



**CYNGOR TREF
YSTRADGYNLAIS
TOWN COUNCIL**

**Ordinary Meeting of the Council held at the Welfare Hall,
Ystradgynlais on Thursday 1st March 2018 at 6.00 p.m.**

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

178. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE.

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors Mrs B Paulett, Ms R Phillips, D Lewis, N Craddock and R Millington.

179. MINUTES.

Resolved that the Minutes of the Town Council meetings held on the 1st February 2018 be confirmed as an accurate record and signed by the Chairman of the Council.

180. DIAMOND PARK – LAND AT REAR OF GLANTAWE ROW PROPERTIES.

The Clerk gave a detailed report to the Council in relation to the damage caused to the above land by the use of heavy machinery accessing the gate at the entrance to Diamond Park. The resident who had hired the machinery to undertake work at the back of the property had agreed to attend the Council meeting this evening but due to inclement weather had advised the Clerk that he was unable to attend.

The Town Council discussed the matter in detail and it was agreed to invite the resident to a Town Council meeting on an agreed date over the next 2 weeks. In the meantime the Town Council **resolved** to stop any further vehicular access to the land at the rear of the properties until further notice due to safety considerations.

181. GROUNDS MAINTENANCE CONTRACT 2018 – Abercrave, Caerbont and Swn y nant Children’s Playgrounds.

Quotation based on 14 -21 day frequency and 13 cuts maximum per season was received from the Powys County Council Highways Transport and Recycling Dept in the sum of £3058 plus Vat.

Resolved that the quotation received as detailed above be accepted for the 2018 grass cutting season.

182. PUBLIC PATH CLEARANCE – Path 112.

Further to Minute 163 of the Town Councils meeting on the 1st February 2018 an e mail was received from a local resident seeking financial assistance towards the clearance of overgrowth adjacent to the above path. The overgrowth extended a considerable area, and was in need of drastic maintenance. Three quotations had been received for the works required and the Town Council was asked by the resident to contribute financially towards the works required.

Resolved to note the request and that the Ynyscedwyn Ward Chairman advises the resident of the position.

183. REVIEW OF ELECTORAL ARRANGEMENTS FOR THE COUNTY OF POWYS - DRAFT PROPOSALS.

The Local Democracy and Boundary Commissions for Wales has now completed the first stage of their review in relation to the above matter. A document detailing its proposals for Powys and in particular the Ystradgynlais Town Council area had also been received. The proposal for this area was to amalgamate the Abercrave and Ystradgynlais areas based on the electoral numbers. Comments to be forwarded to the Commission by the 29th May 2018.

184. NEW PUB/RESTAURANT ADJACENT TO THE TESCO STORE AT YNYSCEDWN WARD.

Further to the Town Councils representations in respect to the naming of the above new premises an e-mail had been received from the owners confirming that it had decided to change the name to ‘ The Clock Works’ in recognition of the history of the site that the Town Council referred to in its letter. Also directional signage in the pub will be bilingual.

Resolved to note the content of the correspondence.

185. LOWER CWMTWRCH POST OFFICE BRANCH.

Notification was received from the Post Office with regard to the Temporary Closure of the above branch at Lower Cwmtwrch following the resignation of the Postmaster. The branch will be closing on the 9th April. Measures are being taken by the Post office to find a solution that will provide a Post Office service to the Lower Cwmtwrch community.

Resolved to note the content of the correspondence.

186. FINANCIAL MANAGEMENT AND GOVERNANCE IN LOCAL COUNCILS 2016-2017.

A copy of the above report compiled by the Auditor General for Wales had been circulated to all Town Council Members for information. The report contained detailed statistics in relation to staffing and financial matters with regard to the audit of Town and Community Councils in Wales for the financial year 2016/17. The report was in three main sections :-

- Part 1 provides a commentary on the increasing amount of public money and assets managed by local councils
- Part 2 to 5 reports on the work undertaken by auditors and identifies a number of commonly occurring audit concerns across the sector. The report draws attention to serious deficiency issues identified.

- Part 6 sets out future audit programme which has been drawn up following issues identified by auditors identified during the 2016/17 audits.

Resolved to note the contents of the Auditors report on the 2016 / 17 audit of accounts.

187. DIAMOND PARK PROJECT.

Further to Minute 165 of the Town Councils meeting on the 1st February the Clerk reported that the joint application made to the Powys County Council for financial assistance towards the above project had been successful. A grant of £2,550 against a total expenditure of £5,375 had been approved. This now meant that the complete project as initially submitted to the Town Council by the Technical Adviser and Heritage Society could now be undertaken.

Resolved to accept the offer made and to commence works as soon as possible with the project.

188. YOUTHCLUB PENRHOS.

Further to Minute 168 of the Councils meeting on the 1st February a copy of an e-mail dated 15 February from the Powys County council to the group was received by the Town Council. Also Cllr W Thomas advised that there was a meeting between the parties concerned on the 13th March to finalise matters relative to the content of the e-mail and terms of the proposed licence. The Town Council considered the many points relating to the terms of the proposed licence between the Powys County Council and the Ystradgynlais Community Regeneration Group.

Resolved that the Town Council, County Councillors and the User group meet on the 22nd March to review what progress had been made in relation to the establishment of the constitution and the final terms of the Licence proposed following the meeting on the 13th March.

189. MOBILE PHONE CONTRACT.

The Clerk reported that the above contract was due for renewal and the revised contract cost notified was £28 a month exclusive of Vat for a 2 year term.

Resolved to renew the contract with the existing company on the terms and cost as detailed.

190. PAYMENT OF ACCOUNTS

Resolved that the accounts as detailed be paid.

191. BUDGET MONITORING REPORT.

The Town Council received and discussed in detail the Clerks financial report in relation to the period from 1 April 2017 and 28th February 2018.

Resolved to note the content of the report.

192. YSTRADGYNLAIS TOWN CENTRE – PUBLIC CONVENIENCES.

Further to Minute 175 of the Town Councils meeting on the 1st February Cllr Robert Lock advised that the information promised at the last meeting of the Council was not currently available and asked for an item to be placed on the agenda of the Town Councils meeting in April relating to the position of the public conveniences in Ystradgynlais Town Centre. The Clerk also confirmed that a letter sent to the Town Council in 2014 had been retrieved which detailed the total estimated operating costs of providing this service at the Town Centre and Bus station amounting in total to around £17,288.

Resolved that an item relating to this on-going matter be placed on the Town Councils agenda for the April meeting.

193. CORONATION PARK

The Town Council received a written report with respect to a meeting

that took place on the 14th February regarding matters affecting Coronation Park. The Chairman and Vice Chairman represented the Town Council at the meeting with Mr Mark Evans (CME Ltd) and Mr John Adams.

Resolved that the content of the report be further considered at a special meeting on the 8th march at the Welfare Hall, Ystradgynlais.

194. 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 as detailed on the attached document be forwarded to the Powys County Council.

195. MEMBERS AND OFFICERS REPORTS.

a) Further to Minute 177d) Cllr R Lock reported that the Board had declined the Town Councils request to the siting the Cwmtwrch British Legion cabinet at the Ystradgynlais Welfare Hall. It was agreed that the Cwmtwrch Ward with the Town Councils Vice Chairman meet with the Hall Board on the matter.

b) Cllr A Davies advised of the urgent need to retain the litter bin sited on path 110a and proposed that the Ynyscedwyn Ward budget covers the cost of emptying the bin weekly and in addition the contractor would also collecting the waste from the Path and sidings on a weekly pick. The £1000 annual cost would include this additional work. Agreed that the Ynyscedwyn Ward meet to consider the position and report back to the Council on the proposal.

c) Cllr Wayne Thomas reported on the many community projects planned for the Cwmtwrch area by the Tenants and Residents association such as the refurbishment of the tennis courts, development of a small Community Hall. Financial assistance for these community developments will probably be sought for these projects.

The meeting terminated at 8.00 pm

YSTRADGYNLAIS TOWN COUNCIL
CYNGOR TREF YSTRADGYNLAIS

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

1.0 Applications granted consent

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

P/2018/0001	Mr J. Owens Childrens playground Dreflan Cwmgiedd	Erection of a lecturn style interpretation panel
P/2017/1334	Mr E.O.Clement 10 Brecon Road Ystradgynlais	Demolition of existing utility room and erection of a new single storey extension to be used as a kitchen
P/2017/1506	Mr M. Evans Land at 5 Brynygroes Cottages Gurnos	Construction of a new dwelling
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

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/2018/0073	Mrs R. Jones 50 Afallon Heol Giedd, Cwmgiedd	Change of use from current post office to residential.
-------------	----------------------------------------------------	--------------------------------------------------------

Resolved: No observation

P/2018/0077	Mr T. Gibbs 20 Gorof Road Gurnos	Renovation of a derelict property, to include replacement of existing single storey extension with two storey.
-------------	----------------------------------------	----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------

Resolved: No observation

P/2018/0132	Mr. J .Dale Plot opposite 17 Rhestr Fawr Ystradgynlais	Section 73 application top vary condition 2 of permission P/2017/0051 (approved plans)
-------------	--------------------------------------------------------------	----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------

Resolved: No observation

P/2018/0198	Mr R. Rees 25 Heol Tredeg Upper Cwmtwrch	Proposal to construct a garage linked to the house at the rear of the application site and demolition of of existing outbuilding.
-------------	------------------------------------------------	-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------

YSTRADGYNLAIS TOWN COUNCIL
CYNGOR TREF YSTRADGYNLAIS

P/2018/0223

Mr S. Bratton
Heol Saint Cynog
Ystradgynlais

Outline –erection of one residential dwelling

Resolved: No observation

4.0 Miscellaneous

4.1 Pre application consultation procedure

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

Resolved: To offer concerns regarding the surface water drainage and the need to attenuate due to local flooding problems. In addition to request that the developer considers a financial contribution to the development of Coronation Park as a planning gain.

4.2 Subject: Neath Port Talbot County Borough Council – Local Development Plan. Notification of Consultation on Draft Supplementary Planning Guidance

Dear Sir/Madam

You are receiving this email because you are currently listed as a stakeholder consultee with regard to Neath Port Talbot's LDP process.

Following the adoption of the LDP, the Council is consulting on a number of *draft* Supplementary Planning Guidance (SPG).

Selective use of SPG is a means of setting out more detailed topic or site specific guidance on the way in which policies of the LDP will be applied in particular circumstances or areas. While only policies in the LDP have special status in the determination of planning applications, SPG may be taken into account as a material consideration in the decision making process.

The two SPG subject of consultation include those relating to **Landscape and Seascape** and **Biodiversity and Geodiversity**. The SPG, together with additional supporting information, will be available to view or download from the Council's website at www.npt.gov.uk/ldp and printed copies will be available on request.

Comments (or *representations*) can either be submitted directly online or on a Representation Form which is available on request or to download from the Council's website: www.npt.gov.uk/ldp

The consultation period will run for 6 weeks, starting at **midday on Thursday 1st March** and ending at **midday on Thursday 12th April 2018**. **Representations received after the deadline will not be accepted.**

Comments received as a result of consultation will be considered by the Council's Regeneration and Sustainable Development Cabinet Board, together with any amendments needed to the documents. Once approved, the documents will be adopted and published as SPG alongside the Council's LDP.

If you would like the information in this email in an alternative format, or if you would like further information, then please contact the LDP team either by e-mail on ldp@npt.gov.uk or by phone on **(01639) 686821**.

Nicola Pearce - Head of Planning and Public Protection

Resolved : To note the Supplementary Planning Guidance consultation.

J.G. Jones - Technical Adviser