



**CYNGOR TREF
YSTRADGYNLAIS
TOWN COUNCIL**

Meeting of the Council held at the Ystradgynlais Welfare Hall on Thursday 7th November 2019 at 6.00p.m.

Present : Councillor Wayne Thomas, Chairman, Presided.

**Councillors E Evans, M Evans,
M Donnelly, R Lock,
A Williams, C Nickels
R Millington, L Evans.
Mrs L Phillips.**

98. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE.

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors G Davies, Ms R Phillips, A Davies.

99. BRYNHENLLYS EXTENSION SOLAR FARM

a) The Town Council received a detailed presentation on the proposed Brynhenllys development from representatives from Lightsourcebp. Members discussed in detail the content of the presentation with the company representatives. As a result of the consultation meeting it was agreed that the Company would:-

- Provide copies of the context plan showing both the consented and proposed additional area which forms the Lightsource BP proposal,
- Provide a copy of the construction traffic route and look to show where the vehicles will route from the roundabout A4067/A4068,

- Clarify limitations on HGV deliveries during School drop off and pick up times, TC recommended times to avoid 8.00am to 9.00am and 3.00pm to 4.00pm.
- Consider whether an information pack can be sent to residents along the construction route and a public meeting at Upper Cwmtwrch Welfare Hall.
- Explore whether there is scope to provide a suitable fence line along the boundary of the public rights of way BOAT No. 7 and Highway C202 which transgress through the developed area
- Discuss with Western Power Distribution likely time frame for their separate cable route and whether they have any ducting within the highway.

b) A letter dated 9th October had also been received from the Company confirming that it was prepared to make an offer of a community benefit payment which consists of £1000 per megawatt capacity installed as a single payment (subject to final design. This would apply to both the proposed developments and this would then amount to £29,900. A request was also made from the Company for the host Town Council namely Ystradgynlais to discuss and confirm if it was agreeable with the to a division of the benefits to be shared with a neighbouring Community Council. The Town Council Chairman advised that the content of this letter would be considered and discussed at the end of this meeting and that the company representatives would be advised accordingly of the Council's deliberations and decision relative to this matter.

c) Furthermore, the Cwmtwrch Ward and the local County Councillor be given plenary powers to meet early next week to formulate any additional responses to the Company on the matters raised at tonight's meeting.

100. REMEMBRANCE SUNDAY 9TH NOVEMBER.

The Clerk informed members of the arrangements for the above commemorative event over the weekend . The Chairman of the Council Cllr Wayne Thomas would be laying a wreath at the War Memorial on behalf of the Town Council. Members noted the arrangements.

101. MINUTES.

Resolved that the Minutes of the Town Council's meeting on the 3rd October 2019 be confirmed as an accurate record and signed by the Chairman.

102. DISCOVER YSTRADGYNLAIS.

Further to Minute 96 of the Town Councils meeting on the 3rd November 2019, the Clerk reported that the above organisation had thanked the Council for its feedback in relation its current constitution and would further consider whether it would be in the organisations interest to allocated seats on the Committee to outside organisation such as the Town Council and Powys County Council.

Resolved to note the position.

103. MEMBER PRE - BUDGET MEETING.

Further to Minute 97 of the Town Council's meeting on the 3rd October a short report was received from the Ystradgynlais Ward on Town Council budget matters. Other Wards submission reports to be forwarded as soon as possible to the Clerk so that the Chairman can convene a further meeting on this subject matter sometime towards the end of November 2019.

104. PAYMENT OF ACCOUNTS

Resolved that the accounts as detailed be paid.

105. RENAMING OF THE LESSER HALL AT THE YSTARDGYNLAIS WELFARE HALL.

Further to Minute 97 of the Town Councils meeting on the 3rd October the Clerk confirmed that the Town Council at its meeting on the 9th March 2019 did rename the Lesser Hall at the Welfare Hall. Reports were received from members advising the Council that the Welfare Hall Board and may friends of the Hall and public disagreed with this

decision. The Town Council reconsidered the position and resolved to rescind the Minute agreeing to the change of name and furthermore agreed to reinstate the original name of the room to the Lesser Hall.

106. POWYS COUNTY COUNCIL – DEPARTMENTAL CONTACT POINTS.

A copy of the above information was received from the Powys County Council copies of which had been circulated for information to all Town Council Members. Information noted.

107. GOROF CEMETERY – DRAINAGE COMPLAINT.

Further to Minute 95 Of the Town Councils meeting on the 3rd October a further e mail was received from the landowners adjacent to the Gorof cemetery complaining about the blocked condition of the drainage ditch which runs along the southern of the Cemetery, where it joins the neighbour's property.

Resolved that a site meeting be arranged to examine the complaint.

108. CASUAL VACANCY - CWMTWRCH WARD.

Confirmation was received from the Powys County council that no request had been received for an election to fill the vacancy from ten electors of the Ward. The Town Council was now expected to fill the vacancy by co-option.

Resolved that the casual vacancy in the office of councillor for the Cwmtwrch Ward be advertised locally in the usual manner. Closing date for receipt of nominations Tuesday 3rd December 2019.

109. GENERAL CORRESPONDENCE.

a) Letter dated 23 September received from the Powys County Council detailing dates in March and September 2020 for further meetings with Town and Community councils on the budget cycle of the Authority. Arrangements noted.

b) E mail dated 9 October 2019 was received from the Ystalyfers Community Council congratulating the Town Council on its achievements and success in its support to the Town in this year's Wales in Bloom Award. Agreed that the Town Council's thanks be conveyed to Ystalyfera Community Council for the recognition it had showed with regards to this project.

c) **ST CYNOG'S CHURCH – CAROL SERVICE.**

An e mail dated 25th October 2019 was received from the Canon Dewi Roberts inviting Town Council Members to the Carol Service at the Church on December 20th at 7.15pm. Resolved to note the arrangements.

d) Details were received from the Armed Forces Charity SSAFA regarding the events and planned activities scheduled in commemoration of the 75th Anniversary of VE Day marking the end of the war in Europe. The planned activities on the 8th – 10th May 2020. After six years fighting the end of hostilities were officially announced on the 8th May 1945 by the then Prime minister Winston Churchill. That date has since become enshrined in history as VE Day.

110. MEMORIAL BENCHES

Written requests were received from two local residents who sought permission from the Town Council to site memorial benches at the Gorof Cemetery and at Diamond Park respectfully in order to commemorate the passing away of a close family member and a relative. Details appertaining to the memorial benches was shared with Members.

Resolved that permission be granted to both applicants and that the Clerk oversees the installations on behalf of the Town Council.

111. BUDGET 2020/21.

The Town Council received correspondence and accompanying documentation from the following organisations in relation to funding requests for the next financial year 2020/21 :-

- a) Abercrave and District Miners Welfare Hall.
- b) Cwmtwrch Miners Welfare Hall.
- c) Blodau Ystradgynlais
- d) Discover Ystradgynlais
- e) Ystradgynlais Town Centre Public Conveniences.

Resolved that further consideration be given by the Town Council to the above funding requests at the Budget meeting in January 2020.

112. POWYS PENSION FUND ANNUAL EMPLOYERS' MEETING.

An invitation was received from the Powys County council inviting the Town Council to send a representative to the above meeting.

Resolved that Cllr R Millington be appointed to represent the Town Council at the meeting.

113. BRYNHENLLYS SOLAR FARM COMMUNITY BENEFIT AND RELATED MATTERS.

Further to Minute 99 of this meeting the Town Council discussed and considered further the content of the Community benefit letter received from Lightsourcebp. Questions were asked as to how the figure of £29,900 had been determined by the Company. Discussions took place about the possibility of this figure being increased as some windfarm companies in the area were more generous in the benefits afforded to their respective communities. Cllr A Williams also raised a concern that if a worst-case scenario transpired with the company falling into administration to whom does the responsibility to whom

does the responsibility of the site and equipment pass to in this circumstance?

Resolved that the offer of a one of payment of £29,900 in community benefit to the Town Council be agreed in principal but that further investigations be undertaken by the Cwmtwrch Ward Members and the local Ward County Councillor into whether this figure was fair and reasonable in the circumstances and comparable to what was awarded communities in other areas where such developments had been approved.

114. PLANNING APPLICATIONS.

Resolved that the observations on planning applications received be forwarded to the Powys County Council.

115. MEMBERS AND OFFICERS REPORTS.

a) Cllr Leighton Evans raised a concern that despite being a Trustee on the Cwmtwrch Welfare Hall Committee his name was not listed on the statement of accounts for the Hall. The Chairman advised that he would seek to establish the reason why Cllr Evans' name had been omitted and to correct the oversight.

b) Cllr Leighton Evans advised that at the Cwmtwrch Hall AGM, a question was raised about which organization would inherit ownership of the Hall in the event of an unplanned closure of the Hall. A lengthy discussion and explanation was given by the Chairman to the Council on this issue. Agreed that the Chairman refers the matter to CISWO for clarification on the constitution.

c) Cllr Evan Evans raised a concern regarding the falling roles at Ysgol y Cribarth, Abercrave. This was due to many children from the area opting to enroll at the Welsh School Ysgol Dyffryn y Glowyr. Concern noted.

d) Cllr Martin Donnelly brought to the attention of the Council the difficulties that a neighbouring Town Council namely Glynneath had recently experienced following the resignation of three Town Councillors.

Meeting terminated at 9.00 pm.

**YSTRADGYNLAIS TOWN COUNCIL
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Planning to be matters considered by the Town Council on Thursday 7th November 2019

1.0 Applications granted consent

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

19/0929/HH	Mr. L. Smith Troed-y-rhiw Bungalow Heol Giedd Ystradgynlais	Construction of first floor to bungalow and erection of single storey extensions to side and rear.
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2.0 Applications refused consent

From information available on the Powys CC web site 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:-

19/1634/HH	Mr & Mrs Phillips 26 Palleg Road Cwmtwrch	Demolition of the existing conservatory and erection of a conservatory.
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Resolved: *No observation*

19/1605/HH	Mr. D. Davies Mardy House 103 Heol Twrch Cwmtwrch	Demolition of the existing lean to, erection of a single extension along with some external alterations and formation of a second floor.
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Resolved: *No observation*

19/1511/HH	Mr & Mrs Hunter 311 Brecon Road Ystradgynlais	Proposed side and rear extension.
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Resolved: *No observation*

19/1550/HH	Mr & Mrs Newton 41 Bethel Road Cwmtwrch	Erection of a single storey extension.
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Resolved: *No observation*

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19/1748/DIS Mr & Mrs Pemble Application to discharge conditions 3 & 4 of planning
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 Ystradgynlais

Resolved: **No observation**

19/1718/HH Mr. B. Bolton Demolition of the existing single storey extension and
 18 Maespica Road erection of a two storey extension.
 Cwmtwrch

Resolved: **No observation**

4.0 Miscellaneous

No matter to report