe Abercrave SA9 1XR	Subdivision of dwelling to create two dwellings with two storey extensions and parking area
20/1348/FUL	Mr Rees Development rear of Glandwr House Heol Twrch Cwmtwrch SA9 2TD	Erection of a dwelling and all associated works
22/0061/NMA	Asbri Pont Aur Ystradgynlais SA9 1BP	Application for Non-Material Amendment for the variation of condition 2 of planning permission 20/1696/FUL (to vary approved plans)
21/2260/HH	Davies 64 Brecon Road Ystradgynlais SA9 1HH	Proposed rear single storey extension
21/2278/HH	Mr & Ms Morgan/Clancy 36 Ynyscedwyn Rd Ystradgynlais SA9 1BH	Erection of an outbuilding

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21/1930/HH	Mr and Mrs Purvis Maesybryn 93 Station Road Ystradgynlais SA9 1PJ	Single storey and first floor extension to existing detached garage with associated proposed covered areas and external, garden works. Removal of existing detached Utility Room space along with existing side and rear single storey elements and replacement with a side two storey extension and rear single storey extension with associated alterations
21/1874/FUL	Mr D Jenkins Land rear of 32/34 and Brecon Road Ystradgynlais Swansea SA9 1HF	Erection of a dwelling and all associated works
21/1314/FUL	Asbri Planning Land at Bryn Y Groes Farm Ystradgynlais SA9 1LF	Full planning application for residential development and associated works
20/1131/DIS	Mr A Rees 5 Cwrt Y Gamlas Gurnos Swansea SA9 1EP	Discharge of conditions 3, 4, 5, 6 and 10 from planning permission 19/1495/REM in relation to a reptile statement, lighting plan, landscape scheme, remediation scheme and surface water plan
21/1987/FUL	Mr K Watts Development Land at 21 Cwmpil Road Lower Cwmtwrch SA9 1DE	Erection of 3 dwellings and associated works
21/1983/ HH	Mrs K Williams 39 Heol Tawe Abercrave Swansea SA9 1XP	Proposed single storey extension above existing extension

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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:-

21/2282/HH	Mr & Mrs A Singh 26-28 The Mimosa Commercial Street Ystradgynlais SA9 1HD	Proposed rear ground floor extension, new roof covering and first floor dormer extension
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Resolved ***No Observation***

22/0149/HH	Mr A Schiavone 89 Heol Giedd Ystradgynlais SA9 1LS	Proposed two storey side extension & garage
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Resolved ***No Observation***

22/0148/HH	Mr N Gould Cwmtawe Villa Brecon Road Abercrave SA9 1SW	Proposed double storey side and rear extensions
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Resolved ***No Observation***

22/0155/DIS	Mr R Thomas Carmel Chapel Heol Tawe Abercrave SA9 1XR	Discharge of condition 18 of planning approval P/2017/0819 in relation to lighting design scheme
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Resolved ***No Observation***

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22/0151/HH	Mr A Davis Gnoll House Neath Road Ystradgynlais SA9 1PR	Erection of a two-storey side extension and a single storey rear extension with a first-floor roof terrace
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Resolved No Observation

22/0245/HH	Ms F Richards & Mr I Mitchell 54 Wind Road Ystradgynlais SA9 1AF	Alteration to front elevation – construction of single storey bay
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Resolved No Observation

22/0248/DIS	Mr N Clifford Development land rear of Nos 64 to 78 Brecon Road Ystradgynlais	Discharge of Condition 8 & 11 attached to planning approval 21/0940/RES (Landscaping & Public Open Space Management Plan) & (Construction Environment Management Plan)
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**Resolved *To submit the following observations:-
Whilst the development is supported by the Town Council it is noted that parking and congestion issues are experienced along the stretch of road in front of properties 64-78 Brecon. It would like to submit the observation that the applicant might consider granting/providing rear access to these properties with the intention of alleviating some of these highway issues.***

22/0294/HH	Miss S Williams 96 Bryneithyn Lower Cwmtwrch SA9 2PX	Double storey extension and side porch
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Resolved No Observation

4.0 Miscellaneous

No matter to report