



**CYNGOR TREF
YSTRADGYNLAIS
TOWN COUNCIL**

**Ordinary Meeting of the Council held at the Welfare Hall on Tuesday
2nd October 2018 at 6.30p.m.**

**Present : Councillor Tristan Davies , Chairman,
Councillors Mrs B Paulett, E Evans, G Davies,
N Craddock, L Evans, A Williams,
W Thomas, M Evans, R Lock**

80. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE.

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors A Davies,
C Nickels, R Millington and Ms R Phillips.

81. MINUTES.

Resolved that the Minutes of the Town Council meeting held on the
6th September 2018 be confirmed as an accurate record and signed by
the Chairman.

MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES.

82. YSTRADGYNLAIS VOLUNTEER SERVICE.

Further to Minute 76 c) of the Town Councils meeting on the 6th
September 2018 it was resolved that Councillor G Davies be
appointed as the Town Councils representative on the Ystradgynlais
Volunteer Services Committee.

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

Further to Minute 72 of the Town Councils meeting on the 6th September the Clerk reported that a renewal contract agreement had been received from SSE the electricity provider for the Gorsedd Park, Ystradgynlais. It was agreed that as an interim arrangement the Town Council retains responsibility and payment for the service until such time as the transfer arrangements can be agreed with the Powys County Council or any other organization that takes on the responsibility for the Gorsedd Park.

84. WORLD WAR PLAQUES/ BRITISH LEGION CABINET

Further to Minute 76 of the Town Councils meeting on the 6th September reports were received from members in relation to discussions that had taken place with representatives from the Welfare Hall on the siting of the above items on the Welfare Hall premises. Following consideration of the position it was agreed that Councillor R Lock raises the matters with the Hall Board at its meeting on the 4th October and report back to the Council on the matters raised.

85. TRIUMPH MEETING 26 OCTOBER 2018 – WOODLANDS BUSINESS PARK.

Further to Minute 78 of the Town Councils meeting on the 6th September 2018 the Clerk advised that a further meeting regarding the fence line at the above location had been arranged for Friday 26th October 2018 at 10.30 am at the Touratech premises. The Head of Customer Services from Triumph would be attending with Ynyscedwyn Ward Members the Chairman and Vice Chairman.

86. PAYMENT OF ACCOUNTS

Resolved that the accounts as detailed in Appendix 1 be paid.

87. RECREATIONAL GROUNDS – FUTURE LEASE ARRANGEMENT.

The Chairman and Cllr W Thomas updated the Council on the above matter following a recent meeting with the land owners. It was noted that further discussions would be taking place once the Powys County Council had received the District Valuers permission for the content of the report and valuation to be released for discussion with the landowners. Resolved to note the current position.

88. PROBATION SERVICE – GRASS MAINTENANCE ASSISTANCE.

The Chairman advised of discussions that had taken place with regards to the above matter with a representative from the Probation Service. The service would be in addition to the current contracts which were in being with the Town Council with regard to grass maintenance work.. The proposal entailed the purchasing of two industrial type strimmers.

Resolved that the offer be approved in principle and that the Chairman obtains further information regarding the annual maintenance and fuel costs.

89. CWMTWRCH WELFARE HALL.

Town Council Members received a copy of the Statement of Accounts for the Year Ended 31 December 2017. Concern was expressed by Cllr L Evans that only about £2500 in capital maintenance had been spent by the Committee in relation to the significant grants afforded by the Town Council over this period. The AGM meeting of the Hall on the 12th September reflected this point. Town Councillors were of the opinion that the funding for the Hall was an important financial contribution to keep these Miners Community Halls open to the public. Resolved to note the position.

90. YSTRADGYNLAIS MINERS WELFARE AND COMMUNITY HALL.

a) A letter dated 21 September 2018 was received from the Welfare Hall Board requesting release of the 2nd instalment grant of £10,000. Financial and performance reports were received for the Town Councils consideration.

Resolved that a grant in the sum stated above be released to the Ystradgynlais Welfare Hall.

b) Capital Planning – A request for a Partnership Meeting was received from the Hall Board in order to discuss capital work requirement for the financial year 2019 /20. Agreed to accede to the request and that the Councils Management Sub Committee meet with Hall representatives in November. Chair and Vice to arrange.

c) Town Council Members received a copy of the existing lease arrangement with the Hall Board for information. Content noted.

91. YSTRADGYNLAIS TOWN CENTRE PUBLIC CONVENIENCE

An e-mail dated 1st October was received from the Ystradgynlais Amenity and Convenience Association seeking release of part of the grant money allocated to keep the public conveniences open in the Town.

Resolved that a grant of £1000 be allocated to the Association for the purpose stated.

92. APPLICATIONS FOR FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE.

Applications for financial assistance were received from the following organisations:

- a) Ystradgynlais Volunteer Service
- b) Cor y Gyrlais
- c) Cor Dathlu Cwmtawe Male Voice

The Town Council considered the position with regard to the above applications and **resolved** to reject consideration of the said applications as they all were received after the determined closing date, which for this financial year was in May 2018. Applicants to be reminded of the detail contained in the Town Councils small grants policy in this regard.

93. TOWN CLOCK - MAINTENANCE CONTRACT.

Correspondence was received from Smith and Derby in relation to the renewal of the maintenance contract with regard to the above.

The renewal price for a five-year contract period amounted to £973 plus Vat and the annual contract price renewal was £217 plus Vat.

Following consideration **it was resolved** that an annual contract be accepted in relation to the maintenance of the Town Clock with Smith and Derby Clockmakers.

94. SKATEBOARD PARK PENRHOS

An e-mail was received with regard to the litter problem at the above Park. Also concern was expressed over the fact that part of one ramp was loose. There was also a need to purchase a new larger litterbin for the site.

Resolved that the Ystradgynlais Ward be given plenary powers to deal with the litter and maintenance problems as described.

95. TOWN COUNCIL ACCOUNTS TO YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2018.

A letter dated 28th September 2018 was received from the Town Councils auditors enclosing the certified Annual Return for Ystradgynlais Town Council for the year ended 31 March 2018. It was noted that the Chairman had not initialled the Annual Return. Amendments regarding an unrepresented cheque needed to be made and the Council should restate the 2018 figures on next years Annual Return.

Resolved that the amendments be agreed and that the Notice of Conclusion of Audit be placed in the Councils Notice Board and Website as soon as possible.

96. REMEMBRANCE DAY PARADE 2018.

Notification was received from the Royal British Legion, Ystradgynlais detailing the arrangements for this year's parade which will take place on Sunday 11th November 2017. Also on Saturday the 10th November there will be a short service and a 2 Minute silence at the Cross, Ystradgynlais. The Chairman of the Council would be laying a wreath on behalf of the Town Council at the Cenotaph on the 11th November.

Resolved to note the arrangements.

97. RECREATIONAL AREAS – DOG BANNING ORDERS.

Notification was received from the Powys County Council with regards to the introduction of 'Dog Banning Orders to cover certain recreational areas e.g. Children play areas etc. owned by the County Council. The Scheme would be extended to Town and Community Council play areas in the near future. Each Town Council Ward were requested to determine a list of areas where such a banning order would be welcomed.

98. KEY PERSON COVER.

Cllr Wayne Thomas advised of the issues which had been considered at the recent One voice wales meeting that he had attended. One important issue discussed related to the above matter and the need to take insurance cover out to cover any staff illnesses and where instant assistance would be required in order that the Council could continue providing the local services that it was responsible for within the community. Further information was awaited from One Voice Wales on this particular subject matter.

99. 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.

Management Sub Committee Members gave an updated report to the Town Council on the superannuation position. It was agreed that Cllr W Thomas obtains further information and advice be from One Voice Wales on the matter. The Chairman to arrange a meeting of the Sub Committee as soon as possible on the matter.

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

100. PLANNING APPLICATIONS.

The Town Council received a planning report in relation to applications received from the Powys County Council.

Resolved that the observations as detailed be forwarded to the Powys County Council.

101. MEMBERS AND OFFICERS REPORTS.

a) Cllr Wayne 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. The £2k allocated in the budget would be spent landscaping the area.

b) Cllr Nigel Craddock asked if the Dyfed Powys police could be invited to attend a future Town Council meeting in order to explain as to what channels they would like the public to use to report incidents. Agreed that Councillor Craddock contact the police directly on the enquiry in the first instance and report back to the Council on the matter.

c) Cllr Nigel Craddock advised that he would be contacting the Powys County Council with a view to inviting a representative from the Homelessness Department to address the Town Council on the various issues in relation to how such matters are dealt with within the Powys County Councils electoral area.

d) Cllr E Evans reported on a site meeting at Caerbont park that took place with Mr S Butcher on the 26th September regarding a disabled /wheelchair access to the park . Agreed that costs be obtained for the installation work from Mathew Thomas. Ward to approve the works dependent on costs in conjunction with the Clerk.

The meeting terminated at 8.50pm

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Planning matters considered by the Town Council on Tuesday 2nd October 2018

1.0 Applications granted consent

From information posted on the new Powys County Council web site (see section 4.0 below) no applications have been granted approval during the month of September 2018.

2.0 Applications refused consent

From information 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:-

18/0624/FUL	Mr P Evans 5 Cwrt y Gamlas Gurnos	Erection of a dwelling-house, formation of a vehicular access and all associated works.
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Resolved: *Whilst not objecting in principle that a dwelling could be constructed on this plot of land the Town Council is of a view that the original proposal for this estate was for five units only which was considered acceptable for access via a private drive. The proposed addition of a sixth property takes the number of properties on this site to a level at six units whereby an adoptable highway should be provided. It is understood that the Advanced payment code notice under the terms of Highways Act has not been applied to this site on the basis that only five units were to be provided. The Town Council is therefore of a view that unless a planning condition is inserted requiring the access road to be brought up by the applicant to an adoptable standard then the application should be refused. Any other action would appear to risk undermining the said policy.*

Note: Town Councillor N. Craddock declared an interest.

4.0 Miscellaneous

Powys Planning Department are currently in the process of implementing a new planning ICT system and associated website. As a result, for the last few months we have been providing access to both the previous and new planning website. Powys County Council will now need to withdraw the previous planning ICT system and associated public website. Shortly users will be directed only to the new planning website which is viewable using the link below:

<http://pa.powys.gov.uk/online-applications/search.do?action=simple>

Resolved: To note the information