



**CYNGOR TREF
YSTRADGYNLAIS
TOWN COUNCIL**

Meeting of the Council held at the Ystradgynlais Welfare Hall on Thursday 5^h December 2019 at 6.30p.m.

Present : Councillor Adrian Williams, Vice Chairman, Presided.

**Councillors E Evans, M Evans,
M Donnelly, R Lock,
R Millington, L Evans.
G Davies, A Davies.**

120.. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE.

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors W Thomas, G Davies, , T Davies.

121. YSTRADGYNLAIS MINERS WELFARE AND COMMUNITY HALL

a) The Town Council received representatives from the Welfare Hall Board in relation to funding requirements for the next financial year 2020/21. Unfortunately, Powys County Council had recently stated that it would consider and confirm funding arrangements for the Hall sometime towards the end of February/March 2020. Financial funding requirements for the financial year 2020/21 from the Town Council amounted to £36,000. This would allow the Hall to maintain the current level of service and continue to work in partnership with a wide range of community groups. The Board also discussed with the Town Council members the following matters:-

- Powys Theatre Budget
- Building Capital Budget
- Arts council Investment review and funding
- Welfare Hall business Plan
- Financial issues and Accounts

Resolved that the Town Council consider the Halls request in more detail at its budget meeting in January 2020.

b) The Town Council received a request for the release of the final grant payment for this financial year. Also circulated was the Welfare Halls performance and financial report for the past four months.

Resolved that the final allocated grant award of £12,000 for the financial year 2019/20 be paid.

c) Members received an official request from the Welfare Hall board for the placing of a plaque in memory of Eunice Stallard, a peace campaigner from the area to be placed on the front external wall of the Hall. The matter was discussed in detail and it was agreed to place the matter on the agenda of the Town Council meeting in the New Year.

122. MINUTES.

Resolved that the Minutes of the Town Council's meeting held on the 3^{7th} November 2019 be confirmed as an accurate record and signed by the Chairman. Draft Minutes of the meeting held on the 21st November 2019 to be referred to the town councils meeting in January 2020.

123. DISCOVER YSTRADGYNLAIS.

The Clerk reported that the above organisation had returned to the Town Council the grant cheque in the sum of £200 awarded to the organisation in September of this year as the money was no longer required for the purpose stated.

Resolved to note the position.

124. BUDGET MONITORING REPORT – 1 April 2019 to 30 November 2019.

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

125. FOOTPATH 91 – TEMPORARY CLOSURE ORDER.

An emergency notice was received from the Powys County Council to close a section of Footpath 91 due to a landslip and on the grounds of public safety, It was the intention to carry out the necessary repairs within the next 21 days and within the closure notice period.

Resolved to note the position.

126. YSTRADGYNLAIS HERITAGE SOCIETY – PROJECTS FOR 2020 AND FUNDING REQUIREMENTS.

A letter dated 21st November was received from the heritage Society seeking the Town Councils financial support for the following projects in 2020:-

- Notable Person – Dafydd Davies who was born in the community.
- Interpretation Panel re - Tick Tock factory.
- Interpretation Panel – Industrial and Cultural heritage – Upper Cwmtwrch.

Following consideration of the position it was **resolved** to grant assist the projects up to the sum of £4000 subject to confirmation at the Councils budget meeting in January 2020 for the financial year 2020/21.

127. GOROF CEMETERY – BURIAL RECORDS.

The Clerk gave a detailed report to the Council on the work undertaken by Mrs V T in examining, sorting and cataloguing all the

burial plots at the Cemetery. The work had been undertaken over the last 9 months in conjunction with the Clerk. It was recommended that an honorarium payment be made Mrs V T for this work undertaken on behalf the Council.

Resolved that an honorarium payment of £500 be made to Mrs V T for the work completed to date.

128. TICK TOCK BOWLING CLUB

a) Information was received from the Treasurer of the Bowling Club in relation to its annual accounts together with a detailed report on events of the year and the plan to hold a junior bowling competition for the local school children next season. Report noted.

b) Ynyscedwyn Ward Members advised of the financial problem currently being experienced by the Bowls Club and a request was made for a grant of £200 be considered to assist the Club on this occasion.

Resolved that a grant of £200 be awarded to the Bowling Club and that the sum agreed be obtained from the Ynyscedwyn Ward budget.

129. GOROF CEMETERY – DRAINAGE WORK.

Following a site meeting held in relation to the above matter a report had been received recommending that work be undertaken to improve the drainage position on the Councils side of the boundary at the lower southernly end of the Cemetery. Water was flowing from the Cemetery onto the woodland area which was privately owned. Advice was currently being sought from the Grounds contractor on the project to install an open ditch in the area. Some smaller trees in the ditch area might require removing.

Resolved that the Town Council Members be kept updated on the project once the required work needed to be done commences.

130. GORSEDD PARK – SOFT LANDSCAPING SEATING AREA.

The Clerk referred to an invoice that had been received from the local gardening centre Quids In. The invoice related to the soft landscaping work that had been undertaken around the seating area commemorating the two World Wars. The original project had been funded and carried out in partnership with the Town Council, Powys County Council and the local Heritage Society. However, there was an outstanding invoice to be paid for the soft landscaping work undertaken which amounted to £2000 (excluding Vat). The matter was discussed at length by members and it was agreed initially to contact the heritage society to see if they were prepared to assist with this payment. The Clerk reported that the Powys County Council was prepared to contribute financially towards the project.

Resolved that the matter be further considered once replies are received from the local heritage group and the Powys County Council on the funding issue.

131. PAYMENT OF ACCOUNTS

Resolved that the accounts as detailed be paid.

132. PLANNING APPLICATIONS.

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

133. MEMBERS AND OFFICERS REPORTS.

a) Members were advised that the Deputy Clerk would in the new year be enrolling on the Introduction to Local Council Administration online training course. Cost being £99 plus Vat. The course itself was organized by the Society of Local Council Clerks

Meeting terminated at 8.30 pm.

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Planning to be matters considered by the Town Council on Thursday 5th December 2019

1.0 Applications granted consent

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

19/1565/NMA	Mr G Morgan Llundain Fach Brecon Road Ystradgynlais Swansea SA9 1ST	Application for non-material amendment to planning permission 19/0208/FUL in respect of alteration of rear dormers to flat roof dormers and alteration of main roof to omit catslide
19/1183/HH	Mr J Davies 58 Wind Road Ystradgynlais Swansea SA9 1AF	Proposed Loft Extension
19/1550/HH	Mr & Mrs Newton 41 Bethel Road Lower Cwmtwrch Swansea SA9 2PS	Erection of a rear single-story extension
19/1511/HH	Mr & Mrs Hunter 311 Brecon Road Ystradgynlais SA9 1QX	Proposed side and rear extension
19/1495/REM	Mr & Mrs Andrew Rees 5 Cwrt Y Gamlas Gurnos Swansea SA9 1EP	Section 73 application to vary condition No.2 attached to planning permission 18/0624/FUL (to allow different house design)
19/1112/HH	Mr A Davies for address 18 Alder Avenue Ystradgynlais Swansea SA9 1AQ	Proposed extension and all associated works

2.0 Applications refused consent

From information available on the Powys CC web site no application has been refused consent.

19/1187/FUL	Mr Gareth Thomas for address 24 Paleg Road Lower Cwmtwrch Swansea SA9 2QE	Demolition of dwelling and erection of a replacement dwelling and garage
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3.0 Applications for consideration

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

19/1375/FUL	Mr Ceri Williams for address 2 Ark Cottages Caerbont Gurnos Swansea SA9 1SD	Removal of existing double extension and building of new double extension and front porch
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Resolved: No Observations

19/1899/REM	Mr Rob Thompson - Celtic Energy Nant Helen Surface Mine Coelbren Neath Powys	Section 73 to vary condition 45 of planning permission 18/1070/REM in relation to restoration scheme
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Resolved: To grant plenary powers to Abercrave Ward to review and submit observations on behalf of Town Council

19/1850/REM	Mr C Ibrahim for address Land adj to Wharf Cottage Gurnos Road Ystradgynlais Swansea	Section 73 application to vary condition 2 attached to P/2017/1077 (design and layout changes)
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Resolved: No Observations

19/1812/OUT	Mr Morgan Land at Former Bryn Seion Chapel Heol Tawe Abercrave Swansea SA9 1XP	Erection of a dwelling house, formation of vehicular access, demolition of chapel and all associated works (outline application with all matters reserved)
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Resolved: No Observations

19/1793/FUL	Powys County Council Ysgol Gymraeg Dyffryn Y Glowyr Gurnos Swansea SA9 2PT	Construction of a detached Early Years Facility with sprinkler tank and pump house, with a new vehicular entrance, access-controlled staff parking area, external playground areas and new stepped pedestrian access from the main road
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Resolved: No Observations

19/1855/FUL	Mr Julian Smith	Proposed detached dwelling with associated
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Erection of Dwelling Rhestr external and drainage works
Fawr
Ystradgynlais
Powys

Resolved: No Observations

19/1514/OUT Mrs R Mayrick Outline permission for the erection of 3x
Development South of 23 dwellings (1x detached with garage and a pair
Cwmphil Road of semi-detached)
Cwmtwrch Isaf
Powys SA9 1DE

Resolved: No Observations

19/1863/HH Mr & Mrs Spencely Erection of an extension and all associated
Cwmclyd Bungalow works
Ynys Uchaf
Swansea
SA9 1RL

Resolved: No Observations

4.0 Miscellaneous

19/1605/HH - Mr David Davies Demolition of the existing lean to, erection of a
WITHDRAWN Mardy House single-story extension along with some
103 Heol Twrch external alterations and formation of a second
Lower Cwmtwrch floor
Swansea SA9 2TE

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Comment regarding Powys Planning Application The Ystradgynlais Town Council fully supports the observations and comments which have been made in respect of this planning application by the local County Councillors (copy letter dated 13th December attached).

In addition to the enclosed comments the Town Council would also wish to add the following observations as the current restoration plan did not have the proposed void that is now being proposed:-

- **Serious concern is expressed by the Town Council over the steepness of the void walls proposed as it would be a health and safety danger to all and could also result in land erosion and possible slippage over time.**
- **With regard to the wetland, water feature area and ponds proposed, who will take the full responsibility for the continuing maintenance and regular oversight of these areas?**
- **Under no circumstances must there be any water features or water ponds to be allowed in the void after restoration as these feature / water ponds would be clearly above be the level of the old workings of both Abercrave and Ynyscedwyn collieries.**

The above statements constitute the Ystradgynlais Town Councils response and observations in respect of this planning application.