



**CYNGOR TREF
YSTRADGYNLAIS
TOWN COUNCIL**

**Ordinary Meeting of the Council held at the Welfare Hall,
Ystradgynlais on Thursday 1st June 2017 at 6.00 p.m.**

**Present : Councillor Meurig Evans, Chairman, Presided,
Councillors D Lewis, A Davies, R Millington,
E Evans, R Lock, M Donnelly,
A Williams, Ms R Phillips E Evans,
L Evans, W Thomas, C Nickels,
G Davies, T Davies.**

30. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE.

An apology for absence was received from Councillor Mrs B Paulett.

31. TOURATECH YSTRADGYNLAIS.

The Town Council received representatives from the local Touratech Motorcycle Accessory Company based at the Woodlands Estate Ystradgynlais. The representatives gave a detailed presentation to the Town Council representatives in relation to the special event that took place at Ystradgynlais between the 5th and 7th of May which saw well over 100 bikers attended a special event and drive through Ystradgynlais and area. The Ystradgynlais Rugby Club had provided facilities for the event. The Town Council confirmed their support for the event and the Touratech representatives advised that they were already making preliminary for a much larger event next year, which would hopefully be organised on the main recreational ground due to

the success of this years event. Members questioned the representatives on the event and related issues one being to do with the original proposal to hold the event on the land behind Tesco and adjacent to the Woodlands Business Park. The Town Council was advised that discussions were still currently on going in relation to that use of the land in question and that there was no public information currently available in relation to this issue.

In conclusion the Chairman on behalf of the Town Council thanked the representatives from the Company for their presentation and feedback in relation to this special event in the Town over that bank holiday weekend.

32. MINUTES.

Resolved that the Minutes of the Town Councils Annual and Ordinary meetings held on the 11th May 2017 be confirmed as an accurate record and signed by the Chairman of the Council.

33. YSTRADGYNLAIS MINERS WELFARE AND COMMUNITY HALL.

The Town Council received the Hall Manager Mr Wyn Roberts in relation to the Annual grant agreed for the Welfare Hall for the current financial year. The Hall Manager gave a brief overview to Council Members of the Hall 's activities and relationship with the Town Council. Also a detailed explanation was given in relation to the quarterly financial and performance activities of the Hall over the period 1st December 2016 to 31 March 2017. Members discussed the content of the report in detail with the Hall Manager.

A specific grant application was received from the Hail Board of Directors for the first instalment of grant monies in the sum of £10,000 to be released together with the £2,000 grant allocation towards match funding for community arts projects be applied for in relation to community arts projects. Members discussed the application in detail with the Manager.

Resolved that the 1st instalment of grant allocation in this financial year in the sum of £10,000 be released to the Hall and that the £2000 community art's match funding allocation be also released. It was further agreed that the Town Councils Management Sub Committee meets with the Hall Management in the next couple of months on matters relating to the Halls activities and future plans for the community.

34. ONE VOICE WALES – TRAINING OPPORTUNITIES FOR MEMBERS.

Town Council Members received a detailed report in relation to the modular training provided by One Voice Wales for all Members of the Town Council. The training sessions would be held in the evenings on specified dates and venues and the cost per Member would be £40. Should sufficient numbers of Members be interested then it might be possible to hold a training session at Ystradgynlais.

Resolved that interested Members advise the Clerk of which Modules were of interest to them in the first instance in order to ascertain the position and that enquiries be made to One Voice Wales in relation to costs of holding a training session at Ystradgynlais.

35. RECREATIONAL GROUNDS – RENEWAL OF LEASE.

Further to previous discussions in relation to the above matter the Clerk and Councillor Wayne Thomas confirmed that the inaugural meeting of the Steering Committee set up to deal with the above matter had been arranged on the 6th June 2017. Council members would be kept up to date from time to time on the progress of the Group via its appointed representatives.

Resolved to note the arrangement.

36. YSTRADGYNLAIS TOWN BUNTING -1ST JULY.

A letter was received from YSATT seeking the Town Councils support for a bunting licence in relation to the Busking Festival in July at Ystradgynlais. The plan is to put the bunting along Station Road,

Commercial Street, Heol Eglwys and Parc Yr Orsedd.

Resolved that the Town Council confirms its support to the organisations application for the said licence.

37. PAYMENT OF ACCOUNTS.

Resolved that the accounts as detailed be paid.

38. APPOINTMENT OF SCHOOL GOVERNORS.

Resolved that the following Council Members be appointed as School Governors to the undernamed Primary Schools :-

- Ysgol Bro Tawe - Cllr T Davies
- Ysgol Golwg y Cwm - Cllr A Williams
- Ysgol y Cribarth - Cllr E Evans

39. APPLICATIONS FOR FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE

a) Resolved that grants in the sums indicated be made to the under mentioned organisations:

Ystrad Jnr AFC	-	£ 300
Bethania Chapel	-	£ 300
Cor Dathlu Cwmtawe	-	£ 200
Cor y Gyrlais	-	£ 200
1 st Ynyscedwyn Scouts	-	£ 200
Citizens Advice Bureau	-	£ 500
Ystrad Volunteer Service	-	£ 500
Penrhos Allotments	-	£ 100
Penrhos Summer Playscheme	-	£ 300
Gurnos Playscheme	-	£ 300
Ystrad Welsh OAP	-	£ 200
Abercrave Senior OAP	-	£ 200
Joseph Herman Foundation	-	£ 200
Ystrad Welfare Grounds Assoc.	-	£ 500
Ystrad Ladies Bowls	-	£ 100

St Cynogs Church	-	£ 500
Ystrad Heritage Group	-	£ 300
Ser Bach y Cwm	-	£ 200
Beulah Chapel	-	£ 300
Glantawe Theatre	-	£ 300
Ystrad Soc of Arts Trade & Tourism	-	£ 200

- b) **Resolved that** in accordance with the powers conferred under Section 137 of the Local Government Act 1974 that grants in the sums indicated be made to the under mentioned organizations:

Abercrave Regeneration Group	-	£ 300
Ainon Chapel Sisterhood	-	£ 100
Ystradgynlais Hard of Hearing	-	£ 200
Ystradgynlais Church Hall	-	£ 200
Ystradgynlais Young Carers	-	£ 300

40. CASUAL VACANCY – CWMTWRCH WARD.

Following the advertisement of the above casual vacancy the Clerk advised that he had received one application for consideration from Mr N Craddock of 1 Midland Terrace, Gurnos, Lower Cwmtwrch.

Resolved that Mr. Craddock’s application be accepted and that he be co-opted to the casual vacancy for the said Ward.

41. MANAGEMENT SUB COMMITTEE

Resolved that in addition to the Chairman of the Council that the following Members be appointed to the above Committee:

- Abercrave Ward - Cllr Ms Rhiannon Phillips
- Ystradgynlais Ward - Cllr Richard Millington
- Cwmtwrch Ward - Cllr Wayne Thomas
- Ynyscedwyn Ward - Cllr Graham Davies

42. ABERCRAVE MINERS WELFARE HALL.

a) An invitation was received from the above Welfare Hall for the Town Council to appoint a Council Member onto the Halls Committee.

Resolved that Cllr Evan Evans be appointed as the Town Councils representative on the said Committee.

b) It was reported that urgent work was required to the stair lift at the Welfare Hall and a request was received for an additional £2000 in grant funding from the Town Council.

Resolved that a total grant of £5000 be awarded to the Abercraive Welfare Hall as a contribution towards the necessary work identified.

43. CORONATION PARK.

Further to Minute 229 of the Town Councils meeting on the 6th April the Technical Adviser presented a report on Coronation Park to the Council.

The report contained an appraisal of the opportunities and constraints of developing the Town Council owned open space land at Coronation Park. The report aimed at initiating debate within the Council on identifying aspects such as the way forward on the parks development, the scale of any future proposals and its priority in future funding.

In order to give the matter more focus it was agreed that the Chairman arranges for a site meeting for members to view the land in more detail and thereafter the matter to be further discussed at a future meeting of the Town Council.

With respect to the e mail dated 21st March received from a local resident regarding possibly leasing part of Coronation park the Town Council **resolved** to note the content of the request at this present

point in time. Should the Town Council wish to further consider the application at some point in time then it would advise the applicant accordingly.

44. 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.

45. MEMBERS AND OFFICERS REPORTS

a) Cllr Leighton Evans reported that he was in discussions with the local County Councillor in relation to the need for appropriate footpath signs in relation to Highway C202 so that the local residents can continue to use the highway and path network in the Brynhenllys area.

b) Cllr Wayne Thomas advised of the unacceptable racist and offensive comments that he had read on social media and that had also been brought to his attention by constituents. He found the comments offensive to himself and other people in the community and there is no place for such comments in today's society, especially in Ystradgynlais. If such offensive terminology was to be continually repeated within our community, he felt that the Town Council should be concerned. Report noted.

c) Cllr Richard Millington advised :

1) that he wished to place on the agenda of the next meeting an item to discuss the proposed Triumph Adventure Development at Ystradgynlais. Agreed that Cllr Millington forwards the request to the Clerk

2) That the early presentation by Touratech at the beginning of the meeting was supposed to be about the proposed new Triumph Adventure Centre. However they had not presented on this and Cllr

Millington expressed his concern on this point. Council members were appraised on the position of the other motorcycling groups established in the area. Numerous individuals and groups were against any proposed scheme by Touratech in the waste ground at the Woodlands Industrial Estate. . It was noted that Cllr Millington's request to further discuss this matter at the next Council meeting had been accepted. Cllr Wayne Thomas advised that supported all the other motorcycling groups in the area and did point out that any of the other groups mentioned could also make a request to address the Town Council

d) Cllr Millington asked for an update on the position in relation to the skateboard park at Penrhos, which had been closed off due to safety issues last August 2016. Difficulty had been also been experienced in raising money for the repairs and with the appointment of a contractor.. Work was however planned to commence in the next couple of months. Report noted.

The meeting terminated at 8.45 pm

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Planning matters considered by the Town Council on Thursday 1st June 2017.

1.0 Applications granted consent

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

P/2016/0047	Mr. C .Hopkins Land at former Cynlais Playing Field Ystradgynlais	Residential development, formation of vehicular access road and all associated works (outline)
P/2017/0358	Mr G. Davies 3 Ynyscedwyn Lodge Ystradgynlais	Erection of a detached timber framed summer house.
P/2017/0360	Mrs C. C.Chaves 24 Station Road Ystradgynlais	Change of use from residential (C3) to non-residential institution (D1).
TREE/2017/0008TPO	The Beeches Llys Ynyscedwyn Ystradgynlais	Works to 3 No. trees subject to a tree preservation order

2.0 Applications refused consent

From information posted on the Powys County Council web site the following application has been refused approval for the reasons outlined below:

P/2017/0330	Mr. B. Stone 32 Palleg Road Cwmtwrch	Creation of a vehicular access
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The grounds for the Powys County Council's decision to REFUSE permission for the development are:

- 1. Insufficient information has been provided to demonstrate that an adequate visibility splay can be provided, plus it is presumed that the required visibility splays would cross land not shown to be in the ownership of the applicant. The proposed development is therefore contrary to policy GP4 of the Unitary Development Plan (2010), Technical Advice Note 18: Transport (2007) 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 location, form and design and general character. The proposed development is therefore contrary to policy GP1 of the Unitary Development Plan (March 2010), Technical Advice Note 12: Design (2016), and Planning Policy Wales (Edition 9, 2016).*

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3.0 Applications for consideration

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

P2017/0396	Powys CC Sports ground behind Pinetree Lodge Ynyscedwyn	Formation of a cycle path to link two sections of existing path and all associated works.
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Resolved: No observation

P/2017/0494	Mr. S. Bratton Plots 3 and 4 Heol Sant Cynog Ystradgynlais	Outline application for two detached dwellings
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Resolved: No observation

4.0 Miscellaneous

Clarke Telecom Ltd – Proposed base station installation on land at Penrhos Farm off Brecon Road , Caerbont

A consultation letter has been received from agents acting for Telefonica UK Ltd who are in the process of identifying a suitable site in the Caerbont area for a radio base station. The purpose of their letter is to consult with the Town Council and seek its views on the proposal before any planning permission is made.

The site is required in order to provide 4G coverage for Telefonica and improved 2G/3G services. It will also enable Vodaphone to provide a new 4G service and improved 2G/3G services.

A number of options have been assessed in respect of the site search process and the best solution is Land at Penrhos Farm , Caerbont , Ystradgynlais SA9 1RF E :280146 N: 211299

The proposals relate to the installation of a 20m Lattice supporting 2 No. antennas, 2 no. 300mm Dishes and 2no. equipment cabinets at ground level and ancillary development thereto.

Alternative sites considered were:

- Land west of Brecon Road
- Penrhos Social Club
- Gwern Gyrlais , Brecon Road
- Land north of School, Penrhos
- The old school , Penrhos
- Land behind the old school in Penrhos.

Resolved: Whilst not minded at this stage to offer any objection to the proposal this view was subject to more details being made available of the exact location of the proposed mast at Penrhos Farm.

**J.G.Jones
Technical Adviser**