



**CYNGOR TREF
YSTRADGYNLAIS
TOWN COUNCIL**

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

**Present : Councillor Wayne Thomas, Chairman, Presided,
Councillors D Lewis, A Davies, Mrs A Jones,
E Evans, Goronwy Davies,
J D Coombe, Meurig Evans.**

208. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE.

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors Mrs W Williams, R Curry, J Steadman, C Nickels, L Evans, Mark Evans and Mrs B Paulett.

209. LOCAL COUNCIL ELECTIONS - 4TH MAY 2017.

The Clerk advised that following a recent briefing session held by the Powys County Council the timetable and key dates had been received in relation to the above matter together with receipt of Nomination papers for each sitting Councillors. These were handed out to those present at the meeting and the remaining papers would be handed to absent colleagues as soon as possible. Councillors were also advised that the nomination papers must be handed to Powys County Council Electoral Section. Nominations would open on the 7th March and close on the 4th April at 4.00pm. Completed nomination papers can be handed to the Clerk who will deliver them by hand to Powys County Council officials on the 21st March at the Brecon Offices.

Town Council members who wished to use this service were asked to return completed nomination papers to the Clerk on Monday 20th March at the latest. Town Council Members also received a further detailed briefing from the Clerk in relation to the election procedures and timetable. It was anticipated that the Annual Meeting of the new Town Council would be held on Thursday 11th May 2017.

Town Council Members noted the detailed arrangements for the elections.

210. MINUTES.

Resolved that the Minutes of the Town Councils meeting held on the 2nd February 2017 be confirmed as an accurate record and signed by the Chairman of the Council.

211. ONE VOICE WALES/SLCC EVENT.

The Council received notification and an invitation to the above event to be held on the 12th July at Ewloe, Flintshire. Agreed to defer consideration of any nominations to the event until after the Town Councils Annual meeting.

212. LANDSLIP AT GILFACH ROAD PATH 42 UPPER CWMTRCH.

The above matter/incident had been reported to the Powys County Councils Rights of Way Department who had advised that it was planning appropriate works to resolve the issue Safety fencing was due to be erected and engineers will be visiting the site shortly to consider options to resolve the issue.

Resolved that the Ward Members of Cwmtwrch be updated as necessary with the situation.

213. YNYSCEDWYN HOUSE – INTERPRETATION PANEL.

The Town Council received the final draft with respect to the above

heritage plaque for insertion into the wall as part of the Ynyscedwyn path 110a project. Proof reading of the history had identified some minor errors.

Resolved to approve the contents and design of the plaque subject to the errors identified being corrected.

214. DIAMOND PARK – GRANT FOR PLANTING FRUIT TREES.

An application was received from YSATT in relation to the planting of fruit trees at the Diamond Park. The group was in the process of applying for a grant to cover the funds required for the project. The Council received a report from the Technical Adviser on the position and the contaminated land report, which had indicated that the site was slightly contaminated, as there were a lot of metals in the ground and therefore was unsuitable for the purpose applied for to the Town Council.

Resolved that approval be declined in this instance for the purpose described and that other land in the area be investigated to ascertain suitability for the projects purpose.

215. LICENCE WAR MEMORIAL AND GORSEDD PARK.

Documents were received from the Powys County Council in relation to the above matter. The License was to be completed while discussions continue regarding the future transfer of the Gorsedd Park to the Town Council.

Resolved that the offer of a Licence with respect to the land defined be declined and that the asset transfer of the War Memorial only should be completed first, which was the initial plan.

216. PARKS GROUND MAINTENANCE CONTRACT 2017.

A letter dated 6 February was received from the Powys County Council in relation to the above advising that the contract cost for Abercrave, Caerbont and Swynant for 2017 based on the

specification provided was £3058 plus VAT.

Resolved that the contract sum as indicated be accepted.

217. TREE APPLICATION – LLYS YNYSCEDWYN.

Documentation had been received from the Powys County Council in relation to an application for works to be carried out to 3 no. trees subject to a Tree Preservation Order at The Beeches, Llys Ynyscedwyn. The Clerk had discussed the matter with the Powys officer dealing with the application and was advised that the applicant had to submit a report on the position with respect to the trees in question from a qualified arborist. The Town Council to be advised of the content of the report at the appropriate time.

Resolved to await further reports on this matter from the Powys County Council.

**218. TRAFFIC CALMING MEASURES ORDER 2017.
SPEED CUSHIONS – WIND ROAD**

Notification was received from the Powys County Council in relation to the construction of 2 sets of 75mm high precast concrete speed cushions across the carriageway. The speed cushions will be approximately 1.6m wide, 1.95 m long and a maximum height of 75 mm and will be situated at a point approximately.

- 5 meters south east of Groesffyrdd
- 4 meters west of Gough Avenue

Any objections to be forwarded by 16th march

Resolved that if necessary the Ynyscedwyn Ward be given plenary powers to forward any objections to the proposal via the Clerk.

219. STREET LIGHTING.

Requests were received from two local County Councillors requesting

that the Town Council take over responsibility of providing street lighting in the vicinity of the local job centre located at Wind Road and also near the roundabout at the All Blacks Inn, near Bethel Road.

Resolved that the requests be declined due to the precedent that would be established.

220. DANIEL PROTHEROE MEMORIAL PARK PROJECT.

Notification was received from WREN that the Town Councils project had now been successfully registered with the Communities Fund regulator ENTRUST. Two copies of the formal contract were received detailing WRENS terms and conditions.

Resolved that the Clerk be authorised to sign the contract details on behalf of the Town Council.

221. PAYMENT OF ACCOUNTS.

Resolved that the accounts as detailed be paid.

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

Further to Minute 203 of the Town Councils meeting held on the 2nd February the following land had been identified for consideration by the Wards as possible land acquisitions from the Powys County Council:

- Welfare Hall, Cwmtwrch Park
- Piece of land opposite the Temperance Hall, Cwmtwrch
- Piece of land adjacent to old pavilion ground Cwmtwrch
- Tick Tock Playing Field
- Land adjacent to footpath 110a near Home Farm

Resolved that the Wards obtain further information and location plans be obtained with respect to the lands in question.

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

Further to Minute 205 of the Council meeting on the 2nd February a further meeting had been held with the Association on March 1st. A representative from the Coalfields Regeneration Trust also attended the meeting. It was agreed that a steering committee be established to take the project forward under the direction of CRT. The Committee to be made up of two representatives from the Town Council and Association and the County Councillor representatives

224. 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.

225. LOCAL DEVELOPMENT PLAN

A report was tabled outlining an update on progress including the hearings timetable on the development of the Powys Local Development Plan.

It was noted that the Town Council representation in respect of the issue of Affordable Housing was due to be considered in Session 4 on Tuesday 4th April 2017.

Following discussion it was resolved that the Town Council would rely on its submitted written evidence and the Technical Adviser was requested to attend the session in order to provide feedback.

226. MEMBERS AND OFFICERS REPORTS

a) The Chairman advised that he had agreed with local groups the location where the new defibrillators being at the local Police station

at Ystradgynlais and near the Chemist on the Gurnos estate. The Chairman had also agreed to fund the cost of purchasing and installation of these defibrillators. The Council congratulated the Chairman on his achievement in this regard.

b) Cllr Meurig Evans advised of the problem regarding the poor state of the path at Dolfaen, which is a main route to the local school for the local children. Agreed that the Ward starts the process of registering the said path.

The meeting terminated at 9.00pm

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

1.0 Applications granted consent

From information posted on the Powys County Council web site the following application has been granted approval:

P/2016/1299	Mrs C Evans 2 Maes y Cribarth Abercrave	Proposed rear extension.
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2.0 Applications refused consent

From information posted on the Powys County Council web no application has been refused consent.

P/2016/0613	Mrs A .Jones Land opp. 2 Tanygraig Cottages Caerlan	Erection of a dwelling house and formation of vehicular access
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The grounds for Powys CC decision to refuse permission for the development are:-

- 1. Insufficient information had been provide to determine that the site is safe and stable and capable of accommodating the proposed development and was therefore contrary to policy DC15 of the UDP and Planning Policy Wales (Edition 9,2016)*
- 2. The proposed development would result in an unacceptable impact to the character and appearance of the surrounding area by way of its scale, form and design and general character. The proposed development was therefore contrary to policy HP5 of the UDP , Technical Advice Note 12; design(2016),Residential Design Guide(2004) and Planning Policy Wales (Edition 9,2016)*

3.0 Applications for consideration

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

P/2017/0137	Mr C. Hopkins 20 Pelican Street Ystradgynlais	Erection of a Single Storey rear extension
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Resolved: No observation

P/2017/0183	Mrs. S. Castle 43 Heol Giedd Cwmgiedd	Change of use of butchers shop and storage area to additional residential accommodation.
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Resolved: No observation

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4.0 Miscellaneous

Tree/2017/0008 Mr P Clement Works to 3 no. trees subject to a Tree Preservation Order.
 The Beeches
 Llys Ynyscedwyn, Ystradgynlais

Resolved: To note and defer consideration of the above item following the receipt of correspondence from Powys CC in relation to this matter

J.G. Jones - Technical Adviser