



**CYNGOR TREF
YSTRADGYNLAIS
TOWN COUNCIL**

**Ordinary Meeting of the Council held at the Welfare Hall,
Ystradgynlais on Thursday 2nd February 2017 at 7.00p.m.**

**Present : Councillor Wayne Thomas, Chairman, Presided,
Councillors D Lewis, Mark Evans, L Evans,
E Evans, Mrs B Paulett,
Graham Davies, J D Coombe,
Goronwy Davies.**

185. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE.

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors Mrs W Williams, R Curry, J Steadman, Meurig Evans and A Davies.

186. MINUTES.

Resolved that the Minutes of the Town Councils meeting held on the 5th January be confirmed as an accurate record and signed by the Chairman of the Council.

187. POWYS ELECTORAL REVIEW 2017.

Notification was received from the Powys County Council about the review of the 22 local Authorities in Wales. The review in Powys would commence in March. Prior to the review the Boundary

Commission was extending an invitation to the Town Councils Chair or representative to a presentation on the 9th March at 6.30pm At Neuadd Brycheiniog, Brecon.

Resolved that pending availability the Chairman or Vice Chairman of the Council will attend the presentation on the 9th March 2017.

188. PARTNERSHIP WORKING POWYS COUNTY COUNCIL.

A letter dated 13th January 2017 was received from the Business and Customer Services Section of Powys county Council in relation to the above matter. The County Council was offering various services to the Town Council ranging from Admin and Finance, payroll and customer services, which could provide efficiencies for the Council. The Powys County Council were exploring opportunities and different models to generate income for the Authority due to the significant challenges that it is currently facing.

Resolved to note the content of the correspondence at the present time.

189. DANIEL PROTHEROE MEMORIAL PARK PROJECT.

Notification was received from WREN that the Town Councils grant application for the refurbishment project to the above Memorial had been approved in the sum of £16,935. The Town Council had agreed to be the third party funding agent for the project in the sum of £1,820.51p. It was anticipated that the works would commence to the Memorial Park in March/ April.

Resolved that the Clerk on behalf of the Town Council sign the necessary paperwork and that the third party funding in the sum indicated be paid to FCC Recycling (Uk) Ltd.

190. YSATT – LOCAL INITIATIVES

A number of e-mails were received from the above organisation in relation to various initiatives that it was proposing to develop and champion within the community of Ystradgynlais. A meeting with

Visit Wales was in the process of being organised and an event within the community was currently being discussed relating to a 'Festival or Pears in remembrance of Lidice'.

Resolved that the Town Council confirms its full support to the initiatives being undertaken by YSATT in the community and that the Chairman and Vice Chairman be appointed as the Town Councils representatives on the Group.

191. TRAINING OPPORTUNITIES – ONE VOICE WALES.

Information was received from the One Voice Wales in relation to the wide range of training opportunities available to Council members in 2017. This training would be available to new Council Members who are elected in May. A total of 21 modules would be available ranging from local government finance to understanding the law applicable to Council procedures.

Resolved that the item be placed on the agenda for the Councils Annual Meeting in May.

192. RIGHTS OF WAY IMPROVEMENT PLAN SURVEY.

The Town Council received notification from the Powys County Council in relation to the above matter. A consultation questionnaire had been set up on the Internet for completion by members of the community and Councillors.

Resolved to note the content of the draft improvement plan and the timetable for implementation.

193. BILINGUAL WAR MEMORIAL PLAQUE.

The Town Council received a draft design in relation to the above matter from D J Greenwood Co. Ltd. The total cost for manufacture and installation amounted to £494.40.

Resolved that the quotation be agreed in principle and that the Clerk checks the proposed Welsh translation as detailed.

194. REVIEW OF THE TOWN COUNCILS INSURANCE COVER AND PREMIUM.

The Clerk advised the Town Council that he had had discussions with the Town Councils current Insurer and an Insurer from Swansea. The Town Council had requested revised quotes from the Insurers for further consideration.

Resolved that the matter be referred to the Town Councils Management Sub Committee.

NOTE : Cllr Mark Evans declared an interest in this item and did not speak or vote on the matter.

195. FORMER GURNOS PRIMARY SCHOOL.

An e-mail dated 30 January 2017 was received from the Project Manager of Pobl seeking the Town Councils view as to the proposed names that have been put forward in respect of the new development at the above site. The following two options had been put forward:

Clos Yr Ysgol or
Cwrt y Gloch

Resolved that the Cwmtwrch Ward be given plenary powers to chose the most appropriate name in this connection.

196. POWYS COUNTY COUNCIL – REGISTRATION OF A NEW PROPERTY/ STREET NAME.

Documentation was received from the Powys County Council in relation to the procedures to be followed in respect of the above matters. The policy contained detail appertaining to the key stages of naming and numbering of the new housing, commercial and industrial developments.

Resolved to note the content of the new procedure.

197. PROPOSED FURTHER FOCUS CHANGES – POWYS LDP.

An e mail dated 24 January 2017 was received from Chris Davies MP in relation to the above matter inviting Town Council members to a meeting on the 3rd February in relation to concerns over the possibility that the Powys LDP has the capacity to litter the area with wind and solar farms with the potential to make serious damage to the area. Content of e- mail noted.

198. APPLICATIONS FOR FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE.

Applications for financial assistance were received from the following organisations:

Ystradowen Community Centre
Relate Cymru

Resolved that the applications be declined as they do not comply with the conditions as detailed in the Town Councils Grant Policy.

199. FUTURE OF CANOLFAN DAY CENTRE.

Members gave a detailed report in respect of the above matter, which was discussed at a meeting with Powys County Council officers and County Council members on the 24th January. Further meetings would be arranged once the Powys County council has agreed its budget for 2017/18. It was suggested and agreed that representatives from Tawe Uchaf should also be invited to the next arranged meeting on this subject matter.

200. FOOTPATH 110 – PROGRESS REPORT

The Technical Adviser presented a report on progress underway on the project to develop the avenue that formerly served Ynyscedwyn House including financial projections and a draft illustration of the proposed layout of the Heritage panel that was to be included in the re-built boundary wall.

In addition it was reported that Ward Members had held a meeting on Wednesday 1st February 2017 with officers from Powys County Council Cycling officer and Active Travel section. The outcome was that it was confirmed that a two metre wide cycling and walking route was proposed from the Sports Centre to Wind Road via an overlay and width extension of the existing path. In addition the Powys County Council officers indicated (following a site inspection) that subject to availability of funding the route would be extended northwards to encompass the entire route of the footpath with the intention at a future stage to link to national cycle route 43.

A consequence of the work was that the status of the footpath would be converted to a cycle way.

In addition it was agreed that seats and a litterbin supplied by the Town Council would be installed as part of the construction works.

A financial contribution towards the overall cost of the scheme, which would alleviate the Town Council of resurfacing works, was requested.

Resolved:

- a) To agree to the installation of a surfaced route from the Sports Centre to Wind Road encompassing the existing footpath.
- b) To agree to the re-surfacing works also encompassing the remaining northern section of footpath.
- c) To firmly implore that a link to National Cycle route 43 is created.
- d) To agree in principle to the conversion of the path from a registered right of way to a walking and cycling route.
- e) To agree to the provision of a minimum £3K financial contribution to the Powys County Council works.
- f) To agree (subject to minor amendment by the Heritage Society and translation) to the layout of the proposed heritage board prepared by Trysor.

201. ABERCRAVE/ CWMTWRCH WELFARE HALLS – ANNUAL ACCOUNTS.

The Town Council received a copy of the annual accounts of the above named Welfare halls, the content of which was noted by the Town council. Copies of the accounts were circulated to each Ward.

202. COMMUNITY DELIVERY FEEDBACK STALKHOLDER WORKSHOP.

An e-mail dated 27 January 2017 was received from the Powys County Council inviting the Town Councils Chairman and two members to a workshop on a date and time to be agreed. Suggestions with respect to suitable arrangements were requested.

Resolved that the Chairman and Vice Chairman attend the workshop at Brecon. Date to be advised.

203. LAND OWNED BY POWYS COUNTY COUNCIL IN THE YSTRADGYNLAIS COMMUNITY.

Further to Minute 180 of the Town Councils meeting on the 5th January The Ynyscedwyn Ward member advised that the Members of that Ward had agreed to investigate the availability of land in the area that it would wish to acquire from the Powys County Council. It was agreed that any Ward who had the same interest within their Wards needed in the first instance to have the authority of the full Council in order to pursue the matter further.

Resolved that the four Wards identify land of interest and that a notice of motion be forwarded to the Clerk in respect of this land in order for the matter to be placed on the agenda for the Town Councils meeting for consideration.

204. PAYMENT OF ACCOUNTS.

Resolved that the accounts as detailed be paid.

**205. LEASE RENEWAL OF RECREATIONAL GROUNDS
YSTRADGYNLAIS**

A meeting took place on the 16th January between representatives of Town Council and the Welfare Grounds Association. As a result of the meeting it was agreed that a working group be established to take the discussions regarding the lease review forward and to consider all the options available. For the next meeting of the Group it had been agreed to invite representatives of CISWO and CRT to discuss one of the options on the table namely the possible establishment of a Community Trust to take over the lease of the Recreational Grounds. Council members noted the report.

206. DRAMS – REFURBISHMENT.

Councillor Mark Evans reported that the two drams acquired from the Nant Helen open cast site were now stored with Mathew Thomas one of the Town Councils contractors. The cost of repair and installation on the chosen sites would amount to £750 each. It was agreed that the said sum for the required works be agreed and that the cost be borne by the Ynyscedwyn and Ystradgynlais Wards respectively.

207. PLANNING APPLICATIONS.

The Town Council received the Technical Advisers report on the planning applications received from the Powys County Council.

Resolved that the Town Councils observations on planning applications considered be forwarded to the Powys County Council.

The meeting terminated at 9.25pm

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Planning matters considered by the Town Council on Thursday 2nd February 2017.

1.0 Applications granted consent

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

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| P/2016/1080 | Mr W. Davies 29 Heol Maes y Dre Ystradgynlais | Creation of vehicular access and driveway |
| DIS/2016/0241 | Mr A. Jones Blaenygors Farm Neath Road | Discharge of Condition No.3 of planning permission P/2011/1103 (soil conditions) |
| P/2016/1044 | Mr M. Davies Development Land Brecon Road | Section 73 application: Removal of condition of condition No.6 of the approved outline consent P/2015/0750. |
| P/2016/1252 | Mr. B. Conway 30 Heol Maes Pica Cwmtwrch | Demolition of existing garage and proposed ground floor and garage workshop. |
| P/2016/1270 | Mr. K .Watts 42 Glantawe Park Ystradgynlais | Proposed first floor extensions. |

2.0 Applications refused consent

From information posted on the Powys County Council web 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:-

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| P/2017/0051 | Mr J Dale Plot opp. 17 Rhestr Fawr Ystradgynlais | Demolition of existing garage and proposed new dwelling with detached garage with access |
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Resolved: No observation

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P/2017/0104 Mr.A.Davies Erection of a boarding Kennel establishment and
 Gnoll House creation of hardstanding for two cars.
 Neath Road

Resolved: *To comment that whilst there is no objection in principle to the provision of a kennel establishment at this property this view is subject to the noise issues indicated in the noise report being properly dealt with as no acoustic fence appears to be currently indicated in the proposals.*

P/2017/0114 Mr M. Bennett Reserved matters: Erection of detached dwelling
 Land to rear of 258 Brecon Road
 Penrhos

Resolved: *No observation*

4.0 Miscellaneous

4.1 Pre- application Community Consultation

As a consequence of the Planning (wales) Act 2015 from the 1st August 2016 pre-application consultation became mandatory for major developments in Wales.

Under the recent Development Management Procedure (Wales) (Amendment) Order 2016, there is the introduction of Part 1A which introduces the requirement to carry out pre-application consultation for major developments ;

Major developments are defined as:

- Residential developments of 10 or more dwellings
- Residential development of 0.5 ha or more
- Development of a building (s) with a total floor area of 1,000m² and above
- Land for waste or mineral use

Therefore, before applying for planning permission, developers must publicise the proposed application by giving notice and making the application documents available for at least 28 days.

Furthermore, any relevant stakeholders (specialist and community consultees) must be consulted. A pre-application consultation report will then need to accompany the planning application, which illustrates the consultation procedure, responses received and summarises the key issues raised.

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With regard to Town and Community Councils the specific guidance is as follows:

- Developers are required to inform any town and community councils that are responsible for the area in which the proposed development is located.
- The developer must contact the relevant town and community council by e-mail or letter. The correspondence must contain the information set out in the notice in Schedule 1B to the 2016 Order.
- Town and community councils must be provided with a minimum period of 28 days to allow representations to be made in response to the notification. Developers have flexibility to consider a longer period. The 28 day period starts from the date on which the notice is given.
- If the proposed development is located in an area where more than one town or community council operates, both should be notified.

Resolved to note the introduction of the new regulations.

J.G. Jones - Technical Adviser