



**CYNGOR TREF
YSTRADGYNLAIS
TOWN COUNCIL**

**Ordinary Meeting of the Council held at the Ystradgynlais
Welfare Hall on Thursday 6th June 2019 at 6.30p.m.**

**Present : Councillor Wayne Thomas, Chairman, Presided.
Councillors A Davies, T Davies, E Evans,
R Lock, M Donnelly, Ms R Phillips,
A Williams, N Craddock, Mrs L Phillips,
L Evans.**

28. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE.

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

29. MINUTES

A) Minutes of the 4th April – The Chairman referred to Minute 13 of the Councils meeting on the 2nd May and advised that Cllr Craddock and Cllr Millington had not been able to agree on an amendment to Minute 202 of the Town Councils meeting on the 4th April. The Chairman moved that in the circumstances that Minute 202 of the Town Councils remains as written.

Resolved that the Town Council accepts the Chairman's proposal and that the Minutes of the Councils meeting on the 4th April be confirmed as an accurate record and signed by the Chairman.

B) Resolved that the Minutes of the Councils Annual and Ordinary meetings held on the 2nd May 2019 and the Minutes of the Councils Management Sub Committee meeting held on the 20th May 2019 be confirmed as an accurate record and signed by the Chairman.

30. DIAMOND PARK PROJECT.

The Clerk reported that the Diamond Park Plinth project, which outlines the history of the collieries on the site and the Park, was completed on the 2nd May 2019. The total cost of the works had come in under budget at £3,450. Budget estimate was £4,000. A letter dated 3rd June had been received from the Heritage Society seeking the financial support of the Town Council towards the project of producing and erecting a panel at Cwmgiedd with regards to the Military aircraft crashes on Mynydd Du. In January 1939 a military aircraft (Avro Anson crashed on Mynydd Du above Cwmgiedd in which two military personnel lost their lives. The bilingual panels provide information on the six military aircraft crashes in the Mynydd Du area between 1939 and 1953 in which 24 military personnel lost their lives. The total cost of the project amounted to an estimated £950. The Chairman advised that he had spoken to the Society on the matter and proposed that the saving of £550 made on the Diamond project be afforded as a grant to the Heritage Society towards the project.

Resolved that a grant in the sum indicated be awarded to the Society with respect to the above-mentioned project.

31. CORONATION PARK – PROPOSED MEADOW PROJECT.

Further to Minute 15 of the Town Councils meeting on the 2nd May Cllr N Craddock updated the Town Council Members on the recent site meeting attended by the Cwmtwrch Ward representatives, and the South Wales Wildlife Trust regarding the possibility of determining what type of project could be undertaken at Coronation Park. Also Mathew Thomas, local landscaping contractor attended the meeting. Various types of projects were discussed from the creation of a meadow field to having an exercise type park on the site. A lengthy

discussion took place on the possible opportunities available and it was agreed that these options be further investigated by the Cwmtwrch Ward from a planning point of view.

32. ALN SPECIALIST EDUCATION- POWYS COUNTY COUNCIL.

Further to Minute 25 of the Town Councils meeting on the 2nd may Cllr Lisa Phillips advised that she had sent correspondence to a number of people including Kirsty Williams AM and local County Councillors and Powys County Council officers on the problem with allocating educational places to a number of pupils from Ysgol Dyffryn y Glowyr at the Maesydderwen Comprehensive School. The problem was still on going and the Council would be updated as necessary on the position. The Town Council expressed concern about the fact that insufficient places had been allocated leaving many families extremely concerned about their children's on going specialist educational needs.

33. YSTRADGYNLAIS COMMUNITY CENTRE

Further to Minute 2 of the Management Sub Committee Minutes of the 20th May the Town Council discussed at length the content of the of Minute 2 relating to the meeting between the Management Sub Committee members and the representative from the Ystradgynlais Community Centre. Town Council members unanimously endorsed the content of the said Minute and agreed that the Sub Committee meets again with appropriate representatives of the Community Centre to hopefully confirm that the advice imparted at the meeting on the 20th May had been carried out by the Centre Management and its Committee. Town Council Members confirmed their continuing support to the establishment of a Community Centre at the Old Youth Centre in Penrhos.

NOTE; Councillor Tristan Davies declared an interest in this item and left the meeting during the Council Members deliberations into this matter.

34. FUTURE PROPOSED STAFFING ARRANGEMENTS FOR THE TOWN COUNCIL.

PUBLIC BODIES (Admission to meetings) Act 1960

Resolved that by virtue of the provisions of Section 1(2) of the Public Bodies (Admission to meetings) Act 1960, the public be excluded during the discussions of the following business on the grounds that publicity would be prejudicial to the public interest by reasons of the confidential nature of the business to be transacted.

The Town Council discussed and considered in detail the content of the Clerks report on the proposed future arrangements for the Town Council together with the Minute contained in the Management Sub Committee meeting of the 20th May. Copies of the report were circulated to Council Members.

Note 1: The Clerk declared an interest in matters relating to his flexible retirement application and left the meeting during the discussion and the determination of the recommendation in relation to this item.

Note 2 : Cllr Evan Evans declared an interest in this item and left the meeting.

Resolved that :

a) the recommendations as detailed in the report and as contained in the Minutes of the Management Sub Committee meeting of the 20th May be accepted and implemented.

b) a further meeting of the Management Sub committee be arranged to implement the decision of the Town Council in this regard.

35. PAYMENT OF ACCOUNTS

Resolved that the accounts as detailed in be paid.

36. PAYMENTS TO MEMBERS OF COMMUNITY AND TOWN COUNCILS.

Further to Minute 19 of the Town Council meeting on the 2nd May Members further considered the contents of the One Voice Wales document relating to the above matter. The issue relating to the provision of a £500 special; allowance for key positions in the Town Councils management structure. It was agreed that the Chairman's position was clearly identified as a Senior Role attracting the annual payment of £500. The Chairman advised that before any decision was made in this regard he would seek the further advice of the One Voice Wales.

On the issue of Members taking up office during the financial year it was agreed that the basic allowance of £150 be paid on a pro rata basis and that where a Member leaves the Town Council during the financial year for whatever reason then no recovery of the Allowance would be sought.

37. APPLICATIONS FOR FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE

a) Resolved that grants in the sums indicated be made to the under mentioned organisations:

Ystrad Heritage Society	-	£300
Bethania Chapel	-	£300
Beulah Chapel	-	£300
1 st Ynyscedwyn Scouts	-	£300
Citizens Advice Bureau	-	**
Penrhos Allotments	-	£200
Penrhos Summer Playscheme	-	£300
Gurnos Playscheme	-	£300
Ystrad Welsh OAP	-	£250
Joseph Herman Foundation	-	£300
Ystrad Welfare Grounds Assoc.	-	£500
Ystradgynlais Welfare Grounds	-	£500
Ystrad Ladies Bowls	-	£150
St Cynogs Church	-	£400
Cor Dathlu Cwmtawe	-	£200

** Resolved that up to £500 in grant allowance be awarded to CAB Ystradgynlais for use at its local Office.

b) Resolved that in accordance with the powers conferred under Section 137 of the Local Government Act 1974 that grants in the sums indicated be made to the under mentioned organizations:

Ainon Chapel Sisterhood	-	£200
Ystradgynlais Church Hall	-	£500

c) Resolved that the following applications be considered further once more information is obtained about the organisations:

Discover Ystradgynlais
Blodau Ystradgynlais
Abercrave Senior Citizens
Clwb Plant Ystradgynlais

38. GOROF CEMETERY - CARE OF CEMETERY PLOTS.

The Town Council further considered the content of the above document and **resolved** that the Chairman would seek further advice/information on this matter.

39. PROCEDURAL MATTERS – TOWN COUNCIL

Cllr Nigel Craddock gave his detailed observations to the Council Members of the need to look at improving the way the Council meeting are conducted, along with making Councillors aware of their duties so that they don't come into conflict with the Members Code of Conduct. Also Cllr Craddock was of the opinion that the Council needed to be more effective in its decision-making processes as Council members seem to be repeatedly going over the same things. The Chairman acknowledged the procedural problems that Cllr Craddock was referring to and would further explore possible solutions to the problems identified by consulting One Voice Wales on the issues raised.

40. TOWN COUNCIL ACCOUNTS FOR THE YEAR ENDING 31ST MARCH 2019.

The Town Council received a copy of the detailed accounts and accounting return/statements for the financial year 208/19, the contents of which were approved by the Council subject to audit. The Chairman and Clerk to sign the accounts as appropriate on behalf of the Town Council.

41. MODEL LOCAL RESOLUTION PROTOCOL FOR TOWN AND COMMUNITY COUNCILS.

The Town Council received a copy of the above document from One Voice Wales. A copy had been e mailed to Council Members.

Resolved that a hard copy of the document be circulated with the papers to Members for the Councils meeting in July for discussion and consideration.

42. ONE VOICE WALES – INNOVATIVE PRACTICE CONFERENCE – 10 July 2019.

Detail and course material was received from the One voice Wales in relation to the above Conference at Builth Wells on the 10th July 2019.

Resolved that Councillor N Craddock be appointed to represent the Town Council at the above Conference.

43. 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.

44. MEMBERS AND OFFICERS REPORTS.

a) Cllr Adrian Williams referred to the local leaflets/maps which were to be produced by Blodau Ystradgynlais and the Heritage Society and indicated that it was important that recognition be included in the literature to the contribution that the Town Council had made in its development and publication. The Chairman advised that he would ensure that the Council's wishes in this regard would be conveyed to the appropriate people involved in producing this pamphlet.

b) Cllr Leighton Evans advised that the Interpretation Panel at the car park of the Old Tredegar need some maintenance work to be undertaken. Agreed that the Clerk undertakes to investigate the damage and appoint a contractor to repair the damage.

Also reported was the continuing problem with knotweed in the Bethel Road area and its encroachment into privately owned land in the area. The local County Councillor was currently investigating the complaints.

c) Cllr Lisa Phillips reported on the matters recently considered at the recent meeting of the local disabled access group.

d) Cllr Nigel Craddock reported on the PAVO initiative relating to the Befriending Service that was being set up by the Association. Pamphlets were circulating in the area containing information about this service.

e) Cllr Wayne Thomas advised Members of the arrangements being made for Sundays Dragon bicycle ride passing through Cwmtwrch and Abercrave on the 120 mile route. There was a pit stop at ysgol Dyffryn y Glowyr and the first riders were expected around 12.00noon.

f) Cllr Leighton Evans asked the Clerk to contact Discover Ystradgynlais to check if the Town council had an official seat on its Committee following recent comments made in relation to its Constitution.

The meeting terminated at 9.25pm

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Planning matters considered by the Town Council on Thursday 6th June 2019

1.0 Applications granted consent

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

19/0381/HH	Mr R. Howe Gurnos Cottages Cwmphil Road	Installation of roof light and bi-fold door.
19/0252/REM	Mr C. Hopkins Plot opposite 20 Rhestr Fawr Ystradgynlais	Section 73 application to vary condition No.2 to planning approval P/2017/1484 to allow design changes to proposed dwelling and increase in eaves and ridge height.
19/0254/HH	Mr. K .Cooper 136 Tawe Park Ystradgynlais	Erection of a single storey side and rear extension.
19/0516/HH	Mr. Davies 79 Dolfaen Ystradgynlais	Erection of an extension.
18/0789/DIS	Mr J. Davies 309 Brecon Road Ystradgynlais	Discharge of condition 3 of planning approval P/2016/0123 in relation to contaminated land report.

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 application requires consideration:-

19/0668/HH	Mr Greenway 69 Heol Gleien Cwmtwrch	Proposed rear double storey extension.
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Resolved: No observation

19/0662/REM	Mrs A. Jones Land opposite No.2 Tan-y-Graig Abercrave	Section 73 application to vary condition No.1 of permission P/2014/0222 to allow an extension of time to implement the permission.
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Resolved: No observation

19/0759/HH	Ms D. Colamazza 9 College Row Ystradgynlais	Erection of extensions.
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Resolved: No observation

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19/0826/HH

Mr & Mrs Hopkins
55 Brecon Road
Ystradgynlais

Proposed rear first floor extension.

Resolved: No observation

4.0 Miscellaneous

No matter to report