



**CYNGOR TREF
YSTRADGYNLAIS
TOWN COUNCIL**

**Ordinary Meeting of the Council held at the Welfare Hall on Thursday
6th September 2018 at 6.00p.m.**

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

62. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE.

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors A Davies, M Evans, Mrs B Paulett, C Nickels and G Davies.

63. MINUTES.

Resolved that the Minutes of the Town Council meeting held on the 5th July 2018 be confirmed as an accurate record and signed by the Chairman.

64. CITIZEN ADVICE BUREAU.

Further to Minute 49 of the Town Councils meeting on the 5th July it was reported that the local CAB Office had requested that

the Town Council grant award be forwarded directly to the CAB at Brecons central office and which would then be redirected as payment towards additional room rental bookings at the Welfare Hall, Ystradgynlais. Members were of the view that this arrangement did not comply with the Councils decision in this respect, which included an assurance that the grant money in total would be paid directly to the Welfare Hall by the Town Council. It was therefore **resolved** that this alternative arrangement requested be declined and that the grant would have to be paid directly to the Ystradgynlais Welfare Hall to manage and monitor.

65. DATE OF OCTOBER MEETING.

Resolved that the following changes to Town Council meeting be agreed for the forthcoming Municipal year.

- a) The date for the October Town Council meeting be changed to Tuesday 2nd October 2018.
- b) The venue for the November meeting of the Town Council be changed to the Cwmtwrch Welfare Hall.
- c) The venue of the January 2019 meeting be changed to the Abercrave Welfare Hall.

66. PAYMENT OF ACCOUNTS

Resolved that the accounts as detailed in Appendix 1 be paid

67. DRAFT DATA PROTECTION POLICY

The Town Council received a copy of the draft Security and Confidentiality Policy in relation to the above Act of Parliament the content of which was discussed and considered by the Town Council.

Resolved that

- a) The Town Council adopts the Security and Confidentiality Policy without amendment.

b) The Data Protection duties as detailed in the act be a collective responsibility of the Town Council as a whole.

68. INDEPENDENT REVIEW PANEL ON COMMUNITY AND TOWN COUNCILS IN WALES.

The Town Council received a copy of the outline findings and recommendations of the above review panel the content of which was discussed and noted by the Town Council members.

69. BUDGET MONITORING REPORT.

Town Council Members received a copy of the Clerks report in relation to the above matter for the period between 1 April 2018 to 12 July 2018. Content noted.

70. ANNUAL MANAGEMENT RISK ASSESSMENT REVIEW 2018/19

The Town Council received and considered in detail the following documentation in relation to the above matter:

- a) Details with regard to the Town Councils insurance policy/schedule with Zurich Insurance.
- b) Risk Assessment Report for the financial year 1 April 2018 to 31 March 2019.
- c) Minor Works Contracts – Risk Assessments.- Revised document for 2017/18.

The Town Council considered and reviewed the contents of the above documentation.

Resolved that the Town Council confirms its satisfaction with the above stated insurance and risk assessment reports and was of the opinion that all the potential risks that the Council could conceivably be subjected and exposed to during the financial year had been adequately identified and covered within these documents.

71. CWMTWRCH MINERS WELFARE HALL.

A letter dated 7th August was received from the Chairman of the above Welfare Hall seeking the release of the revenue grant funding afforded to the Hall for this financial year. A discussion ensued on the application and some Members were of the option that further information was required in relation to the maintenance and improvement works undertaken at the Hall. Other Members were satisfied with detail of information contained in the letter. It was proposed that by Councillor Craddock that the grant allocation in the sum of £5000 be released to the Hall Committee with immediate effect. An amendment was proposed that further information on the content of the letter be sought prior to the release of any grant money.

On being put to the vote **it was resolved** that the proposal be accepted and consequently it was agreed that the grant allocation to the Hall in the sum of £5000 for this financial year be released forthwith.

72. PROPOSED ASSET TRANSFER – LAND AT THE GORSEDD PARK, YSTRADGYNLAIS

A letter dated 22nd August 2018 was received from the Powys County Council seeking the Town Councils decision in relation to the above matter. The Clerk reminded Council members of the position and the need to finalise its decision with regards to this asset transfer proposal.

Following a lengthy discussion on the matter it was **resolved** not to accept the offer of an asset transfer from the Powys County Council with respect to the aforementioned land. Also it was agreed that the electricity supply contract with SWALEC be transferred to the Powys County Council.

73. CELTIC ENERGY – NANT HELEN OPENCAST SITE.

An e mail and attached enclosures were received from the above organization advising that it would be beneficial to commence meetings with Town and Community Councils as Celtic Energy begins to wind down its coaling operations in the area. It was proposed that 6 monthly meeting be arranged in this regard with the

Town and Community Councils in the area. Following consideration of the proposals the Town Council was of the view that the meetings proposed be held on a quarterly basis in order to keep the local resident informed on a more frequent basis and that six members from the Town Council be nominated to the Committee namely three Abercrave Ward Members and one member from each of the other three Wards.

74. BRECKNOCK PLAY NETWORK.

An application was received from the above to hold up to 12 family fun sessions at the Diamond Park commencing in 2019. The aim is to encourage families to come and join together in fun activities. Possibly 10 to 15 families will be attending.

Resolved that approval be granted subject to the organization having the necessary public liability insurance for the event. A copy of which is to be checked and forwarded to the Council.

75. GENERAL CORRESPONDENCE.

The Town Council received the following correspondence the contents of which were noted.

a) Notification was received from the Councils banking providers that it would no longer be providing the returned cheque facility as from the 28th September 2018. In future they would be stored digitally.

b) E mail dated 22 July 2018 complimenting the Town Council in relation to the hard work that had gone into the improvements to Ystradgynlais Tow Centre. People were now using and coming to visit the Town Centre on a regular basis.

c) E mail received from a local resident enquiring about erecting a memorial for his late grandmother on town Council premises. Agreed that further information be obtained on the matter.

d) Scheduled inspection reports were received from the Town Councils Insurers with respect to the three parks owned by the Council minor repairs were recommended and it was agreed to seek advice from the Powys County Council regarding the provision of a disabled access facility to Caerbont Park.

76. WORLD WAR PLAQUES/ BRITISH LEGION CABINET

An e mail was received from the Ystradgynlais Welfare Hall Manager stating that the Board would be removing the World War memorial plaques which were currently on public display in the Welfare Hall foyer in December of this year.

Resolved that the Town Councils representatives on the Welfare Hall Board convey the Councils objection to the removal of the World War commemorative plaques from the Welfare Hall foyer at the next meeting of the Board. Also clarification to be sought at that meeting regarding the siting of the Cwmtwrch British Legion cabinet in the Welfare Hall premises

77. STAFFING REVIEW

Public Bodies (Admissions to Meetings) Act 1960.

Resolved that by virtue of the provisions of Section 1(2) of the above Act, the public and press be excluded during the discussions of the following business on the grounds that publicity would be prejudicial to the public interest by reason of the confidential nature of the business to be transacted.

a) The Clerk reported that the temporary arrangements had been put in place to cover health and safety inspections and planning applications.

b) Resolved that a further Management Sub Committee meeting be convened to further consider the updated information received from the Powys County Council in relation to the actual exit fee that the Town Council would be subject to if it left the Powys County Council Superannuation Scheme.

NOTE : Cllr E Evans declared an interest in this matter and left the meeting.

78. TRIUMPH PUBLIC MEETING 12 JUNE – ABERCRAVE WELFARE HALL.

Further to Minute 56 of the Town Councils meeting on the 5th July a lengthy discussion took place with regards to the site meeting that took place with Triumph representatives in June and also to the differing Member opinions and disagreements with regard to the outcome of public meeting held at the Abercrave Welfare Hall on the 12th June on this subject matter. Concern was expressed by the Abercrave Ward Members who were of the opinion that the public meeting gave its support to the proposal and Cllr Millington's view that only 20% of those present supported the venture. Position noted.

79. MEMBERS AND OFFICERS REPORTS.

a) Cllr Millington informed the Council of a pamphlet which was being circulated in the Town where the Powys County Council were offering various company type services to the local the local traders. A private services event was to be held at Ystradgynlais on the 20th September to promote this service to the community and local traders.

b) Cllr Craddock reported on the good work that the Wildlife Trust were carrying out in the Cwmtwrch Ward but were disappointed to hear of the proposed cutbacks to this service in the future. Final proposal for the service were to be published in about a months time.

c) Cllr Craddock reported that due to family commitments he had to tender his resignation as the Town Councils representative on the Ystradgynlais Volunteer Service.

Resolved that Councillor Craddock be thanked for his work as the Town Councils representative and that the vacancy be placed on the agenda of the next Town Council meeting.

d) Cllr Thomas Asked if the local branch of the British legion could be contacted on what commemorative events were planned locally with regard to the en of the First World War.

e) Cllr Thomas updated the Town Council on the plans with regard to the installation of the Mining memorial in Lower Cwmtwrch. The Town Council would probably be asked to lease an area of land in this regard so that the plans for the area near the Ffordd y Glowyr School could be achieved.

f) Cllr Leighton Evans reported on the problem of Knotweed at the rear of Cwmtwrch Welfare Hall and advised that he would be seeking assurances from the Hall Committee that its eradication from the area would be dealt with.

g) Cllr Leighton Evans reminded the Council of the problems with the landslip in the Gwys River. Simon Crowther Land Drainage Officer to be contacted regarding the problem.

h) Cllr Davies, Chairman reported on the presentation that he had given recently to members of Aion chapel on the work of the Town Council.

The meeting terminated at 8.50pm