



**CYNGOR TREF
YSTRADGYNLAIS
TOWN COUNCIL**

**Ordinary Meeting of the Council held at the Ystradgynlais Welfare
Hall on Thursday 3rd January 2019 at 6.00p.m.**

**Present : Councillor Cllr Tristan Davies Chairman Presided
Councillors R Millington, E Evans, G Davies,
N Craddock, , L Evans, M Evans,
R Lock, M Donnelly, W Thomas,
A Williams**

137. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE.

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors Mrs B Paulett, C Nickels, G Davies and Ms R Phillips.

138. MINUTES.

Resolved that the Minutes of the Town Council meeting held on the 6th December 2018, and the Minutes of the Management Sub Committee Meeting held on the 26th October be confirmed as an accurate record and signed by the Chairman.

MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES.

**139. TRIUMPH MEETING 26 OCTOBER 2018 – WOODLANDS
BUSINESS PARK.**

Further to Minute 125 of the Town Councils meeting on the 6th December 2018 and to the site meeting on the 26th October the Clerk

referred to correspondence received from Touratech advising that the Welsh Government had determined as to where the boundary was in relation to this dispute. A site meeting would be arranged in the near future but since there were differences on the maps provided as to the position of the boundary it would be necessary to invite Mr Gareth Jones to the site meeting with a view to resolving this boundary dispute.

Resolved that a meeting be convened following necessary discussions with Mr Gareth Jones on the matter.

140. REMEMBRANCE DAY PARADE 2018.

Further to Minute 126 of the Town Councils meeting on the 6th December information had been received confirming that the Remembrance Day arrangements, as in previous years, had followed the same pattern of events during the parade and at St Cynogs Church. Agreed to note the position.

141. WORLD WAR 1 AND 2 CENOTAPH PLAQUES

Further to Minute 1c) of the Management Sub Committee meeting held on the 26th October it was **resolved** to accept the Sub Committee's recommendation that once the refurbished cenotaph plaques had been refurbished they would be located on the external wall of the Hall building near the front entrance.

142. ROYAL REGIMENT OF WALES OAK CABINET.

Further to Minute 1d) of the Management Sub Committee meeting on the 26th October it was **resolved** to accept the Sub Committee's recommendation that the above Cabinet be placed in the foyer area of the Welfare Hall in the location agreed.

143. CASUAL VACANCY – CWMTWRCH WARD.

Following the tragic and sad loss of Cllr Dennis Lewis the Town Council declared a casual vacancy in the office of Councillor for the Cwmtwrch Ward and **resolved** to advertise the said vacancy within the Ward and that a copy of the advertisement be placed in the Town Councils notice board in the Ystradgynlais Welfare Hall.

144. TOWN COUNCIL BUDGET AND PRECEPT FOR 2019/20.

The Town Council considered the Clerks report in relation to the 2019/20 financial year. The financial report contained information on the following matters, which were discussed and considered by the Town Council: -

- a) Accounts for the Year Ended 31 March 2018.
- b) Finances and Estimates for 2018/19.
- c) Budget and Recommended Precept for the financial year 2019/20 together with a copy of the draft budget worksheets in relation to actual and estimated income and expenditure for the financial year 2019/20.

Following consideration of the budget report and worksheets provided for the 2019/20 estimates it was **resolved** that:

- 1) The following **revised** estimates of expenditure and income for the 2019/2020 financial year be approved: -

Parks & Open Spaces	52,750
Gen Administration	88,650
Gorof Cemetery	19,400
Grants	17,500
Paths	45,656
Welfare Halls	54,000
Council Property, Market & Insurance	41,440

Business Reserve/Vac Post	45,000
Gwys River landslip Reserve	10,000

TOTAL **374,396**

2) The above-mentioned total expenditure and reserves of £374,396 for 2019/20 be achieved as follows: -

Estimated Balance for 2018/2019	£ 97,686
Estimated Income for 2019/20	£ 15,770
 Precept 2019/20	 <u>£ 260,940</u>

NOTE ; A recorded vote was requested with regard to the above resolution. Voting recorded was as follows:

For the recommended Budget and Precept as detailed in the Clerks report:

Cllr Tristan Davies
 Cllr Adrian Williams
 Cllr Evan Evans
 Cllr Leighton Evans
 Cllr Wayne Thomas
 Cllr Nigel Craddock
 Cllr Aneurin Davies
 Cllr Meurig Evans
 Cllr Robert Lock

Against the recommended Budget and Precept as detailed in the Clerks report:

Cllr Richard Millington
 Cllr Martin Donnelly

3) A precept of **£261,000** for the financial year 2019/20 be served upon the Powys County Council and signed by the Clerk. This equates to a 2% increase on a Band D property.

4) The Clerk be thanked for the detailed report and presentation of the above mentioned budget reports and recommendations for the financial year 2019/20.

145. PAYMENT OF ACCOUNTS

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

146. EGNI POWER PURCHASE AGREEMENT.

Correspondence and a draft lease document were received from Egni Coop in relation to the Town Council agreeing to the installation of solar panels on the Ystradgynlais Miners Welfare Hall rooftop. A copy of the documentation was circulated to all Councillors.

Resolved to invite a representative from the Company to the next meeting of the Town Council to further discuss the proposal.

147. CHRISTMAS LIGHTING.

The Clerk referred to e-mails received from a local resident about the current condition of the above lights at Ystradgynlais Town Centre, which were also in a poor state of repair. Town Councillors from the various Wards agreed with the concerns referred to and the problems associated with the cross the road lighting features. It was **agreed** that the Town Council would review the position during the next financial year. Consequently the Town Council noted the content of the residents e-mail.

148. 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.

149. MEMBERS AND OFFICERS REPORTS.

a) Cllr E Evans advised of the urgent need to replace an old access gate to footpath 81. Agreed that the Clerk contacts the Powys County Council Rights of Way Department and the local contractor on the matter with a view to replacing this hazardous access gate as soon as possible.

b) Cllr N Craddock gave a detailed report on his findings in relation to visits he made to both the Gorof Cemetery and Coronation Park. Cllr Craddock saw no reason in reducing the current level of maintenance carried out at these sites. However some concerns were expressed regarding litter etc at Gorof Cemetery and it was agreed that the Ward conduct a site meeting at the site in the next few weeks.

c) Cllr R Millington gave a full and detailed report to the Council following his attendance at the Powys County Council Pensions meeting on the 13th December 2018. Employer's contributions are expected to rise following the triennial valuation in 2020. Also it is predicted by the actuaries that investments are expected to improve over 2019 which will potentially lower the exit valuation recently received by the Town Council from the Powys County Council Pensions Department.

The meeting terminated at 7.55 p.m.

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Planning matters considered by the Town Council on Thursday 3rd January 2019

1.0 Applications granted consent

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

P/2017/1397	Mrs A Moulton Land at Brynygroes Gurnos	Erection of a dwellinghouse with integral garage, formation of vehicular access and all associated works.
18/0624/FUL	Mr. P. Evans 5 Cwrt y Gamlas Gurnos	Erection of a dwellinghouse, formation of a vehicular access and all associated works.
18/0876/HH	R. Arthur 48 Ynyscedwyn Road Ystradgynlais	Erection of a two storey side extension and rear single extension including demolition of the rear extension.
18/0861/REM	M,N & E Craig Plot adjoining Park View Glyncynwal Road Cwmtwrch	Application to vary conditions 2 and 3 attached to planning permissions P/2012/1042 and P/2015/1073 to allow an extension of time to commence development.

2.0 Applications refused consent

From information on the Powys CC web the following application has been refused consent.

18/0956/NMA	Mr C. Hopkins Plot opposite 20 Rhestr Fawr Ystradgynlais	Application for a non-material amendment permission to P/2017/1484 to increase the eave and ridge height.
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3.0 Applications for consideration

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

18/0674/OUT	Mrs E. Jones Plot adjacent to 25 Heol Gleien Lower Cwmtwrch	Erection of a dwelling, formation of a vehicular access and all associated work (some matters reserved).
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Resolved: No observation

18/0911/FUL	Mrs L .Morretto New Inn 2 Bethel Road Lower Cwmtwrch	Change of use of part of dwelling (C3) to shop (A1)
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Resolved: No observation

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18/1030/FUL Mr. T. Williams Alterations to building including division of existing
The MOT Centre vehicle bay into 9 units for servicing and MOT of
Trawsffordd Workshops vehicles together with the installation of 9 roller
Ystradgynlais shutter doors.

Resolved: No observation

NANT HELEN OPENCAST

The following applications were considered:

18/1071/DIS Discharge of condition 54 of planning consent P/2011/0217 in relation to revised restoration scheme.

Resolved: To advise Powys County Council that as part of the application site lies in the Abercrave Ward of Ystradgynlais Town Council the Town Council should therefore have been formally consulted in its role as a statutory consultee.

To offer an objection to the discharge application on the grounds that the proposed very deep water feature was considered unacceptable particularly as any breach would imperil the Caerbont area. The restoration should therefore revert to that previously proposed as the one year reduction in the restoration time period which would result due to the change of restoration method did not outweigh the perceived risk.

18/1070/REM Section 73 application to vary condition 2 of P/2011/0217 to allow an extension of time to allow extraction of all the coal and completion of restoration.

Resolved: No observation.

4.0 Miscellaneous

4.1 *The planning application below has been withdrawn.*

P/2009/1341 Mr G .Williams Outline application for erection of a dwelling.
Land adjacent to Bryn Villa
Caerlan

Resolved: To note the withdrawal of the application.

4.2 *The following condition has been discharged*

18/1191/DIS Mr.P. Lynes Discharge of condition 22 of planning approval
Jeffreys Arms P/2017/1386.
108 Brecon Road *Note: Relates to the provision of archaeological pictures.*
Ystradgynlais

Further note: 18/1028/DEM - A demolition notice has been issued in relation to the stone barn building (Permitted Development)

Resolved: To note the application to discharge and demolish the barn.

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4.3 Re: Data Protection and Privacy

The following note has been received from Powys County Council

Data Protection and Privacy: In order to deliver the Planning Service (applications, complaints and appeals etc.) it is necessary for the council to process personal data, in accordance with relevant planning legislation, as listed on the Welsh Governments planning website (<https://gov.wales/topics/planning/?lang=en>) Information held by the Planning Service will be retained in accordance with the legislation and the Councils retention schedule. If you have any concerns regarding the use of your personal data please contact the Data Protection Officer by email at Information.Compliance@powys.gov.uk or by phone at 01597 826400. Please note that further information on the Data Protection and Privacy can be found at the following address: <http://www.powys.gov.uk/en/information-mangement/privacy/>.

Resolved: *To note the information.*

4.4 Please see note the below from the Portfolio Holder: Planning and Regeneration Powys County Council.

As a result of implemented and proposed reductions in staffing levels, the Planning Department no longer has the resources to continue to appropriately redact and publish third party correspondence on the Councils website (i.e. letters of objection and support). In light of recent data protection incidents, it is also considered that the risk of publishing third party correspondence is too great and not publishing third party correspondence will result in the risk being considerably reduced. Therefore, it has been regrettably agreed that only planning applications and associated supporting information and consultee responses will be published on the Councils website.

Please note that in line with other local planning authorities that have taken this stance, planning application files (redacted) will be made available at the Planning Offices where requested. Please note that we will monitor the implementation of this decision to ensure that any issues that arise are addressed promptly. Contact details to arrange viewings are as below:

**Councillor Martin Weale
Cabinet Portfolio Holder: Regeneration and Planning
Local Member: Llanbadarn Fawr**

Resolved: *To note the information.*