



**CYNGOR TREF
YSTRADGYNLAIS
TOWN COUNCIL**

**Ordinary Meeting of the Council held at the Welfare Hall,
Ystradgynlais on Thursday 7th September 2017 at 6.00 p.m.**

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

62. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE.

An apology for absence was received from Councillors Mrs B Paulett, E Evans and R Millington.

**63. THE URDD NATIONAL EISTEDDFOD BRECON AND
RADNOR 2018.**

The Town Council received Mr Aled Sion, Director of the Urdd National Eisteddfod regarding the above event. The Eisteddfod will be held on the Showground in Llanelwedd. Mr Sion gave a detailed presentation to the Town Council members in relation to previous events. The Urdd National Eisteddfod annually attracts up to 90,000 visitors, 15,000 competitors and is regarded as the largest youth festival of its kind in Europe. In order to sustain this successful festival, the organisation is dependant on the support of individuals, organisations and institutions on a local and national level. The Urdd

Eisteddfod in 2018 will cost in the region of £1.8 million. The Town Council was advised of the variety of ways in which support could be made towards this event. Council Members discussed the event in detail with the Director and in conclusion the Chairman Cllr Meurig Evans thanked Mr Sion for his detailed presentation on this important Annual event in Wales.

Resolved that the Town Council agrees in to fully support this important and prestigious annual event and that the Town Council considers a grant allocation towards the event at its next meeting.

64. MINUTES.

Resolved that the Minutes of the Town Councils Ordinary Meeting held on the 13th July 2017 be confirmed as an accurate record and that the recommendations of the Town Councils Management Sub Committee meeting held on the 10th August 2017 be ratified and agreed and that both sets of Minutes be signed by the Chairman of the Council.

65. POWYS ARCHIVES.

Notification was received from the Powys County Council that the new Powys Archive opened on the 29th August. The new office has been opened at 29 Ddole Road, Llandrindod Wells. The investment cost £1.6 million in Archives and Information Management. Equipment had been installed to ensure humidity and temperature control and improved customer facilities were now available such access for disabled people. The Town Council noted the new improvements made to the Archive facilities and the new location.

66. CHRIS DAVIES MP.

A letter dated 19 July 2017 was received from Chris Davies MP inviting the Town Council Members to visit the Palace of Westminster in the near future and to have a Q and A session. The content of the correspondence was noted.

67. POWYS COUNTY COUNCIL – STANDARDS COMMITTEE.

Notification was received from the Powys County Council that Mr Hugh Patrick of Ystradfellte Community Council had been successful in obtaining a seat on the above Sub Committee for the Brecknockshire. Correspondence noted.

68. NEATH PORT TALBOT/ POWYS CROSS BORDER COMMITTEE.

The Clerk advised that notification had been received from NPTCBC that the Authority had recently disbanded the above committee and that no nominations were required from the Town Council.

69. BRECKNOCK WILDLIFE TRUST GEOCACHES.

The Town Council received an application from the above to place geocaches at sites owned by the Council at the Diamond and Coronation Parks.

Resolved that approval for the request be granted.

70. AUDIT OF ACCOUNTS – YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2017.

A letter dated 3 September 2017 together with relevant documentation was received from the Town Councils external auditors. The auditors had certified the annual return for the year ended 31 March 2017.

Resolved that the content of the Auditors correspondence and attachments be noted and that a notice be placed in the Town Councils notice board with regard to the conclusion of the audit of the accounts for the year ended 31 March 2017.

71. PATH 110a – GATE POSTS.

An e mail dated 19 July was received about the whereabouts of the above gate posts which were fashioned out of Cannon Barrels (Bow Chasers. They were probably cast in the local historical ironworks. Cllr Aneurin Davies advised that the gate posts were in the

possession of the Councillors contractor Mathew Thomas. It was the plan to refurbish the posts and re-erect them on the path , location to be agreed by the Ynyscedwyn Ward Members.

72. CLLR RICHARD MILLINGTON - DECLARATION OF INTEREST.

An E-mail was received from Cllr R Millington declaring an interest in all matters relating to any proposed developments on Woodlands Business Park. Reason being that Cllr Millington has been asked by BMW (UK) to look at opening an on road Learner Rider training school in the area.

Resolved that this notification be recorded and that the interest will constitute and on going interest in this context until such time that different instructions are forwarded to the Council from Cllr Millington.

73. PAYMENT OF ACCOUNTS.

Resolved that the accounts as detailed be paid. The Town Council also received a list of the payments approved by the Chairman and Vice Chairman over the summer recess period.

74. MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING – STEERING GROUP RECREATIONAL GROUNDS.

Further to Minute 50 of the Town Councils meeting held on the 13th July 2017 an updated report on the above matter was received from Cllr Wayne Thomas. A further meeting of the Group would be held in the near future to progress matters.

Resolved that the document be approved by the Town Council and that the Council be kept updated on the progress made by Steering Group.

75. CORONATION PARK

Further to Minute 52 of the Town Councils meeting on the 13th July

and following consideration of the Technical report and the Clerks member briefing note prepared in relation to representations made by a members of the public **it was resolved** that:

a) To release the relevant information contained in the briefing note as an appropriate and detailed response to the member of the public.

b) To focus at this stage on the potential options on whether or not to incrementally develop the park further as a public asset.

76. ACTIVE TRAVEL ACT - PUBLIC CONSULTATION ON INTEGRATED NETWORK.

The Town Council received a copy of the above consultation document from the Powys County Council, the content of which was considered by the Members.

Resolved that Powys County Council be advised of the Town Councils concern with the accuracy, appropriateness and continuity of the proposed map as detailed.

77. CONSULTATION DOCUMENT ON THE POWYS PROPOSED WELL - BEING PLAN.

Notification was received fro the Powys County Council in relation to the partnership work which was being undertaken in the development of a Well-being plan for Powys. A copy of the draft plan was available on the internet and Council Members were asked to individually complete the on line survey relation to this matter. It was noted that some members had already completed the survey Closing date for receipt of completed returns was the end of September.

78. ANNUAL MANAGEMENT RISK ASSESSMENT REVIEW 2017/18

The Town Council received and considered in detail the following documentation in relation to the above matter:

- a) Details with regard to the Town Councils insurance policy/schedule with Zurich Insurance.
- b) Risk Assessment Report for the financial year 1 April 2016 to 31 March 2017.
- c) Minor Works Contracts – Risk Assessments.- Revised document for 2016/17.

The Town Council reviewed the contents of the above documentation.

Resolved that :

- a) The Council confirms its satisfaction that all the potential risks that the Council could conceivably be subjected to during the financial year had been adequately identified and covered within the above stated insurance and risk assessment reports.
- b) For next years Annual Risk Assessment the Town Councils Management Sub Committee analyses the detail of the said documents and reports to full Council on its review and recommendations.

79. ADVANCE NOTICE OF LDP CONSULTATION

It was reported that the Powys Local Development Plan (LDP) is currently in public examination and that a series of hearings sessions had recently been held with the Planning Inspector.

As a result of the hearing sessions Powys County Council are now proposing that a number of ‘Matters arising Changes’ are now made to the plan. Powys County Council is giving advance notice that there will be a public consultation exercise on these changes. The public consultation will commence on Tuesday 19th September 2017 and will run for six weeks ending at 5pm Monday 30th October 2017. **It was resolved** to consider the matter further at the October meeting of the Town Council.

80. PLANNING APPLICATIONS.

The Town Council received the Technical Advisers report on the planning applications received from the Powys County Council. Also received was the Technical Advisers report on planning applications dealt by the Chairman and Vice Chairman over the summer recess period

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

NOTE: Cllr N Craddock and T Davies declared an interest in planning application P/2017/0845 and did not speak or vote on the application.

81. MEMBERS AND OFFICERS REPORTS.

a) Cllr Wayne Thomas reported that the Play park at Heol Lynden had recently been the focus of fly tipping and that an increase in the number of butterflies had been recorded in the area. Also 4 fence posts had been uprooted in the park as a result of access having been required. The Tenants Group who has responsibility for the playground was currently pursuing the matter. Agreed that the Technical Adviser investigates the position.

b) Cllr Nigel Craddock advised the Town Council that he was currently examining the provision of waste bins and dog bins in the Upper Cwmtwrch area. He had approached the County Council on the policy provision in this respect but was unable to get any clarification on the matter. A local Ward meeting had been arranged on the matter with County Councillor Sandra Davies. Other items of concern would be raised at the meeting.

c) Cllr Nigel Craddock notified the Council of a complaint that he had logged with the local police and has been in contact with the local inspector about the failure of Dyfed Powys police to record the calls he had made. Awaiting a reply on this complaint.

d) Cllr Aneurin Davies reported about his disappointment with a local contractor for the failure in completing a job as part of the project upgrading of Footpath 110a. Also the path had been constructed too narrow by Powys County Council to be designated as a cycle path.

e) Cllr Tristan Davies that a member of the public had reported that there had been flooding from the nearby stream at Llys Ynyscedwyn. Members discussed the problem and Cllr Davies was advised to contact the Ynyscedwyn Ward County Councillor on the matter as the land was owned by that Authority.

d) Cllr M Donnelly proposed that the Police Inspector covering the area should be invited to a Council meeting in the future to discuss many local concerns of Councillors for the area. Agreed that an agenda for the meeting be put forward in the first instance.

The meeting terminated at 9.10pm

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Planning matters considered by the Town Council at its meeting held on 7th September 2017.

1.0 Applications granted consent

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

NMA/2017/0061	Gurnos County School School Road Gurnos Ystradgynlais	Application for non-material amendment to Planning Permission P /2014/1022 in respect of changing the external elevations from brickwork to render at plots 9 -12
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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/2017/0989	Mr. G. Price/W.De Melderda James Street Ystradgynlais	Erection of two dwellings and associated works.
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The grounds for the Council's decision to REFUSE permission for the development are:

- 1. The proposal will lead to the introduction of highly vulnerable development within Zone C2 as defined by the Development Advice Maps referred to under TAN15 Development and Flood Risk (2004). The development is contrary to policy SP14 of the Powys Unitary Development Plan (2010), Technical Advice Note 15: Development and Flood Risk (2004) and Planning Policy Wales (2016).*

3.0 Applications for consideration

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

P/2017/0820	Mrs K .Pirotte Maes y Coed House Maesycoed Ystradgynlais	Erection of a building within domestic curtilage to be used as therapy room.
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Resolved: *No observation*

P/2017/0854	Mr. J.P.Evans 4 Cwrt y Gamlas Gurnos	Erection of a detached single garage.
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Resolved: *No observation*

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P/2017/0856 Mr & Mrs Bevan Proposed extension to enlarge bathroom.
50 Wind Road
Ystradgynlais

Resolved: **No observation**

P/2017/0893 Mr& Mrs Harries Application for reserved matters following approval
Land rear of Golwg y Maes P/2015/0666 for the erection of a dwelling (all matters
Glyncynwal Road reserved)
Cwmtwrch

Resolved: **No observation**

P/2017/0917 Marston's Estates Ltd Erection of a pub/restaurant with associated living, car
Land west of Tesco parking and landscaping
Wind Road
Ystradgynlais

Resolved: **No observation**

P/2017/0935 Mrs K. Bradley Demolition of existing rear extension and erection of a
93 Heol Gleien new single storey extension.
Cwmtwrch

Resolved: **No observation**

4.0 Miscellaneous

No matter to report

J.G.Jones
Technical Adviser