



**CYNGOR TREF
YSTRADGYNLAIS
TOWN COUNCIL**

Meeting of the Council held at the Ystradgynlais Welfare Hall on Thursday 5th September 2019 at 6.00p.m.

**Present : Councillor Wayne Thomas, Chairman, Presided.
Councillors A Davies, T Davies, E Evans,
M Donnelly, L Phillips, R Phillips,
A Williams, G Davies, C Nickels
R Millington, M Evans.**

63. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE.

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors R Lock,.

64. INTERVIEWS FOR THE POST OF DEPUTY CLERK.

Public Bodies (Admission to Meetings) Act 1960.

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

The Town Council interviewed two candidates for the position of Deputy Clerk to the Town Council.

Resolved that Ms JC be appointed to the post subject to the satisfactory completion of an IT assessment test and report, GCSE O Level Certificate verification, one candidate reference and clarification on flexible working arrangements. One Voice Wales or any other competent company to be chosen to provide an IT Microsoft Office Assessment test and report.

65. CLLR NIGEL CRADDOCK – RESIGNATION.

The Town Council received an e mail from Cllr Craddock tendering his resignation as Councillor for the Cwmtwrch Ward of the Town Council.

Resolved that the Town Council declares a casual in the Office of Councillor for the Cwmtwrch Ward and that the vacancy be advertised.

MATTERS ARISING

66. YSTRADGYNLAIS HERITAGE AN LANGUAGE GROUP

Further to Minute 26 of the Town Councils meeting in July 2019, a letter dated 21 August was received from the Heritage Group updating the Council on the following projects

a) DISTRICT MAP YSTRADGYNLAIS.

The project had now been completed and the content approved. It was reported that 5000 copies of the above map had been published for the Wales in Bloom Ceremony on the 13th September. Delivery and circulation would take place week commencing on the 9th September.

b) GORSEDD PARK WORLD WAR COMMEMORATION BENCHES.

At the request of the Ystradgynlais British Legion it had been agreed to hold a short dedication ceremony for the two World Wars commemorative benches. Canon Dewi Roberts will also lead a short 'blessing ceremony' after the service at the War Memorial.

c) AIRCRAFT CRASHES PANELS.

It was reported that the above two panels had now been erected at the Cwmgiedd site and Craig y Nos Caves complex. A provisional date for the unveiling ceremony at Craig y Nos has been scheduled for the 26th October. Details of the unveiling of the Cwmgiedd panel will be forwarded to the Town Council within the next few weeks.

The Society confirmed thanked the Council Members for their continued support with the above projects in recording the areas rich cultural and industrial heritage.

67. PAYMENT OF ACCOUNTS

Resolved that the accounts as detailed be paid. Town Councillors also noted the content of the report containing information relating to the authorised by the Chairman and Vice Chairman of the Council over the Summer Recess period.

**68 BUDGET MONITORING REPORT
1 APRIL 2019 TO 30 JULY 2019.**

The Town Council received the Clerks report in connection with the above matter the content of which was noted.

69. YSTRADGYNLAIS MINERS WELFARE AND COMMUNITY HALL

The Town council received an application from the above organisation for the release of the second grant instalment for this financial year for the Welfare Hall. A monitoring and financial report was received in support of the application and considered the Town Council.

Resolved that the fir allocated grant instalment of £12,000 and the allocated be released to the Ystradgynlais Miners Welfare Hall.

70. PAYMENTS TO MEMBERS OF COMMUNITY AND TOWN COUNCILS.

Further to Minute 19 the Town Council further considered its position in relation to affording the Town Council Chairman a special annual of allowance of £500 as recommended in the report produced by One Voice Wales on the above matter.

Resolved that the Town Council adopts the recommendation as detailed and to pay every Chairman of the Council the special responsibility allowance of £500 unless they decide not to accept the payment.

71. GORSEDD PARK – SSE SUPPLY CONTRACT.

Documentation was received from the SSE regarding the renewal of the business energy contract for the above site. Concern was expressed over this proposed renewal and the view was expressed that the Powys County council should take over and pay for this contract.

Resolved that a request be forwarded to the Powys County Council to accept the transfer of this business energy contract.

72. YSGOL GYMRAEG DYFFRYN Y GLOWYR – APPOINTMENT OF L.A. REPRESENTATIVE GOVERNOR.

A letter dated 2nd September 2019 was received from the Powys County Council inviting the Town Council to appoint an L.A. representative to the above School.

Resolved that Councillor Wayne Thomas be appointed to the said Governing Body.

73. APPLICATIONS FOR FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE

The Town Council received and considered grant applications from

the organisations within the community.

Resolved that the following grants in the sums indicated be awarded to the undernamed organisations:

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| a) Discover Ystradgynlais | - | £200 |
| b) Cor y Gyrlais | - | £200 |

74. TOWN CLOCK REFURBISHMENT.

Documentation and a report was received from Smith and Derby, Clock Makers in relation to the Town Clock sited at Ystradgynlais Square. The total cost for the refurbishment work required amounted to an estimated £10,768 plus VAT.

Resolved that the matter be further considered at the Councils budget meeting and that further options be investigated.

75. YSTRADGYNLAIS WARD MEETING – 8 AUGUST 2019

The Town Council received a copy of the recommendations as detailed in the notes of the above meeting relating to the public footpath network at Bryn y Groes leading to the Cwmtwrch Ward. Also the consideration of grant aid of £1000 to Blodau Ystradgynlais in order to cover the cost of the ‘Wales in Bloom’ ceremony and events on the 13th September.

Resolved that the above recommendations be approved and that a grant payment of £1000 be made to Blodau Ystradgynlais.

76. SECURITY CAMERAS – YSTRAD WELFARE HALL.

A letter dated 30 August 2019 was received from the Dyfed Powys Police who were intending to install a security camera and wireless equipment at the rear of the Ystradgynlais Welfare Hall. Cllr Martin Donnelly was asked to investigate with the police force the possibility of installing an additional camera near the front entrance of the Welfare Hall.

Resolved that permission be agreed to install the said equipment in the place intended and that the Clerk be authorised to sign the Wayleave Agreement on behalf of the Council.

77. POWYS COUNTY COUNCIL – BUDGET POSITION

An e mail was received from the Leader of the Powys County Council in relation to the above matter a copy of which had been e mailed to Members. A meeting was to be held on the 23rd September about the matter. Agreed that the Chairman would attend the meeting if his diary was clear.

78 ONE VOICE WALES CONFERENCE

An invitation was received from the above organisation inviting the Town Council to appoint a Council Member to attend the above Conference. Members discussed the invitation and decided to decline the invitation due to the travelling distance involved to the Conference destination, namely Pontrhydfendigaid.

79. TREE PROJECTS - DIAMOND PARK YSTRADGYNLAIS

E mails were received from the Woodland Trust with regard to the above matter. It was proposed to carry out a large-scale tree planting exercise at the Park using local groups and also Varteg Scouts.

Resolved to support the project and that a site meeting be arranged with interested members who should in the 1st instance advise the Clerk of their wish to attend this meeting.

80. PLANNING APPLICATIONS.

Resolved that the observations on planning applications received be forwarded to the Powys County Council. Also, the Town Council noted the observations made by the Chairman and Vice Chairman on planning application received over the Summer recess period.

81. MEMBERS AND OFFICERS REPORTS.

a) Cllr Lisa Phillips advised the Town Council that the issue relating to special educational access for pupils from Ysgol Dyffryn y Glowyr had now been favourably resolved by the Powys County Council. Position noted.

b) Cllr Evan Evans reported that a substantial amount of building repair work had been undertaken over the summer period at the Abercrave Welfare Hall. Also a defibrillator was in the process of being installed outside the building. Position noted.

c) Cllr Richard Millington asked about what could be done where over hanging privately owned hedging was obstructing people from using a local well used footpath. Cllr Millington was advised to report the problem to the local Highways depot at Caerbont, Abercrave.

d) Cllr Richard Millington referred to alleged discussions that took place with the Chairman after the Extraordinary meeting held on the 3rd September. Cllr Millington attempted to circulate a report to all members for discussion which was ruled out of order by the Chairman. Town Council Members supported the Chairman's ruling in this matter.

Meeting terminated at 9.15 pm.

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Planning matters considered by the Town Council on Thursday 5th September 2019

1.0 Applications granted consent

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

19/0759/HH	Ms D. Colamazza 9 College Row Ystradgynlais	Erection of extensions
P/2018/0195	Mr M. Davies Land at Brecon Road Ystradgynlais	Outline: Residential development and formation of vehicular access and all associated works (some matters reserved).

2.0 Applications refused consent

From information on the Powys CC web the 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:-

19/1187/FUL	Mr G. Thomas 24 Palleg Road Lower Cwmtwrch	Demolition of dwelling and erection of replacement dwelling and garage.
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Resolved: **No observation**

4.0 Miscellaneous

Pre-application notice

Proposed solar farm development at Waunlwyd Farm, Upper Cwmtwrch.

Resolved: – that the Town Council attends the information event and thereafter formulates its response to this consultation.