



**CYNGOR TREF
YSTRADGYNLAIS
TOWN COUNCIL**

**Ordinary Meetings of the Council held at the Welfare Hall on
Thursday 7th June 2018 at 6.30p.m.**

**Present : Councillor Tristan Davies , Chairman,
Councillors D Lewis, R Millington, E Evans,
R Lock, M Donnelly, W Thomas,
A Williams, Ms R Phillips, N Craddock,
M Evans.**

27. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE.

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors L Evans, A Davies, C Nickels and G Davies

28. MINUTES

a) Resolved that the Minutes of the Councils meetings held on the 3rd May 2018 be confirmed as an accurate record and signed by the Chairman.

b) Resolved that the Minutes of the Management Sub Committee meetings of 23 April and 30th May 2018 be confirmed as accurate records and signed by the Chairman.

c) The recommendations contained in the Management Sub Committee minutes of the 23rd April and 30th May were received together with correspondence from the Powys County Council

regarding the potential financial liabilities and other staffing problems to the Town Council should it withdraw from the of the Powys County council Superannuation Scheme. Cllr Millington had prepared a presentation to the Town Council following the discussions, which had taken place at these meetings. Also the Technical Adviser submitted his resignation letter to the Council and indicated that he would be terminating on the 31st August 2018, but would agree to extend this date to December 2018 in order to undertake and assist in the recruitment process to the new post and to induct the new employee into the work of the Technical Adviser to the Town Council. Also a substantial amount of paper work / documentation would need to be handed over to the new employee in this connection. The Town Council had received a figure of £4,135 from the Powys Pension Department, which related to the capital cost of the early release of pension entitlements. The Town Council considered covering this cost for the Technical Adviser in return for undertaking and assisting the Town Council in the recruitment process.

Resolved that:

- a) A meeting be convened as soon as possible with the Pensions manager on the pension situation and possible liabilities associated with withdrawal from the Scheme and to discuss staffing equality issues with regard to the provision of a Pension Scheme for the Town Council.

- b) The presentation proposed by Cllr Millington be deferred and placed on the agenda of a future meeting of the Town Council to be arranged after the full facts and accurate costing's associated with the staffing review be ascertained.

- c) The Town Council as the Employer covers the full capital cost of early retirement in the sum of £4135 for the Technical Adviser in recognition of the additional work he would be undertaking as described above. The period of assistance would extend to December 2018.

29. INTERNAL AUDIT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31st MARCH 2018

Confirmation was received from the Town Councils Internal Auditor that all the prescribed tests in relation to the Councils internal control systems have been satisfactorily completed and as a result there are no matters to bring to the Councils attention on this occasion.

Resolved to note the position and accept the Internal Auditors report.

30. CHILD BURIAL FEES

A letter dated 11th May 2018 was received from the Powys County Council asking the Town Council to abide with e the Welsh Assembly directive and Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) not to charge burial fees with regard to children under the age of 18.

Resolved to agree to abide by the terms of the MOU and that the Powys County Council be advised accordingly.

31. ELECTORAL INFORMATION

The following electoral information had been received from the Powys County Council for forwarding to the Town Councils Auditors and relates to the number of electorates by Ward as at January 2017:

Abercrave	1,160
Cwmtwrch	1,566
Ynyscedwyn	1,775
Ystradgynlais	2,070

Resolved that the information be noted and circulated to all Council Members.

32. GUIDANCE ON POTENTIAL CONFLICT OF INTEREST

The Clerk referred to recent correspondence between Cllr Millington and Mr Tim Case of Triumph Motorcycles regarding the above matter. Cllr Millington having due regard to the concerns expressed had given a full and detailed answer to the Triumph representative on his position in relation to the concerns expressed in the correspondence. The Town Council noted the information.

33. YSTRADGYNLAIS YOUTH CLUB.

Further to Minute 20 of the Town Councils meeting on the 3rd May the Chairman reported that some progress had been made in relation to the proposed transfer of the premises to the Ystradgynlais Community Regeneration Group on a licence basis. A meeting had been held with Powys County Council on the matter and that the closing date had been extended to the 31st August 2018 for more detailed considerations and discussions to take place. Town Council to be updated on the position as discussions continue.

34. PROVISION OF LITTER BINS.

The Town Council discussed at length the provision and emptying of the litterbins. The Cwmtwrch Ward members expressed concern over the failure of Powys County Council to provide an adequate number of street litterbins in the area.

Resolved that each ward identifies areas where litter was creating a problem and that these areas be further discussed with the Area Inspector of Powys County Council.

35. PAYMENT OF ACCOUNTS

Resolved that the accounts as detailed in be paid.

36. YSTRADGYNLAIS RECREATIONAL GROUNDS

The Town Council received an updated report from the Councils representatives on the Steering Committee tasked with the work involved with regards to the renewal of the lease arrangements for the Recreational Grounds at Ystradgynlais. The Group had met with the agents dealing with the land and discussed proposed future rental arrangements for the grounds. A further meeting was to be arranged in the near future with Powys County Council Officers in attendance to clarify the rental and valuation figures received.

Resolved to note the content of the Members report.

37. DATA PROTECTION BILL.

The Clerk advised work was continuing in relation to the Town Councils policy in response to the Data Protection legislation. Draft 'Privacy Notices' had been prepared which were discussed by the Members and had been posted on the Town Councils Website. The Privacy Notices incorporated explanatory details and information when personal data is used and likely to be collected. Further development work was required in developing the policy in line with legislative requirements.

38. INDEPENDENT REMUNERATION PANEL FOR WALES

The Town Council received a consultation document from the above panel proposing several changes in the remuneration of members of Community and Town Councils. The determinations affecting community and town councils fell into six categories as detailed in the consultation document. The Town Council considered the proposals.

Resolved that out of the six proposals the Town Council resolved to disagree with the proposal to allow for particular senior/demanding roles to be recognised- up to 5 posts at £500 pa.

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40. ELECTION OF VICE CHAIRMAN FOR THE TOWN COUNCIL

Councillor Wayne Thomas moved the following Notice of Motion:

‘That Annually at the Town Councils meeting in May of every year, nominations on a Ward rotational basis for the position of Vice Chairman shall be received and ratified by the Town Councils Annual meeting. The appointed Vice Chairman shall automatically become the Chairman of the Town Council for the following Municipal Year’.

The above motion was considered at discussed at length with some Members of the view that the motion was too restrictive and that the Town Council would not have the option of a vote on the position should it feel it necessary.

On being put to the vote the motion was carried and it was resolved to incorporate the procedure in the Town Councils Standing Orders and would be included and ratified in the Town Councils Annual Meeting in May of 2019.

41. APPLICATIONS FOR FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE

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

Ystrad Jnr AFC - £400

Bethania Chapel	-	£300
Beulah Chapel	-	£300
1 st Ynyscedwyn Scouts	-	£300
Citizens Advice Bureau	-	**
Penrhos Allotments	-	£100
Penrhos Summer Playscheme	-	£200
Gurnos Playscheme	-	£200
Ystrad Welsh OAP	-	£200
Abercrave Senior OAP	-	£200
Joseph Herman Foundation	-	£300
Ystrad Welfare Grounds Assoc.	-	£500
Ystrad Ladies Bowls	-	£100
St Cynogs Church	-	£300
Ystrad Heritage Group	-	£400
Ystradgynlais Band	-	£400
Beulah Chapel	-	£300
Glantawe Theatre	-	£300
Discovering Ystradgynlais	-	£500

** Resolved that up to £500 in grant allowance be awarded to CAB Ystradgynlais for use at its local Office.

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:

Ainon Chapel Sisterhood	-	£100
Ystradgynlais Hard of Hearing	-	£300
Ystradgynlais Church Hall	-	£200
Ystradgynlais Leg Club	-	£200

42. YSTRADGYNLAIS MINERS WELFARE AND COMMUNITY HALL

The Town Council received an application from the above organisation for the release of the agreed capital grant in the sum of

£15,000 for the various work undertaken at the Ystradgynlais Miners Welfare Hall. A matching grant of £15,000 would then be obtained from the Powys County Council.

Resolved that the grant in the said some be released to the Ystradgynlais Miners Welfare Hall.

43. 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 be forwarded to the Powys County Council.

44. YSTRADGYNLAIS WELFARE HALL CARPARK.

NOTE : Cllr E Evans declared an interest in this item and left the room.

The Town Council received a copy of the Clerks report in relation to the above matter and accepted the following recommendation contained in the Management Sub Committee Minutes of the 30th May 2018:

‘Recommended that the report be approved and that further discussions take place with the Welfare Hall Board on the content.’

45. MEMBERS AND OFFICERS REPORTS.

a) The Clerk reported that during work that was being undertaken on the Welfare Hall flat roof a white material was discovered which could possibly have been asbestos. PHH Environmental was contacted immediately and samples taken the next day for asbestos fibre analysis. The Clerk acting as the project supervisor Work was

suspended for a few days until analysis results received. The results report indicated that no asbestos was detected and the Clerk authorised the roof work to recommence.

b) Cllr Meurig Evans reported that the Annual Report was being distributed to the community resident via Ward Councillors. Hopefully all copies will be distributed in the next few weeks.

c) Concern was expressed over the Welfare Hall Boards refusal to site the Cwmtwrch British Legion Cabinet in the Lesser Hall at the Ystradgynlais Welfare. Agreed that Cllr Lock reports the matter to the Board so that a formal agreement can be reached on the issue.

d) Cllr Wayne Thomas gave a detailed report with respect to the arrangements for the Dragon Bike Ride event through Cwmtwrch on Sunday 10th June. Arrangements noted.

e) Cllr N Craddock advised of the need to produce and update the rights of way maps for the area and maybe work in partnership with Discovering Ystradgynlais on the matter. Agreed that the Chairman approached the Group on the matter.

f) Cllr R Millington stated that in changing times that Town Council should in future meet every August and that this particular month should not be viewed as a recess period. It was noted that the majority of Central and local public Authorities went into a recess period for the whole month of August. The procedure with regard to the August recess period formed part of the Standing Orders of the Town Council.

Agreed that Cllr Millington writes formally to the Clerk for the matter to be placed on the Town Councils meetings agenda initially for consideration.

The meeting terminated at 10.00pm

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CYNGOR TREF YSTRADGYNLAIS

Planning matters considered by the Town Council on Thursday 7th June 2018.

1.0 Applications granted consent

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

P/2018/0204	Miss A. Kelly 2 Cwrt y Gamlas Ystradgynlais	Construction of a 1m high wall with eight pillars to support driveway gate, entrance gate and railings.
P/2018/0307	Ms Rees 18 Richmond Park Ystradgynlais	Erection of a single storey extension to the rear of the of the property.
P/2018/0331	Mr & Mrs Lloyd 59 Ynyscedwyn Road Ystradgynlais	Erection of a single storey extension and all associated works.
P/2018/0382	Mr & Mrs Harris 67 Cwmpil Road Cwmtwrch	Erection of a two storey extension.
P/2018/0410	Mr M .Bennett 258 Brecon Road Ystradgynlais	Conversion of ground floor from shop to residential, external alterations and removal of lobby, rear stairs and store room.
P/2018/0447	Mrs J Clancy 36 Ynyscedwyn Road Ystradgynlais	Proposed side extension with external finishes to match existing

2.0 Applications refused consent

From information posted on the Powys CC 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/2018/0504	Mr C. Thomas 16 Heol Giedd Ystradgynlais	Erection of a study and garage in garden area.
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Resolved: No observation.

P/2018/0493	Mr D. Watts 53 Ynyscedwyn Road Ystradgynlais	Proposed replacement dwelling.
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Resolved: No observation.

4.0 Miscellaneous

No matter to report.

J.G. Jones - Technical Adviser