



**CYNGOR TREF  
YSTRADGYNLAIS  
TOWN COUNCIL**

**Ordinary Meeting of the Council held at the Welfare Hall,  
Ystradgynlais on Thursday 6th April 2017 at 6.30 p.m.**

**Present : Councillor Wayne Thomas, Chairman, Presided,  
Councillors D Lewis, A Davies, Mrs B Paulett,  
E Evans, Mark Evans, Graham Davies,  
J D Coombe, Meurig Evans,  
Mrs W Williams, L Evans, C Nickels.**

**227. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE.**

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors Mrs A Jones  
Goronwy Davies and R Curry.

**228. MINUTES.**

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

**229. CORONATION PARK.**

The Chairman referred to an e-mail that he had received from a local  
resident in relation to the possibility of leasing Coronation Park. The  
interest in the site is equine. Her daughter is currently is currently  
working around farms training and schooling ponies. She wants to  
make it her business and also get the community involved and a safe

place for children to go. The Town Council considered the application and resolved that the matter be further discussed and placed on the agenda of the Councils meeting in June.

**230. LOCAL COUNCIL ELECTIONS - 4TH MAY 2017.**

The Chairman and Clerk advised that the recent election nomination process had resulted in elections being held on the 4<sup>th</sup> May in the following Wards of the Ystradgynlais Town Council:

- Ynyscedwyn Ward
- Abercrave Ward
- Ystradgynlais Ward

The Cwmtwrch Ward situation was that three nominations had been received for the 4 available seats in the Ward. Therefore in May's Annual Meeting the process of filling this Casual Vacancy in the Office of Councillor by co-option for the said Ward would then proceed in accordance with the legislation. In conclusion the Chairman informed Council Members of the list of candidates up for election for the said three Wards of the Town Council.

**231. 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 in light of the further information received since the last meeting the offer of a Licence with respect to the land defined be accepted and signed by the Chairman on behalf of the Town Council.

**232. TICK TOCK COMMUNITY BOWLS CLUB.**

**NB: Councillors D Lewis and Meurig Evans declared an interest in this item and did not vote on the proposal.**

A letter dated 3<sup>rd</sup> April 2017 was received from the Hon. Secretary of

the above Club requesting the release of the revenue grant funding for 2017/18 to the Club in the agreed sum of £4,500.

Resolved that the application in the sum indicated be agreed and released to the Tick Tock Community Bowls Club.

**233. TOWN COUNCILS ANNUAL REPORT.**

The Chairman advised that Tawe Talk had recently circulated the Town Councils Annual Report to all the residents within the community. Problems had been experienced in the publication of the pamphlet which the Town Councils staff had put great effort into achieving the target date for circulation. The Chairman thanked all for the team effort made in this regard.

**234. POLICE COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT.**

The local police had asked for approval from the Town Council to site a gazebo and table in the Welfare Hall car park on Friday mornings. The aim was to engage with the public and offer home security checks and general crime prevention advice. Confirmation was received that the Dyfed Powys Police had the necessary public liability insurance to cover such engagements. It was proposed to start the initiative on Friday 21<sup>st</sup> April.

Resolved that permission be granted for the said purpose.

**235. REVIEW OF ELECTORAL ARRANGEMENTS FOR THE COUNTY OF POWYS.**

Notification was received from the Local Democracy and Boundary Commission for Wales that a review of the electoral arrangements for the County of Powys in order to formulate proposals for future arrangements. Cllr Meurig Evans gave a detailed report on the meeting he had attended at Brecon on this topical matter.

Resolved to note the content of the consultation exercise.

**236. INTERPRETATION PANEL PROJECT – Brecon Forest Tramroad.**

A letter dated 30<sup>th</sup> March was received from the local Heritage Society detailing its proposal to erect a historical panel on Town Council owned land in the vicinity of the Café Chameleon. The panel would be of a lectern style stand of powder coated metal and would contain bilingual texts. Maps and photographs outlining the history of this once very important tramway which led from the canal at Gurnos Wharf, across the River Tawe near this location, and following the footpath no 8 over the Drum Mountain to Sennybridge. The cost of the project had been estimated in the region of £1900. A request was made to the Town Council to contribute funds towards the project.

Resolved that a grant in the sum of £1000 be agreed as a contribution towards the project.

**237. TRIUMPH MOTORCYCLE – PROPOSED GLOBAL TRAINING ACADEMY AT YSTRADGYNLAIS.**

An e-mail dated 5 April 2017 was received from a local Company Touratec informing the Town Council of the above-proposed scheme for Ystradgynlais. Triumph Motorcycles Ltd wished to expand its current customer experiences with a Global Adventure Centre & Riding Academy based at Ystradgynlais. Triumph Motorcycles are budgeting to invest more than £700,000 over a 5 year period on the project. The Town Council discussed the project at length and resolved to support the project in principle and to invite representatives from Touratec to a Council meeting after the Annual meeting in May 2017 when a new Town Council had been established.

**238. CHANGES IN THE DYFED POWYS POLICING STRUCTURE.**

A letter and enclosures dated 22<sup>nd</sup> March was received from the Dyfed Powys Police in relation to changes in the policing structure for the area. Agreed that the detail appertaining to the changes be copied to all members for information.

**239. AGE OF ADMISSION TO PRIMARY SCHOOLS IN POWYS.**

Information was received from the Powys County Council advising the Town Council of the policy change in relation to the above matter. The age of admission for future pupils attending Powys primary schools will change so that 1 September 2017 there will only be one school intake in each school year. This intake will be in September, the beginning of the Autumn Term, after child has had their fourth birthday

Resolved to note the future arrangements in this regard.

**240. HOUSEHOLD WASTE RECYCLING CENTRES**

A News Release was received from the Powys County Council advising of the reduced number of opening days at the Gurnos Centre to three days per week namely Thursday, Friday and Saturdays. Strict restrictions had also been implemented on the type of vehicles allowed to dispose at the Centre. The town council noted the future arrangements.

**240. PAYMENT OF ACCOUNTS.**

Resolved that the accounts as detailed be paid.

**241. TOWN COUNCIL ACCOUNTS TO YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2016.**

a) Documents were received from the Councils Auditors in relation to the arrangements for the Town Councils audit of accounts. Public notices would be posted in each Ward, in the Councils Notice Board and on the website. Formal Notice was also given that the 4<sup>th</sup> June had been appointed as the date on or after which interested parties for the area may exercise their rights under the Public Audit (Wales) Act 2004 and the Accounts and Audit (Wales) Regulations 2014.

Resolved to note the arrangements.

b) The Council received copies of the accounting documents for the Year Ended 31<sup>st</sup> March 2017 including all the accounting documents and Annual Return.

Resolved that the content of the accounting documents and Annual Return be approved subject to audit and signed by the Chairman, Vice Chairman and the Clerk.

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

Further to Minute 223 of the Council meeting held on the 2<sup>nd</sup> March it was resolved that the appointment of the Town Councils representatives on the Steering Committee in relation to the above matter be deferred to the Town Councils Annual Meeting in May 2017.

**243. FOOTPATH 110a PROJECT.**

The Technical Adviser and Ynyscedwyn Ward Members updated the Council on the progress made with regard to the above project. The project was about 90% complete with the installation of the dram and gates left to finish. It was anticipated that the project would be fully completed by the Town Councils next meeting in may 2017.

Resolved to note the position.

**244. 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.

**245. MEMBERS AND OFFICERS REPORTS**

a) The Chairman on behalf of the Town Council thanked all Councillors who were retiring from their term of Office with the Ystradgynlais Town Council for their long and committed service over numerous years to the Council and their respective Community Wards. In response the retiring members thanked the Town Council for the sentiments expressed and thanked other Council members for the continuing support received throughout their tenure of Office with the Town Council.

The meeting terminated at 8.00pm

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**Planning matters considered by the Town Council on Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> April 2017.**

**1.0 Applications granted consent**

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

P/2015/0622	Mr C Ibrahim Land adjacent to Wharf Cottage Gurnos Road Ystradgynlais	Erection of a dwellinghouse with integral garage and all associated works.
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
P/2017/0043	Mr P. Lewis 43 Station Road Ystradgynlais	Removal of existing store and outbuilding and erection of single storey extension.
P/2017/0114	Mr M. Bennett Land to rear of 258 Brecon Road Penrhos	Reserved matters: Erection of detached dwelling
P/2017/0137	Mr C. Hopkins 20 Pelican Street Ystradgynlais	Erection of a Single Storey rear extension

**2.0 Applications refused consent**

*No matter to report*

**3.0 Applications for consideration**

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

P/2017/0258	Mrs J Lane-Williams 19 Is y Rhos Caerbont	Demolition of utility area and erection of two storey rear extension and associated works.
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**Resolved: No observation**

P/2017/0330	Mr. B. Stone 32 Palleg Road Cwmtwrch	Creation of vehicular access.
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**Resolved: No observation**



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**4.0 Miscellaneous**

**Application Ref: P/2016/0047**

**Residential development, formation of vehicular access road and all associated works (outline) at , Land at Former Cynlais School Playing Field, Ystradgynlais, Powys**

The Town Council was informed by Powys County Council that the above planning application is to be considered at the Planning, Taxi Licensing and Rights of Way Committee on 06/04/2017. The Committee will commence at 10am at Neuadd Maldwyn, **Welshpool**. Following consultation with the Chairman and Vice it was decided to rely on the previously submitted written response and to not take up the option of addressing the meeting as the only concern regarding the development was a technical issue in relation to the eventual inclusion of the site in the LDP.

***Resolved: To note the decision to rely on the written response.***

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**LOCAL DEVELOPMENT PLAN UPDATES**

Representor ID: re: Ystradgynlais Town Council --No: 541

21 March 2017

**Powys LDP Examination – Postponement of Renewable Energy Session 15**

I am writing to advise you that the Renewable Energy Hearing Session – 15, currently scheduled to be held on 9 and 10 May 2017 has been postponed pending publication of the Council's additional evidence.

The evidence was due to be published by 31 March 2017 but this date has now been delayed until **12 May 2017** to enable the Council's consultants sufficient time to complete all the technical elements.

Therefore, in order for participants of the Renewable Energy session to have enough time to digest the contents of the study and incorporate any comments on it into their further written statements, the Inspector has decided to re-schedule the Renewable Energy hearing sessions for the **27 and 28 June 2017**. Consequently, the Monitoring Hearing Session - 16 has also been re-scheduled and will be held on the 29 June 2017.

**Tracey Smith - Programme Officer**

***Resolved: To note the postponement of the Energy Session***

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**Technical Adviser report on Session Four of the LDP  
Held at Llandrindod Wells on Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> April 2017.**

The subject matter related to affordable housing and gypsy and traveller accommodation. The Inspectors intention at the meeting was establish whether or not the proposed plan in relation to the subject matter was sound i.e. does it fit ,is it appropriate and will it deliver.

For background the Town Council had submitted written evidence and had elected not to actively speak or partake in the discussions at the meeting. In essence the Town Councils concern was that there was a suggested revision to the plan that would reduce the affordability requirement in the south west of the Powys from 10% to 0%.

Having attended the meeting I am disappointed to report that although there appeared to be two agenda items that could have seen the Powys Officers challenged on the issue the Inspector did not raise the matter at all in the meeting. There was however an in-depth discussion regarding the contribution levels in Central Powys (30%).

The officers were challenged by the Inspector, Welsh Assembly Officers and a representative of the House Builder over a number of policy issues and the local district valuer provided supporting evidence. In particular there were queries as to how the needs and target had been calculated as there were mechanism and arithmetical errors. It was confirmed that the affordable housing target in the plan period was to be 952 houses.

***Resolved : To note the feedback and await the Inspectors report.***

**J.G.Jones  
Technical Adviser**