



**CYNGOR TREF
YSTRADGYNLAIS
TOWN COUNCIL**

**Ordinary Meeting of the Council held at the Cwmtwrch Welfare Hall
on Thursday 1st November 2018 at 6.30p.m.**

Present : Councillor Wayne Thomas Vice Chairman Presided
Councillors R Millington, E Evans, G Davies,
N Craddock, A Williams, Ms R Phillips,
M Evans, R Lock, M Donnelly, D Lewis,
A Davies, C Nickels.

102. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE.

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors Mrs B Paulett, T Davies and L Evans.

103. MINUTES.

Resolved that the Minutes of the Town Council meeting held on the 2nd October 2018 be confirmed as an accurate record and signed by the Chairman. A discussion took place prior to examining the accuracy of the Minutes in relation to the Minute 92. Cllr Dennis Lewis advised the Council of the importance of both choirs to the area and that the Town Council should revisit its previous decision which was to reject these grant application. In view of the additional information received it was **resolved** that grants in the following sums be awarded to the organisations mentioned in Minute 92:

Dor Dathlu Cwmtawe	£200
Cor y Gyrlais	£200
Ystradgynlais Volunteer Service	£100

MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES.

104. LAND AT THE GORSEDD PARK, YSTRADGYNLAIS

Further to Minute 83 of the Town Councils meeting on the 2nd October 2018 the Clerk reported information received from SSE Electricity Company confirmed that the Town Council was in credit with regards to the electricity bill for the Gorsedd Park in the sum of £410.00 Annual cost for 2018/19 had been estimated £642. The Town Council noted the position in relation to the contractual position and agreed to continue to finance this service provision for 2018/19. On another matter Cllr A Davies reported that the Powys County Council had advised that it would support the request to install lighting at the Cenotaph at Ystradgynlais. Also Cllr A Davies reported that he had purchased a special flag with the Town Councils Coat of Arms depicted on the flag the cost of which had been paid for by Cllr Davies. The Town Council extended its thanks to Cllr Davies for his work and contribution in this regard.

105. WORLD WAR PLAQUES/ BRITISH LEGION CABINET

Further to Minute 84 of the Town Councils meeting on the 2nd October updated reports were received from the Clerk and Members in relation to the above matters. The Clerk reported that the Hall Board had asked that the World War plaques currently sited in the foyer at the Welfare Hall needed to be re-sited in a location on the external wall of the Welfare Hall. With regards to the British Legion cabinet a site location in the main foyer had been identified. Following a lengthy discussion on these matters it was agreed that the Clerk and Chairman meets with Powys County Council representatives with regard to possible funding opportunities to assist with the above mentioned improvements to the Cenotaph at Ystradgynlais. Also it was agreed that a meeting be convened with the Welfare Hall Board to finalise the locations for the said memorabilia.

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

Further to Minute 87 of the Town Councils meeting on the 2nd October 2018 the Clerk and Members who attended the meeting advised that an agreement had been reached with Touratech management on the boundary dispute at the above location. Touratech Management had accepted the fact that the fence line was on Town Council owned land. Members of the Council who attended the meeting agreed provisional terms to settle the dispute, which the Touratech representative agreed to. These being:

- a) that a sum of £500 be the cost of purchasing the land fenced in by the Company.
- b) that the Company bear all the legal costs associated with the conveyance and deals with the Land Registry on Title.
- c) that permission be granted for the Company to cut back the trees situated adjacent to the fence, which were overhanging the Company's property.

Resolved that the conveyance of the land be approved by the Town Council on the above detailed basis.

107. PROBATION SERVICE – GRASS MAINTENANCE ASSISTANCE.

Further to Minute 88 of the Town Councils meeting on the 2nd October 2018 the Town Council further discussed the request received from the Probation Service. The Clerk advised that all maintenance and costs associated with repair and running cost for the grass trimmers would be the responsibility of the Probation Service.

Resolved that subject to the above arrangements that the purchase of two grass trimmers be approved.

108. REMEMBRANCE DAY PARADE 2018.

Members were reminded of the arrangements for the above event on the 10th and 11th November. This year's parade would 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. Also approval was sought from Discover Ystradgynlais to place decorated poppy painted stones on the Gorsedd for Remembrance Day. This request was approved.

Resolved to note the arrangements

109. PAYMENT OF ACCOUNTS

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

110. WELFARE HALL FUNDING -2018/19.

Letters were received from the Cwmtwrch Miners Welfare Hall and the Ystradgynlais Miners Welfare and Community Hall with regards to financial funding requirements for the next financial year. The content of both funding requests were discussed at length by the Town Council.

Resolved that both applications be referred for consideration to the Town Councils budget meeting in January. Furthermore it was agreed that a partnership meeting be convened between the Town Councils Management Sub Committee and the Hall Board on the content of the application for various financial funding received from the Ystradgynlais Welfare Hall.

111. CHRISTMAS FESTIVAL 24th and 25th NOVEMBER.

The above event is to be held at Ystradgynlais on the weekend of 24th and 25th November. A request was made asking about the possibility

of the Town Council covering the cost of having the car parks free to the public over this period at a cost of £325 payable to the Powys County Council.

Resolved that the request be agreed.

112. DISCOVER YSTRADGYNLAIS/ YSTRADGYNLAIS AMENITIES ASSOCIATION.

Various funding requests for next financial year 2018/19 were received in an e-mail dated 30 October received from the above local organisations, a copy of which was circulated to Council Members.

Resolved that the requests be further considered at the Town Councils Budget meeting in January 2019.

113. COUNCIL MEMBERS – E MAIL ADDRESSES

The Town Council received an e mail from its Web Site Administrator in relation to the above matter. The facility of each member having his or her own Town Council e mail address was possible and it was agreed that Cllr Millington liaises with the Councils Web Site Administrator in order to progress this matter. Clerk to provide contact details.

114. LEAVE OF ABSENCE CHAIRMAN.

The Vice Chairman Councillor W Thomas advised that the Chairman was not available for the next 2 or 3 months due to personal family matters. The Council considered the position and elected Cllr Wayne Thomas Vice Chairman as the Chairman of the Council pro tem and that Cllr N Craddock as the Vice Chairman's temporary replacement on the Management Sub Committee. Furthermore the Acting Chairman advised that he would not be available to Chair the Town Councils meeting on the 6th December. In recognition of this position it was resolved to appoint Cllr Aneurin Davies as Chairman for the Town Council meeting on the 6th December 2018.

115. STAFFING REVIEW AND ASSOCIATED BUDGET MATTERS.

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.

Minute 99 of the Town Councils meeting on the 2nd October is restated as no progress had been made. '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 from One Voice Wales on the matter. The Chairman to arrange a meeting of the Sub Committee as soon as possible on the matter.

On the staffing budget issue for 2018/19 the Clerk advised that the budget would contain a staffing allowance following the recent retirement of the Town Councils Technical Adviser.

116. POLICE AUTHORITY AND HOMELESS REPRESENTATIVES.

Further to Minutes 101 b) and c) of the Town Councils meeting on the 2nd October 2018 it was agreed to forward invitations to the above to attend the December meeting of the Town Council.

117. 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.

118. 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) Complaints were received from a number of Members relating to the venue that the local GP surgery had chosen for undertaking its flu jab health programme for the local residents. The complaints included inadequate car parking spaces for the elderly and the unsafe walking surface around the venue especially in bad weather.

c) Cllr N Craddock advised that he had written to the Environment Secretary at the Welsh Assembly with regards to the ban on pheasant shooting. Concern was expressed over how the decision was made which was clearly undemocratic. Also the same problem applied to the recent decision by a small faction in the Welsh Assembly with regard to the banning of 50 caliber rifles.. Cllr Craddock was of the opinion that the Welsh Assembly was completely ignoring the result of the consultation process undertaken in relation to these issues. Further correspondence had been sent to the Welsh Assembly on this matter and the Town Council asked to be updated on the position.

d) Cllr D Lewis congratulated Cllr Mrs Rhiannon Phillips on her contribution to the meeting.

The meeting terminated at 8.35pm

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

1.0 Applications granted consent

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

P/2017/1386 Mr. P. Lynes Outline: Demolition of existing barn. Erection of 9 dwellings with
Former Jeffreys Arms access road and parking for Jeffrey's Arms (all matters
108 Brecon Road reserved)
Ystradgynlais

P/2018/0242 Cwmtwrch RFC Creation of a second floor and two storey side extension
Parc Glyncynwal
Glyncynwal Road
Cwmtwrch

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:-

18/0663/OUT Penrhos School Developments Proposed residential development and associated works.
Former Penrhos School (some matters reserved)
Brecon Road
Penrhos

Resolved: No observation.

4.0 Miscellaneous

4.1 Local planning officer contact - update following query

I will now be covering the Ystradgynlais area going forward and any new applications, except major developments will be allocated to myself. Any pending applications previously allocated to Lorraine currently not determined will still be with Lorraine until they are determined.

**Richard Kier Edwards
Planning & Monitoring Officer
01597 827218**

Resolved: To note the information

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4.2 Powys LDP - Adopted Supplementary Planning Guidance October 2018

For information, the following Supplementary Planning Guidance (SPG) - Planning Obligations, Biodiversity & Geodiversity, and Affordable Housing – was approved and adopted at a meeting of the Powys Council's Cabinet on Tuesday 9th October 2018.

These now become material considerations in the determination of planning applications with immediate effect. They provide useful information on their respective subject areas for applicants and agents prior to submitting a planning application to the Council. Please note that the Biodiversity & Geodiversity SPG may be relevant to **all** planning applications.

If you wish to view these documents they are available on the Powys County Council's website at the following link:

<http://www.powys.gov.uk/en/planning-building-control/local-development-plan/ldp-supplementary-planning-guidance-spg/>

Resolved: To note the information