



**CYNGOR TREF  
YSTRADGYNLAIS  
TOWN COUNCIL**

**Ordinary Meeting of the Council held at the Welfare Hall,  
Ystradgynlais on Thursday 2nd November 2017 at 5.30 p.m.**

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

**103. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE.**

An apology for absence was received from Councillors R Millington and C Nickels.

**104. YSTRADGYNLAIS MINERS WELFARE HALL.**

The Town Council welcomed the Hall Manager and Welfare Hall Board Members to the meeting. The Hall representatives gave a detailed presentation to the Council Members on the following matters:

- Welfare Hall Business Plan for the next 3 years
- Theatre activities and funding opportunities
- Community Arts and Community based Arts projects
- Partnership Projects with other Arts Companies/local bodies

- Quality Assurance, Governance and Asset management.
- Future Growth and Marketing Training

The Hall manager in his presentation covered the above issues in detail and he received detailed questioning from Town Council Members on the Welfare Halls business plan.

**105. MINUTES.**

Resolved that the Minutes of the Town Council meeting held on the 5<sup>th</sup> October 2017 be confirmed as an accurate record and signed by the Chairman of the Council.

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

Further to Minute 83 of the Town Councils meeting on the 5<sup>th</sup> October 2017 the Council further considered the position in relation to possible grant assistance being afforded to the five local schools in the area and their participation in the 2018 Urdd Eisteddfod.

Resolved that each local school be afforded £200 each in the form of grant assistance towards their expenses in participating in the 2018 Urdd Eisteddfod.

**107. COLLABERATIVE MEETING WITH POWYS COUNTY COUNCIL ON LOCAL HIGHWAY MATTERS.**

The Clerk reported that a Special meeting had been arranged on the Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> November at the Welfare Hall in relation to the above matters. Local County Councillors had also been invited to attend this meeting in order to clarify the way forward in the local highways service following the financial cuts made by Powys County Council in the Highways budget. An agenda for the meeting was circulated to members.

**108. CORONATION PARK/ TOWN COUNCIL CONCERNS.**

Further to Minute 85 of the Town Councils meeting on the 5<sup>th</sup> October a further e-mail was received from a local resident regarding concerns over Town Council and staffing matters. The Chairman and Vice Chairman advised the Town Council that they had met with the resident on the issues raised and the Chairman advised that it had been agreed that Cllr Aneurin Davies addresses the Town Council on the matters discussed with the resident regarding Coronation Park and Town Council issues

Resolved that Cllr Davies addresses the issues raised by the resident at the next meeting of the Town Council in December.

**109. GORSEDD PARK – ELECTRICITY INSTALLATION.**

The Clerk updated the Town Council on urgent matters decided upon since the last meeting of the Town Council in relation to the above matter. Powys County Council had requested that the Town Council organise a Utilities Company to connect and provide electrical power to the Gorsedd park. First year cost estimate was estimated to be £370 and would be reimbursed to the Town Council The Town Councils Chairman and Vice Chairman had agreed to this request from the Powys County Council to provide this assistance. Powys County Council was unable to facilitate this utilities request as internal procedures in the ordering system would take a couple of months and there would be no guarantee that electrical power would be available for the Christmas lights turning on ceremony at the Gorsedd Park on the 24<sup>th</sup> November. In order to cover this extra cost of this installation the Powys County Council had increased their grant contribution to £1500.

The Clerk also referred to the report and costing's received in relation to the purchasing of cabling requirements for use at the Park for the Christmas festivities and events to be planned at the Park. The break-even cost and minimum requirements amounted to £1,171 and the recommended cable costing amounted £1,529. The latter figure was

£400 above the break-even position that would have to be funded by the Town Council.

Resolved that:

a) The action taken by the Clerk, Chairman and Vice Chairman with regard to the installation of electricity to the park be confirmed. In future if a similar situation comes forward it was agreed that the four Ward Chairmen be also consulted on the proposals.

b) The Town Council make a £400 financial contribution towards the purchasing of the special cabling required in order to obtain the recommended cabling requirements as detailed in the report.

**110. GORSEDD PARK – POSSIBLE ASSET TRANSFER TO THE TOWN COUNCIL.**

The Clerk advised that the Structural Report in relation to the above matter had been received from the Powys County Council. Copies of the report would distribute to all Council Members in the next few days.

Resolved that :

a) a site meeting be arranged with Powys County Council officers in December 2017 to view the site and to discuss the report

b) the matter be placed on the agenda of the Councils meeting early in the New Year for further consideration and determination.

**111. REVIEW OF PARLIAMENTARY CONSTITUENCIES IN WALES – REVISED PROPOSALS.**

Notification was received from the Boundary Commission of Wales in relation to the above matter. It had recently published its revised proposals to changes to Parliamentary Constituencies in Wales. The revised proposal is available on the Commissions website [www.bcomm-wales.gov.uk](http://www.bcomm-wales.gov.uk).

Resolved to note the position at this point in time.

**112. POWYS PENSION FUND – EMPLOYERS’ MEETING.**

An invitation was received from the Powys County Council to appoint representatives to attend the above meeting

Resolved that the Clerk and Chairman of the Town Council attend the meeting.

**113. RIGHT OF WAY – CWMTAWE ROAD.**

Notification was received from the Powys County Council confirming that there is no public right of way shown on the Definitive Map in the location as defined above. However an application to register a path in this location was an option that the Abercrave Ward could pursue. A detailed application would need to be made with relevant documentary evidence.

Resolved that the Abercrave ward consider the position in more depth.

**114. YSTRADGYNLAIS TOWN – HANGING BASKETS WATERING ARRANGEMENTS.**

An e-mail was received from YSATT regarding putting in place a watering system for the Town’s flower planting scheme. An application for funding had been made to the blue coin Tesco community grant scheme. An estimate for a watering system had been received from a local contractor and it entailed purchasing equipment to the value of £200 and a cost of £40 per visit to undertake the watering of the flower baskets and pavement planters.

Resolved to await the result of the Tesco funding application and to meet with YSATT representatives on the problem.

**114. PAYMENT OF ACCOUNTS.**

Resolved that the accounts as detailed be paid.

**115. STEERING GROUP RECREATIONAL GROUNDS.**

Further to Minute 98 of the Town Councils meeting held on the 5<sup>th</sup> October 2017 an updated report on the above matter was received from the Town Councils members on the Committee. It was reported that a meeting of the Group had taken place on the 30<sup>th</sup> October and that a further meeting with Powys County Council representatives had been arranged on the 20<sup>th</sup> November in order to progress matters regarding the future of the recreational grounds.

Resolved that the Council be kept updated on the progress made by Steering Group with respect to the recreational grounds.

**116. YSTRADGYNLAIS MIERS WELFARE HALL.**

a) Resolved that Cllr Mrs B Paulett be reappointed as the Town Councils representative on the Welfare Hall Board Committee.

b) Resolved that the Ystradgynlais Welfare Hall's financial grant requirements for 2018/19 be approved subject to confirmation at the Town Councils budget meeting in January.

**117. CWMTWRCH MINERS WELFARE HALL COMMITTEE.**

The Town Council received the following documentation from the above Hall the content of which were discussed by the Town Council:-

a) End of Year Accounts to 31 December 2016.

b) A letter dated 16<sup>th</sup> October requesting the release of £5000 grant funding for this financial year.

c) A request for the same level of funding for the financial year 2017/18.

Resolved that:-

a) The content of the documentation received be noted and that the funding requests received be approved subject to the budget and that this years grant allocation be released to the Welfare Hall.

- b) The Hall Management be asked to confirm how the grants afforded by the Town Council in 2016/17 and 2015/16 were applied.
- c) Cllr Nigel Craddock be appointed s the Town Councils representative on the Welfare Hall Committee and that Cllr W Thomas be appointed as an observer on the Committee.

**118. CWMTWRCH WELFARE HALL COMMITTEE.**

Resolved that consideration of the Town Councils appointments onto the above Committee be deferred as an item to the Town Councils meeting in November.

**119. 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 8.40pm

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**Planning matters considered by the Town Council at its meeting held on Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> November 2017.**

**1.0 Applications granted consent**

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

P/2017/0803	Mr L .Evans Gwys House Gilfach Road Upper Cwmtwrch	Erection of a two storey side extension, single storey rear extension and some internal alterations.
P/2017/0917	Marston's Estates Ltd Land west of Tesco Wind Road Ystradgynlais	Erection of a pub/restaurant with associated living, car parking and landscaping
P/2017/0935	Mrs K. Bradley 93 Heol Gleien Cwmtwrch	Demolition of existing rear extension and erection of a new single storey extension.

**2.0 Applications refused consent**

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

NMA/2017/0076	Mr. J. Dale 17 Rhestr Fawr Ystradgynlais	Non material amendment to Planning Permission P/2017/0051 in respect to position of dwelling
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**3.0 Applications for consideration**

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

P/2017/1088	Mrs K. Paddon 38-40Tan y Waun Penrhos	Proposed demolition of existing garage and construction of new side extension.
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**Resolved: No observation.**

P/2017/1100	Mr & Mrs White 3 Heol Rheolau Brecon Road Abercrave	Change of use from office to residential, as an extension to existing house and insertion of bay window.
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**Resolved: No observation.**



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P/2017/ 1117            Mr R. Millington            Alterations to the existing dwelling including a replacement  
                                 3 Oddfellows Street            pitched roof in lieu of the existing flat to the previous two  
                                 Ystradgynlais                    storey extension.

**Resolved:    No observation.**

P/2017/1119            Mr & Mrs P A Blanche            Conversion and extension of existing garage to form annexe.  
                                 19 Station Road  
                                 Ystradgynlais

**Resolved:    To query as to the purpose of the annexe as it appears not to be subservient to the main accommodation and has all the facilities for occupation independent to the main building. Whilst not objecting to the principle of an annexe at this property it is suggested that if it is to be approved a planning condition should be included to ensure that any use is restricted to domestic use associated with the property only.**

P/2017/1163            Mr R Rees                    Erection of a two storey extension to the existing dwelling.  
                                 25 Heol Tredeg  
                                 Upper Cwmtwrch

**Resolved:    No observation.**

BB17/15454/FUL            Mr I. Hopkins                    Extensions and alterations.  
                                 The Bungalow  
                                 61 Heol Rheolau  
                                 Abercrave

**Resolved:    No observation.**

**4.0    Miscellaneous**

DIS /2017/0206            Mr L. Phillips                    Discharge of conditions 4, 5, 6 & 9 of planning consent  
                                 Bethel Chapel                    P/2016/0026  
                                 Bethel Road

DIS /2017/0206            Mr L. Phillips                    Discharge of conditions 15,17,18 & 19 of planning  
                                 Bethel Chapel                    consent P/2016/0025.  
                                 Bethel Road

**Resolved:    To note the discharge submissions in respect of this development.**

**J. G. Jones  
Technical Adviser**