



**CYNGOR TREF
YSTRADGYNLAIS
TOWN COUNCIL**

**Ordinary Meeting of the Council held at the Welfare Hall,
Ystradgynlais on Thursday 1 February 2018 at 6.30 p.m.**

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

161. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE.

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors Mrs B Paulett, G Davies and R Millington.

162. MINUTES.

Resolved that the Minutes of the Town Council meetings held on the 11th and 18th January 2018 be confirmed as an accurate record and signed by the Chairman of the Council subject to the inclusion of the following additional statements in the Minutes:

Minutes of the 11th January 2018 – Add to Minute 156c) Touratech
‘The company also to cover Solicitors fees and any other costs incurred by the Town Council in the possible conveyance’

Minutes of the 18th January 2018 – Add to Minute 160A) 2) A
precept of £256,000 for 2018/19 that equates to 4.9% increase on a Band D property be signed by the Clerk and served upon the Powys County Council.

163. TOWN COUNCIL LAND AT FOOTPATH 112, Ynyscedwyn Ward

A letter dated 30 January 2018 was received from a local resident who wished to cut and remove at her own expense the overgrown vegetation that appears on Town Council land at the front of her property and the Ystradgynlais football ground pitch.

Resolved that the Ynyscedwyn Ward arrange a site meeting with the resident concerned and be given plenary powers to discuss and approve a plan to deal with the problem with the resident concerned.

164. YSTRADGYNLAIS HERITAGE – INTERPRETATION PANELS ABERCRAVE

A letter dated 26th January was received from the above in relation to comments made by Members regarding an invoice for £72 received for the repair of an interpretation panel at Abercrave. It was reported that the Abercrave Regeneration Group had received a bill for the work, but to date had not been paid to the Heritage Society. The Heritage Society had paid for the work and had asked for a contribution towards the cost. The matter remained unresolved although it was acknowledged that the Town Council had in 2016 taken over responsibility for the maintenance of all the Interpretation panels with the four Wards.

165. DIAMOND PARK PROJECT.

The Clerk and Mr John Owens reported that the Powys County Council was currently considering an application for grant aid towards the above Town Council/Heritage Society partnership project. Members discussed the detail of the project and it was reported that a decision was imminent with respect to the application.

Resolved that the Town Council be kept updated on the progress with respect to the funding application.

166. ABERCRAVE WELFARE HALL.

Cllr Evan Evans reported on the progress being made in re-establishing and expanding the community services provided by the above Hall to the community. CISWO were currently assisting the Hall in this objective and has financially assisted the new group of members working to overcome the current problems. In order to keep the doors open and to cover essential costs the Ward was requesting an advance payment of the grant afforded for the next financial year in the sum of £1500. The future plans for the Abercrave Hall was discussed in detail.

Resolved that an advance grant payment in the sum of £1500 be approved out of the Abercrave Halls allocation for 2018/19.

NOTE : Cllr Wayne Thomas declared an interest in this item and did not speak or vote on the matter.

167. INDEPENDENT REVIEW PANEL – FUTURE OF TOWN AND COMMUNITY COUNCILS IN WALES.

Notification was received about the engagement events being held across Wales by the above over the next few months. The Clerk advised that he had booked two places on the event, which was to be held on the 13th March 2018 at Carmarthen.

Resolved that the Chairman and Vice Chairman attend the event on behalf of the Town Council.

168. YOUTHCLUB PENRHOS.

Further to Minute 147 of the Councils meeting on the 11th January Cllr Tristan Davies advised the Town Council that at the last meeting with the Ystradgynlais Community Regeneration Group a request was made for the Town Council to appoint two Council members to join the Group.

Resolved that Cllrs Tristan Davies and Martin Donnelly be appointed to represent the Town Council on the Group.

169. CWMTWRCH WELFARE HALL.

An e-mail dated 21 January 2018 was received from the Chairman of the above Welfare Hall advising the Town Council that the Halls Management Committee were currently seeking quotations for the refurbishment work required to the main roof and toilets at the Welfare Hall. Also the Chairman thanked the Town Council for the nominating two representatives onto the Hall Committee.

170. POWYS COUNTY COUNCIL – BIN COLLECTION DAYS.

Notification was received from the County Council that bin collection days were changing for the Ystradgynlais community area at the end of this month. All households will be notified by post of the revised arrangements. Resolved to note the position.

171. GENERAL DISPENSATIONS.

Information was received and circulated to all Town Councillors regarding the general dispensations afforded to Town and Community Councillors who are appointed to various outside bodies. These included:

- **School Modernisation and School Transport Reviews**
- **Renewable Energy**
- **School Governors**
- **Membership of Voluntary Bodies**

Resolved to note the contents of the correspondence.

172. PAYMENT OF ACCOUNTS

Resolved that the accounts as detailed be paid.

173. LEASE RENEWAL – YSTRADGYNLAIS RECREATIONAL GROUNDS

Cllr Wayne Thomas updated the Council on the progress being made in discussions with the Powys County Council on the above matter. A

meeting with Cooke and Arkwright Estate Agents representing the Gough Estate family was due to take place in the near future. Valuation estimates were also being sought. Agreed that the Town Council note the progress being made in relation to this matter.

174. YSTRADGYNLAIS MINERS WELFARE AND COMMUNITY HALL.

The Town Council received a Quarterly financial and performance report from the Welfare Hall Board together with a request for the release of the 3rd grant instalment of £10,000 from the Town Council. Members considered and discussed the reports in detail.

Resolved to release the 3rd and final grant instalment for the financial year 2017/18 of £10,000 be released to the Welfare Hall and that the content of the reports received be noted.

175. YSTRADGYNLAIS TOWN CENTRE – PUBLIC CONVENIENCES.

Cllr Robert Lock advised the Town Council of the County Councils plan to close the public toilets at Ystradgynlais Town Centre. The local group currently managing and operating the public conveniences has enough cash available to keep the service going till about July 2018 and are seeking an estimated £2,500 cash injection to keep going until 31 March 2019. The County Council is to undertake a conditions survey with respect to the premises, which will be made available to the Town Council in due course together with a detailed report on the last three years financial accounts with respect to the premises.

Resolved that the position be noted and that the Town Council wait to receive the further information as stated above.

176. 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.

177. MEMBERS AND OFFICERS REPORTS.

a) Members reported that a meeting had been arranged with Powys County Councillors on the 6th February to discuss the proposed rise in the property tax and budget proposed by the Powys County Council. Meeting will be at 3.00pm at the Ystradgynlais Welfare Hall on the said date. Town Councillors invited to attend.

b) Cllr N Craddock complained about the public health and safety concerns in relation to the debris and on the County councils path at the rear of his home. The path surface was treacherous and slippery due to a lack of maintenance and cleaning. Agreed that the Ynyscedwyn Ward Chairman Tristan Davies takes the matter up with the local Area Highways Inspector.

c) The Cwmtwrch Ward Members reported that a few trees had recently fallen into the Gwys River and needed to be urgently reported. As this was the responsibility of the Powys county council it was agreed to report the matter to Simon Crowther the Land Drainage Officer for the County Council.

d) Cllr R Lock was asked to discuss the siting of the Cwmtwrch British Legion cabinet at the Ystradgynlais Hall with the hall manager.

e) Cllr Leighton Evans advised that he had resigned as the Town Councils representative on the Ystradgynlais Volunteer Centre's Committee. Resolved to note the position and to consider appointing a replacement at the next meeting of the Council.

f) Cllr E Evans reported about an obstruction to a path near 31 Henneuadd. Clerk to be advised of the path number where the obstruction had taken place for reporting the matter to the Powys County Council.

g) Cwmtwrch Ward Members reported tat a number of oak tree branches were obstructing the footpath known as the Wembley steps at Upper Cwmtwrch . Agreed that the Neath Port Talbot CBC be advised of the problem.

The meeting terminated at 8.30 pm

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Planning matters considered by the Town Council on Thursday 1st February 2018.

1.0 Applications granted consent

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

P/2017/1088	Mrs K. Paddon 38-40Tan y Waun Penrhos	Proposed demolition of existing garage and construction of new side extension.
P/2017/1163	Mr R Rees 25 Heol Tredeg Upper Cwmtwrch	Erection of a two storey extension to the existing dwelling.
P/2017/1261	Mr & Mrs Adams 72 Heol Gleien Lower Cwmtwrch	Demolition of existing utility room, proposed raising of of the roof providing an additional bedroom, erection of a side extension including a porch and internal and external alterations.
DIS/2017/0206	Mr L. Phillips Bethel Chapel Bethel Road	Discharge of conditions 4,5,6 & 9 of planning Consent P/2016/0026
DIS/2017/0207	Mr L. Phillips Bethel Chapel Bethel Road	Discharge of conditions 15,17,18 &19 of planning Consent P/2016/0025

2.0 Applications refused consent

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

3.0 Applications for consideration

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

P/2017/1512	Mr N. Plumb Touratech Ltd 16 Woodland Business Park Ystradgynlais	Advert: Consent to display two fascia signs and one free standing sign
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Resolved: *No observation*

P/2018/0001	Mr J. Owens Childrens playground Dreflan Cwmgiedd	Erection of a lecturn style interpretation panel
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Resolved: *No observation*

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P/2018/0066 The Ticking River Advert: Display of nine no. various externally illuminated
Marstons Development advertising signs.
Wind Road

Resolved: ***Whilst not objecting to the principle of the provision of illuminated signs concern was expressed over the appropriateness of the proposed name. It was felt by members that taking into account the history of the site that The Ticking Watch or The Ticking Clock were more appropriate. It was also noted that the proposed signage was not bilingual.***

P/2018/0088 Mr G .Darby Erection of an extension to the main building
All Blacks Arms
Gurnos Road

Resolved: ***No observation***

4.0 Miscellaneous

DIS/2018/0001 Mr & Mrs Harris Discharge of conditions 4.5 and 6 of planning approval
Land to the rear of Golwg y Maes P/2017/0893
Maes Cynwal Road
Cwmtwrch

Resolved: ***To note the information.***

DIS/2018/0011 Arquiva Ltd Discharge of condition 4 of planning approval P/2017/0882
Cwmtwrch RFC
Cwmtwrch

Resolved: ***To note the information.***

4.1 Powys Local Development Plan

For information the hearing sessions have now concluded and the Inspector's Report is anticipated in March 2018.

Resolved: ***To note the position and await publication of the report in due course.***

4.2 Proposed demolition of detached dwellinghouse and construction of 11 No. dwellinghouses, access road and associated infrastructure at land at 89 Gorof Road , Lower Cwmtwrch.

It was reported a letter had been received on the day of the meeting advising that JCR Planning on behalf of Watree Homes Ltd were undertaking a pre application consultation process prior to submitting their planning application. As the deadline for a response was 2nd March 2018 it was agreed that the information would be issued electronically to the Cwmtwrch Ward members for a response to be formulated and thereafter ratified at the Town Council meeting scheduled for 1st March 2018.

J.G. Jones - Technical Adviser