



**Ordinary Meeting of the Council held at The  
Welfare, Ystradgynlais on Thursday 7th of April  
2022 at 6.30 p.m.**

**Present : Chairman A Williams, Presided  
Councillors E Evans, M Allen, S Thomas, C Nickels,  
M Donnelly, R Jackson and T Davies**

**216. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

Apologies for absence were received from Cllrs R Millington, M Evans, J Morgan, G Davies and M Gough

**217. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

No interests were declared.

**218. MINUTES**

Resolved that the Minutes of the Councils Ordinary meeting on the 3<sup>rd</sup> of March 2022 be confirmed as an accurate record and signed by the Chairman.

**219. MATTERS ARISING**

Any matters arising were itemised on the Agenda to follow.

**220. PAYMENT OF ACCOUNTS**

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

**221. GRANTS**

The Town Council had set aside a budget of £1,000 for financial assistance applications toward the Queens Jubilee celebration events within the community.

Resolved

a) to award the organisations as follows:-

Discover Ystradgynlais	£433.81
Swn Y Nant Family Day	£132.38
Ystradgynlais Community Centre	£433.81

b) to defer consideration of a small grant application from Discover Ystradgynlais until the Town Council meeting in May.

**222. COVID MEMORIAL PROPOSAL**

The proposal had been deferred from the March Ordinary Meeting in the hope that the attendance would be higher and greater observations could be gathered regarding the proposal. With attendance low and the end of the Councillors terms of Office approaching it was resolved to defer the item again until the May Ordinary Meeting following elections.

**CORRESPONDENCE**

**223. YSTRADGYNLAIS COMMUNITY CENTRE FINANCIAL STATUS**

A resident had emailed the Town Council querying the financial status of the Ystradgynlais Community Centre and expressing concern regarding Councils decision to hold a reserve of £10,000 in the budget for 2022-23 for a potential award to the Centre. The

Members discussed various aspects of the Centres governance that they felt satisfied with.

An email had been received from Powys County Council outlining its decision to charge a nominal rent for the Community Centre lease, which was seen to be the most appropriate way to support the new tenant in investing in the building and meeting their fully repairing obligation under the lease.

Resolved to refer the matter to the Management Sub-Committee for further discussion and appraisal.

**224. NATURAL RESOURCES WALES - DIAMOND PARK SITE MEETING**

A meeting had been scheduled to take place on the 24<sup>th</sup> of March with a representative for Natural Resources Wales regarding Invasive Species at Diamond Park. The representative had been unable to attend the site meeting due to Covid issues and had offered to rearrange at a convenient date.

Resolved to defer any decision regarding arrangements until after May 2022.

**225. NATURAL FUNDING RESOURCES FUNDING UPDATE**

Correspondence had been received from NRW outlining various sources of funding for local projects. Resolved to note the position.

**226. FRIENDS OF DIAMOND PARK - INVASIVE SPECIES IMAGES**

Friends of Diamond Park had sent an email to the Town Council with images and locations attached of Knotweed presence at Diamond Park. The Deputy Clerk had incorrectly placed the correspondence on the Agenda as regarding Himalayan Balsam when in fact the documentation attached and sent with the Agenda the Agenda to Members, did identify the species as Knotweed. Position noted.

**227. MONITORING OFFICER QUERY**

Correspondence had been received from the Monitoring Officer at Powys County Council stating that he had received an email from a resident suggesting that the council does not publish documents in accordance with Section 55(c) of the Local Government (Democracy) (Wales) Act 2013.

In the Clerks absence while on leave, the Deputy Clerk had responded to briefly explain that the legislation requires this as far as is practicable for a Council and requested further details regarding the complaint. No response had been received. Position noted.

**228. OMBUDSMAN COMPLAINTS POLICY QUERY**

Correspondence had been received from the Ombudsman. The office had received a complaint against the Town Council. The Ombudsman wished to ascertain whether the Town Council had a complaints procedure in place. The Clerk had responded that there had been no formal complaint in thirty years, but that any grievances had been dealt with through meetings with the Town Council to resolve matters. The Clerk confirmed to the Ombudsman that the Town Council had indicated recently that it wished to produce a formal policy. Position noted

**229. OMBUDSMAN COMPLAINT CASE AND RESPONSE**

The Ombudsman had forwarded a Case result and response to complainant. This had been regarding a residents' dissatisfaction at the Town Councils decision not to publish all documents associated with meetings. This was in line with Section 55(c) of the Local Government (Democracy) (Wales) Act 2013 which states that all documents should be published as far as is "reasonably practicable".

The verdict by the Ombudsman was that there could not be a blanket ruling that all documents should be published due to Data Protection issues and the complaint was not upheld.

**230. BIODIVERSITY POLICY**

Friends of Diamond Park had sent correspondence to query the Biodiversity Report published on the Town Council Website as being labelled a policy as well as why there was no published Biodiversity Plan for the Town Council to adhere to. The resident had also recommended a number of contacts and a suggestion to arrange a meeting for interested parties to attend in order to assist the Town Council with funding access and knowledge exchange. Position noted.

**231. OUTSIDE BODIES**

Correspondence had been received from a local resident to query the relationship between the Town Council, The Ystradgynlais Community Welfare Grounds Association (YCWGA), Steering Committee and the Sports Association in the context that Town Council Members were appointed to serve on the Steering Committee and the YWCGA.

Resolved to forward a response approved by Chairman and Vice Chairman to the resident.

**232. QUEENS GREEN CANOPY**

An email received from the Woodland Trust disclosed information regarding an initiative to “plant a tree for the Jubilee”. Position noted.

**233. OFFICE HOURS**

**Public Bodies (Admission to Meetings) Act 1960. Resolved that by virtue of the provisions of Section 1(2) of the above Act, the public be excluded during the discussions of the business on the grounds that publicity would be prejudicial to the public interest by reasons of confidential nature of the personnel business to be transacted.**

The Deputy Clerk declared an interest and did not participate in the

discussion except to confirm concern regarding personal safety aspects whilst working as a lone worker in the Office.

The Clerk and Deputy Clerk had wished to raise the matter of Office Hours and propose an appointment only basis for meeting with the Public. Both Officers were part-time workers, and it would allow for more flexibility, efficiency and better safety for the Deputy Clerk when alone to restrict the current drop-in arrangement for weekday mornings, to appointment only. Whilst there was concern about restricting accessibility to the Public, it was highlighted that very few had actually visited with no prior arrangement during the time of the Deputy Clerks employment and that email and telephone details for the Officers were freely available.

Resolved to approve the proposal and restrict physical contact with the public to an appointment only basis.

**234. PLANNING**

Resolved to submit observations as detailed on Appendix 2.

**235. MEMBERS REPORTS**

a) Cllr E Evans raised the ongoing issue with overhanging trees at Caerbont play area. The Chairman had had contact with PCC and a meeting had been arranged with a representative to discuss the matter further.

b) Cllr S Thomas wished the Members well in the upcoming elections.

c) Cllr T Davies wished the Members well in the upcoming elections and thanked the Chairman and Vice Chairman for their service during the year.

d) Cllr M Donnelly thanked the Members for their support and wished all the best for the upcoming elections.

e) Cllr M Allen informed members that drainage problems at Coronation Park had led to the Councils contractor using a camera to diagnose the issue revealing deterioration in the pipe. This footage had been forwarded to the Clerk. Agreed to check the Clerk had received the footage and ascertain the issue.

Meeting concluded at 8.00 pm

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

**1.0 Applications granted consent**

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

22/0248/DIS	Mr N Clifford Development Land rear of Nos 64 to 78 Brecon Road Ystradgynlais Swansea	Discharge of Condition 8 & 11 attached to planning approval 21/0940/RES (Landscaping & Public Open Space Management Plan) & (Construction Environment Management Plan)
21/2283/HH	Mr & Mrs G Thomas 76 Cwmpil Road Lower Cwmtwrch SA9 2PX	Raising the roof of the dwelling and alterations / extensions to the rear elevation. The front elevation will also be amended to include 3no dormer windows to the proposed increase roof space
21/1691/HH	Mr A Andrews The Meadows 80 Cwmpil Road Lower Cwmtwrch Sa9 2PX	Erection of two rear extensions and conversion of loft space and raising the ridge line to create a first floor
21/2275/FUL	Celtic Minor Golf Club Upper Cwmtwrch Swansea SA9 2QQ	Siting of 2 holiday pod units, formation of access track and all associated works
21/2265/FUL	Ms C Kitchin Solar Farm at Bryn Henllys Cwmtwrch SA9 2XX	Erection of a 15m communications tower and associated building

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21/2073/HH	Ms P Kinch 54 Bethel Road Lower Cwmtwrch SA9 2PT	Single storey extension & upgrade of existing garage to habitable room
21/1034/HH	Hywel Watkins 1 & 2 Cwm Tawe Road Penrhos Ystradgynlais SA9 1QU	Joint construction of 2 rear extensions

## **2.0 Applications refused consent**

*From information available on the Powys CC web site the following application has been refused consent.*

20/2010/HH	L Davies 106 Heol Giedd Ystradgynlais SA9 1LS	Proposed two storey side extension and two storey front extension, replacement roof covering and internal alterations to existing single storey rear extension
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## **3.0 Applications for consideration**

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

22/0371/DIS	Mr N Clifford Development Land rear of nos 64 to 78 Brecon Road Ystradgynlais	Application to discharge condition 7 of planning approval 1/0940/RES in relation to highway works
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**Resolved      No Observation**

22/0376/HH	Mr & Mrs A Jones Maes Y Glan House Heol Glantawe Ystradgynlais SA9 1ES	Proposed rear first floor extension, rear kitchen extension and internal alterations
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**Resolved      No Observation**

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22/0296/HH      Mr R Bond  
                         Caringdale  
                         Ynyscedwyn Road  
                         Ystradgynlais  
                         SA9 1BE

Erection of an extension, to include some demolition and all assoc. works

**Resolved            No Observation**

22/0224/LBC      Miss V Cook  
                         82 Heol Giedd  
                         Ystradgynlais  
                         SA9 1LS

Listed building consent for retention of works already carried out: upgrade & modernisation of outer WC washroom; replace uninsulated asbestos corrugated roof with insulated pitch roof under slate; glass framed covered link between cottage and refurbished bathroom

**Resolved            No Observation**

22/0495/OUT      Mr S Bratton  
                         Heol Saint Cynog  
                         Ystradgynlais

1 no. detached dormer bungalow with associated off-street parking

**Resolved            *To submit the following observation: Regarding planning application 22/0495/OUT, the Ystradgynlais Town Council does not object to the application to construct a bungalow at the site. However, it does wish to make the observation that Footpath 106A should be impacted as little as possible during construction if indeed approved and remain permanently accessible to the public thereafter.***

22/0488/HH      Mr J Davies  
                         4 Gyrnosfa  
                         Lower Cwmtwrch  
                         SA9 1DR

Proposed single storey rear extension

**Resolved            No Observation**

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22/0394/DIS	Mr R Greaney Penrhos Primary School Brecon Road Ystradgynlais SA9 1PX	Discharge of condition 16 of outline planning permission 18/0663/OUT in relation to Arboricultural Report (ArbTS, 15 <sup>th</sup> February 2022)
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***Resolved***      ***No Observation***

22/0428/HH	Mr C Paddon 10 Heol Glantawe Ystradgynlais SA9 1ES	Proposed rear two-storey extension
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***Resolved***      ***No Observation***

22/0409/HH	Mr D Pompei Blaennant House Glannant Ystradgynlais SA9 1BG	Creation of double driveway to property
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***Resolved***      ***No Observation***

22/0283/RES	Mr R Greaney Penrhos Primary School Brecon Road Ystradgynlais SA9 1PX	Application for reserved matters following the approval of 18/0663/OUT for the erection of 42 dwellings and all associated works
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***Resolved***      ***No Observation***

#### **4.0 Miscellaneous**

No matter to report