



CYNGOR TREF YSTRADGYNLAIS TOWN COUNCIL

**Annual and Ordinary Meetings of the Council held at the Welfare Hall
on Thursday 3rd May 2018 at 6.30p.m.**

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

1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE.

Apologies for absence were received from Councillor Ms Rhiannon Phillips.

2. CHAIRMAN'S ADDRESS.

Before proceeding with the meeting, the Chairman Cllr Meurig Evans addressed the Council and thanked the Vice Chairman, all the Members of the Council and the Officers for their support, guidance and co-operation during his term of office and wished the incoming Chairman a successful year in office.

3. ELECTION OF CHAIRMAN.

Following a lengthy debate on the process and history behind the election of the Town Council Chairman the position was put to the vote following a change in the Ynyscedwyn Wards nomination for the position. In addition to the Vice Chairman Cllr A Davies a second nomination from the Ynyscedwyn Ward was put forward namely Cllr T Davies. The nominations received were put to the vote.

Resolved that Cllr T Davies be elected to the position of Chairman of the Town Council for the ensuing Municipal Year 2018/19.

4. VOTE OF THANKS TO THE CHAIRMAN.

The new Chairman and Council Members paid tribute and thanks to the manner and leadership that Councillor Meurig Evans had given to the Council during his term of office.

5. ELECTION OF VICE CHAIRMAN.

Resolved that Councillor W Thomas be elected as Vice- Chairman of the Council for the ensuing Municipal Year 2018/19.

6. COUNCIL STANDING ORDERS AND FINANCIAL REGULATIONS.

Resolved that the revised Standing Orders and Financial Regulations of the Council be reaffirmed with no amendments for the ensuing Municipal Year 2018/19. Copies of the said documentation had previously been circulated to all Member Councillors.

7. COUNCILS BANK ACCOUNT – CHEQUE SIGNATORIES.

Resolved that the Clerk and any other two Councillors be responsible for signing cheques on behalf of the Council. The following Councillors were approved as being signatories to the Councils bank account, namely, Councillors Mrs B Paulett, D Lewis T Davies, M Donnelly and M Evans.

8. APPOINTMENT OF COMMITTEES.

a) Planning Committee

Resolved that :-

- 1) A Planning Committee be established to include all Council Members with plenary powers to decide on observations to be submitted to the Powys County Council on planning applications.
- 2) Meetings of the Planning Committee to be convened as and when necessary during each month so that observations are submitted to the Powys County Council within the prescribed period and reports of the meetings be submitted to the next suitable meeting of the Council.
- 3) In the event of Members present at any meeting of the Planning Committee not being unanimous on the observations to be submitted, or when the application is of an important nature, then the application shall be submitted for consideration to the next meeting of the Council.
- 4) The Technical Adviser be responsible for receiving planning applications from

the Powys County Council, convening meetings of the Planning Committees, submitting observations to the County Council and report thereon to the next suitable meeting of the Council.

b) Ward Committees

Resolved that :-

1) Ward Committees shall be established to include all Council Ward Members for the following Wards:-

Ystradgynlais Ward	-	5 Members
Ynyscedwyn Ward	-	4 Members
Cwmtwrch Ward	-	4 Members
Abercrave Ward	-	3 Members

2) Ward Committees shall have plenary powers under the Councils Small Contract Scheme for path, parks and open space maintenance to:-

a) determine work programmes and estimated expenditure, and the submission thereof to the Council for approval in January of each year for the contract work to be undertaken in the next financial year.

b) carry out the works by engaging contractors identified on the Councils approved list, subject to a maximum expenditure per contract of £3,000.

c) allow any two of the Ward Members and the Clerk or Technical Adviser to issue, monitor, approve and sign the contract.

d) to inform the Council regarding the letting of a contract, the name of the contractor so that the Council can approve the payment of the contract.

c) Urgent Action

Resolved that the Chairman, Vice Chairman and Ward Members acting together be given plenary powers to deal with matters requiring urgent immediate action between the Councils Ordinary Meetings.

In addition, that where correspondence is received by the Town Clerk which is deemed to warrant investigation by the Chairman and Vice Chairman, then the Ward Members to which the correspondence relates would be contacted in order to provide a report to the next Ordinary Meeting of the Council in relation to the content of the correspondence.

d) Management Sub Committee

Resolved that :

a) The Membership of the Management Sub Committee shall consist of the Chairman of the Council and four Council Members, one from each Ward. Appointment on the sub Committee to be confirmed at the Annual Meeting of the Council held normally in May of every Municipal Year.

b) The Chairman of the Sub Committee shall be appointed annually each year at the first meeting of the Management Sub Committee following the Councils Annual Meeting.

c) A quorum for any meeting of the Sub Committee shall be at least four Council Members. Should the appointed Council Member be unavailable for any reason to attend a meeting of the Sub Committee then the Ward Chairman or in his/her absence the Ward Vice Chairman be authorised to appoint a substitute within the Ward to attend the said meeting.

d) Each Member of the Sub Committee shall have one vote apart from the Chairman who in addition to his/her normal vote shall also have a casting vote in a situation where there is an equal number of votes on an issue.

e) The main purpose of the Sub Committee will be to assist the Council in the discharge of its services to the community and also to deal with relevant financial and staffing issues.

f) The power of the Sub Committee will be limited in that no direct decisions are taken on the issues addressed and it will be the responsibility of the Sub Committee to make recommendations to the Council on all issues. The Sub –

Committee will also undertake a monitoring role on behalf of the Council on certain functions as required such as project management, financial control issues relating to the Councils accounts.

g) Examples of other areas of work that the Council may discharge to the Sub Committee will include:

Personnel/Training, Health and Safety, Project Monitoring
Accounts Monitoring, Welfare Hall Matters

The above list is not exhaustive and the Council may from time to time allocate other specific work to the Sub Committee as deemed appropriate.

h) in addition to the Chairman of the Council the Ward appointed Members on this Sub Committee for the Municipal Year 2018/19 shall be Councillors R Millington, Ms Rhiannon Phillips, G Davies and W Thomas.

9. REPRESENTATIVES ON OUTSIDE BODIES.

Resolved that the Council be represented on the under mentioned outside bodies by the following Members :

One Voice Wales	Cllrs W Thomas & M Evans
Ystrad Welfare & Community Hall	Cllrs R Millington & R Lock
Cwmtwrch Welfare Association	Cllr N Craddock, Cllr W Thomas Observer.
Ystrad Volunteer Service	Cllr N Craddock, A Davies.
Tick Tock Community Bowls	Cllrs T Davies & G Davies
Nant Helen Open Cast Liaison Comm.	Cllr E Evans & M Evans
Brecon Disabled Access Group	Cllr D Lewis & A Williams.
Ystrad Focus on Health Committee	Cllr M Donnelly
Discover Ystradgynlais	Cllr M Evans.
Recreational Grounds Steering Committee	Cllrs W Thomas & T Davies
Ystradgynlais Community Regeneration Group	Cllrs T Davies & M Donnelly.

10.. CHAIRMAN'S ALLOWANCE.

Resolved that the Chairman receives an allowance of £3,000 for the Municipal Year 2018/2019.

11. ANNUAL SUBSCRIPTIONS.

Resolved that requests for the payment of annual subscriptions be considered as and when received.

NOTE: The Annual Meeting of the Council terminated at 7.25 p.m. following which the Council proceeded with the Ordinary Meeting of the Council.

12. MINUTES

Resolved that the Minutes of the Councils meeting held on the 5th April 2018 be confirmed as an accurate record and signed by the Chairman. A report was received regarding the Management Sub Committee meeting held on the 23rd April. A further continuation meeting had been arranged for the 30th May 2018.

13. DATA PROTECTION BILL.

The Clerk advised that a substantial amount of correspondence had been received with respect to the above matter. The updated position was that the Government had recently tabled an amendment to the Data Protection Bill to exempt all community and town councils in Wales from the requirement to appoint a Data Protection Officer under the General Data Protection Regulations. However the Government had confirmed that all other measures will still apply and that appointing a Data Protection Officer to support a Councils approach will be discretionary and may be regarded as good practice.

Resolved to note the position and to await future updates on the position.

14. NATIONAL ASSOCIATION 2018 - 2020 NATIONAL SALARY AWARD

The Town Council received copies of the recently agreed National Pay Award. The agreement entailed a 2% annual award for 2018/19 and a further 2% increase for 2019/20. The Agreement to be applied to staffing salaries backdated to 1 April 2018.

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An e mail dated 25 April 2018 seeking the Town Councils permission to include its Coat of Arms on the banners to be displayed at the above event which is to be held at the end of May of this year. Agreed that permission be granted for the said purpose.

16. WILD COMMUNITIES (BRECKNOCK WILDLIFE TRUST).

An application was received from the above Trust to use the Coronation Park to hold a small event in the park for old and new geocachers. Suitable equipment would be erected on site for the event and the Council received a copy of the Trusts public liability insurance.

Resolved that permission be granted.

17. INDEPENDENT REVIEW PANEL

An e mail was received from the Independent Review Panel in relation to the current review being undertaken into the future role of community and town councils. The Panel was looking to seek more views from members of the public on this subject matter and were seeking all councils to open its doors to the public on the 24th May to collect views from the community. The Town Council members discussed the position and decided it was not possible to arrange such an event at such short notice.

18. ACCOUNTS TO YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2018.

The Town Council received a detailed report from the Clerk in relation to the Accounting Statements and Annual Return for the above accounting year, which had been prepared by the Clerk. Papers had now been referred to the Councils Internal Auditor for examination. Also the arrangements regarding the advertising and public access to the accounts had been received from the Town Councils External Auditor.

Resolved that the above-mentioned documents received by the Town Council be approved and signed by the Chairman, Vice Chairman and Clerk. The arrangements agreed for conducting the audit of the Town Councils accounts were noted.

19. PATH 54 – PROVISION OF A PUBLIC SEAT.

The Abercrave Ward advised of the need to replace a broken seat on path 54. The Abercrave Ward placed the original seat at this location about 20 years ago.

Resolved that plenary powers be given to the Abercrave Ward Members to issue a contract for replacing this public seat.

20. YSTRADGYNLAIS YOUTH CLUB.

Further to Minute 212 of the Town Councils meeting on the 5th April the Chairman reported that very little progress had been made in relation to the proposed transfer of the premises to the Ystradgynlais Community Regeneration Group. No licence had been signed to date due to problems with the work required to be undertaken to the building. Town Council to be updated on progress by the Chairman.

21. PROVISION OF LITTER BINS.

The Town Council discussed at length the provision and emptying of the litterbins

located at footpath 110a and the skateboard park. Various solutions were discussed and it was acknowledged that whoever had the contract for emptying the bins would need a special licence to collect and tip this commercial waste.

Resolved that the Powys County Council and Mathew Thomas be asked to provide quotations for the service.

22. PAYMENT OF ACCOUNTS

Resolved that the accounts as detailed in be paid.

23. YSTRADGYNLAIS MINERS WELFARE AND COMMUNITY HALL

The Town council received an application from the above organisation for the release of the first grant instalment for this financial year and the allocated grant for the community arts project at the Welfare Hall. A monitoring and financial report was received in support of the application was received and considered by the Town Council.

Resolved that:

a) The first grant instalment of £10,000 and the allocated community arts grant of £2000 be released to the Welfare Hall.

b) The Hall Manager be invited to address the Town Council on the end of year accounts for the Welfare Hall after publication.

24. POSSIBLE TRANSFER OF COMMON LAND TO THE TOWN COUNCIL

Further to Minute 214 of the Town Councils meeting on the 5th April an e mail was received from Mr Evans CME Ltd with regards to the proposal which involved the transfer of common land to the Town Council so that access may be obtained to the Coronation Park. Following the meeting held on the 11th April with the Powys County Council and a local farm owner Mr Evans had decided to withdraw the offer previously made to the Town Council in this connection and also asked as to the Town Councils intention with regard to the fence boundary and the work needed to the Japanese knotweed. Discussions also took place with respect to the established right of way in this vicinity namely Path 51 as an alternative access into Coronation Park and the need possibly to clear and re-establish this right of way.

Resolved to note the position with regard to the withdrawal of the common land offer and on the other matters the Clerk to advise Mr Evans that the Town Council will enter into a joint venture with Mr Evans to eradicate the knotweed

growing in the vicinity of the boundary dependant on costs. With regard to the repair of the boundary fencing it seems from the Town Councils land deeds that this is the responsibility of Mr Evans and that he be advised accordingly of this position.

25. 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.

26. MEMBERS AND OFFICERS REPORTS.

a) The Cwmtwrch Ward and the Clerk gave a detailed report regarding a further landslip that occurred on Tuesday 1st may at the Twrch River opposite the George IV pub at Upper Cwmtwrch. The incident has resulted in footpath 102 being closed and the Clerk had reported the incident the matter to the NRA Agency. Agreed to monitor the position.

b) Cllr I Evans that he had attended the planning meeting on behalf of the Town Council on the 3rd may in relation to the solar farm at the Brynhenllys site. Request had been made to secure a bond on the development and that a 106 planning application for community benefits should be placed on the application if approved. The bond observation would be further pursued but the 106 planning application was refused. Report noted.

c) Cllr L Evans reported on the problem at the junction between paths 101 and 84 at Upper Cwmtwrch where old Celtic Energy drainage pipes had been exposed on the bank of the River Gwys. Cllr Evans advised that he would be taking the matter up with the local County Councillor in the first instance.

d) Following a site meeting by the Ynyscedwyn Ward Members regarding the fence line at the rear of the Touratech it was agreed that in addition to the previous conditions a fee of £5000 should be levied on the company in relation to the land concerned.

e) Following a complaint approval was given to the Chairman to engage Mathew Thomas, Contractor to cut back the overgrowth on the boundary fence at the Diamond Park.

f) The Clerk advised the Council of the letter received from a local resident regarding the tourism initiatives undertaken by Neath Port Talbot CBC in the Swansea valley area. Information noted.

The meeting terminated at 9.20pm

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Planning matters considered by the Town Council on Thursday 3rd May 2018.

1.0 Applications granted consent

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

P/2018/0198	Mr R. Rees 25 Heol Tredeg Cwmtwrch	Proposal to construct a garage linked to the house at the rear of the application site and demolition of existing outbuilding.
DIS/2018/0001	Mr & Mrs Harris Land to the rear of Golwg y Maes Glyncynwal Road Cwmtwrch	Discharge of condition 4, 5 and 6 of planning approval P/2017/0893
DIS /2018/0011	Arquiva Ltd Cwmtwrch RFC Heol Gwys Cwmtwrch	Discharge of condition 4 of planning approval P/2017/0882

2.0 Applications refused consent

From information posted on the Powys County Council web the following application has been refused consent.

P/2017/0661	Crunch DMC Ltd 74-76 Commercial Street Ystradgynlais	Two storey extension with all associated works Ground floor to comprise of a coffee shop, and first floor as offices.
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Note: Concern was expressed by members that despite the undertaking of flood protection works a number of planning applications have now been refused on the southern bank of the River Tawe due to flooding concerns.

3.0 Applications for consideration

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

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.
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Resolved: No observation

P/2018/0447	Mrs J Clancy 36 Ynyscedwyn Road Ystradgynlais	Proposed side extension with external finishes to match existing
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Resolved: No observation

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P/2018/0382 Mr & Mrs Harris Erection of a two storey extension.
67 Cwmpfil Road
Cwmtwrch

Resolved: No observation

P/2018/0373 Watree Homes Demolition of dwellinghouse and construction of ten
Land at 89 Gorof Road detached dwellinghouses, formation of vehicular access
Gurnos road and all associated works.

Resolved: No observation

P/2018/0397 Mr & Mrs Broadbent Erection of a two storey extension and all associated
Rhiwlas works
8 Llys Tawel
Ystradgynlais

Resolved: No observation

P/2018/0390 Mr G .Jones Erection of a new dwelling
Land off Bryn Road
Bryn Road
Ystradgynlais

Resolved: No observation

4.0 Miscellaneous – POWYS LDP

Following the conclusion of the Examination in Public of the Powys LDP and the receipt of the Inspector's Report, Powys County Council adopted the LDP on the 17th April 2018 and it became operative immediately.

Copies of the adopted LDP, the Adoption Statement and all other accompanying documents (ED097) including the Inspector's Report (ED096) can be found on the Powys County Council web-site.

Copies of the adopted LDP and Adoption Statement have been placed in the four main Council offices and in all Powys public libraries. The Environmental Report has been placed in the four main Council offices.

The adopted LDP replaces the former Powys Unitary Development Plan, 2010.

A six week period commenced on the 17th April to allow possible challenges to be made to the validity of the LDP in accordance with Section 113 of the Planning and Compulsory Purchase Act 2004.

Resolved: To note the position regarding the LDP.

J.G. Jones - Technical Adviser