



**CYNGOR TREF
YSTRADGYNLAIS
TOWN COUNCIL**

**Ordinary Meeting of the Council held at the Welfare Hall on Thursday 6th
February 2020 at 6.30 p.m.**

Present : Chairman Wayne Thomas, Presiding

**Councillors R Millington, M Evans, Adrian Williams, G Davies,
L Evans, M Donnelly, M Gough, M Allen, R Lock, T Davies**

148. NEW MEMBERS WELCOMED

New Council Members, Mr Michael Allen for Ystradgynlais Ward and Mr Matthew Gough for Cwmtwrch Ward were welcomed to the Council. Both have signed the Declaration of Acceptance forms and received all relevant documentation.

149. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE.

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors R Phillips, L Phillips, C Nickels, A Davies and E Evans

150. EUNICE STALLARD PURPLE PLAQUE

Further to Minute 136 Eunice Stallard's daughter Mrs Jane Potter was received by the Council accompanied by her cousin, and made a short presentation in support of the application. Correspondence was also received from Cllr S McNicholas, the Plaque proposers Chwarae Teg and Mrs Potter which had been circulated prior to the meeting supplying in detail more information regarding Mrs Stallard's links to the Ystradgynlais Area and in particular the Welfare Hall. Following Mrs Potters

presentation, the Council took a few moments to consider the proposal and unanimously resolved to allow the siting of the plaque at the Welfare Hall.

151. MINUTES

Resolved that the minutes from the Councils Meeting on 2nd January 2020 be confirmed as an accurate record and signed by the Chairman.

MATTERS ARISING FROM MINUTES

152. GORSEDD PARK LANDSCAPING OF SEATING AREA

Further to Minute 137 the division of expenditure at Gorsedd Park was clarified. £900 was contributed by Powys County Council on the understanding that Ystradgynlais Town Council would match this grant and that £200 had been contributed from the Heritage Society. However, the Council still await details of whom had initially authorised the extra work now expected to be paid for by the Town Council.

Resolved that:

- a) options be considered to reduce the ongoing maintenance cost of the cenotaph seating area.
- b) payment of the Town Councils contribution be sanctioned by the Chairman and Vice Chairman of the Council following satisfactory conclusion of discussions with Quids In.

153. GRANT APPLICATION – LEG CLUB

Further to Minute 138 a Grant Application Form has been forwarded to the Primary Contact at the Leg Club.

154. CWMTWRCH WELFARE HALL – CISWO OWNERSHIP

Further to Minute 140 Cllr L Evans was not present at last month's meeting and again raised the query in relation to the Deeds and constitution of the above Hall. Further information on this issue was sought and it was resolved that Cllr W Thomas contacts Mr Andrew Morse to give the Town Council a presentation.

155. PAYMENT OF ACCOUNTS

Resolved that :

- a) the accounts as detailed be paid
- b) a query raised by Cllr A Williams regarding the charge of £600 from Quids In be resolved with the Clerk, the member and Company.

156. ENVIRONMENT (WALES) ACT 2016 PART 1 SECTION 6 – BIODIVERSITY AND RESILIENCE OF ECOSYSTEMS.

The Town Council received a copy of the Clerks draft report in relation to the above matter which was fully considered by the Council. Resolved to adopt the policy document in its entirety.

157. TOWN COUNCIL WEBSITE/CHRISTMAS LIGHTS

- a) The Council was notified that Mr R Malvern the current Town Council Website Administrator was looking to reduce his workload and would prefer to terminate his duties in relation to the Town Council Website. It was also agreed there was a need to update and improve the website where possible. It was resolved that a Working Group be established to examine this matter further.
- b) It was resolved to appoint a Task and Finish Group to consider options to improve Christmas Lighting for the Town within a budget of £15,000. Further clarification would be needed regarding member appointments from each Ward to both groups. Both groups are to notify the Chair and Vice Chair of meetings and report back to the council in due course.

158. YSTRADGYNLAIS MINERS WELFARE HALL

An email dated 4th February was received from the Culture Department at Powys County Council notifying the Welfare Hall Board that there is high risk that a funding cut is planned for the next financial year with further cuts to follow in future years. The content was discussed by the Council. It

was resolved that the Welfare Hall Board be invited to meet with the Town Council Board at an Extra Ordinary Meeting in due course to address the issue and discuss options available.

159. YSTRADGYNLAIS HERITAGE GROUP

a) On behalf of The Heritage Society, Mr Owens offered thanks for the Town Council's on-going support in the documentation of local History and Notable Persons. They were interested to follow up on a suggestion from the Clerk that we may be able to host the material published by them on our site as it is of local interest. The Council resolved to consider this matter through the Working Group for the Website.

b) The Heritage Society notified the Council of two new proposed projects within the Ystradgynlais Ward for consideration with a view to funding support. Due to the cost and other financial considerations the Town Council resolved to defer these considerations until the next Ordinary Meeting in March.

160. GOROF CEMETERY CARE OF CEMETERY PLOTS

An email response from Cllr Millington to the Deputy Clerk included a request for information regarding the progress of a set of regulations covering the Gorof Cemetery. The Council were assured that this was progressing, and a draft will be available within a month or two. Resolved to note the position.

161. POST OFFICE - RELOCATION

Correspondence was received from The Post Office to appraise them that the local branch is proposed to move to the Family Shopper in Brecon Road and a consultation on this is in effect from 4th February to 17th March. Resolved to note the position.

162. GOROF CEMETERY GRASS MAINTENANCE CONTRACT

An email had been received from Crynant Landscapes advising that they cease to be able to continue their landscaping work at the Gorof Cemetery from 31st March 2020. The council were advised that a tender document to forward to approved contractors was being prepared to present at the

March meeting for the Councils consideration and approval. Resolved to note the position.

163. FLOODING – PANTYFFYNON ROAD, YSTRADGYNLAIS

A site meeting had already been convened on February 12th to discuss the problem with Powys County Council. Resolved that Cllrs L Evans and T Davies attend a meeting with representatives to discuss options to alleviate the problem.

164. SMALL GRANT APPLICATION ADVERTISEMENT

Regarding upcoming Small Grant Applications for the financial year 2020/21 copies of a draft advertisement were circulated. The Council accepted the advert and resolved that it should be placed within the local Community Mag at a cost of £100 as well as circulated via Council Members and to local Establishments Notice Boards.

165. YSTRADGYNLAIS PUBLIC CONVENIENCES – THE CROSS

Correspondence was received from Cynthia Davies from Blodau in relation to a meeting arranged to discuss issues with the Public Toilets in the Town Centre. Representation of the Town Committee was invited to attend to discuss the possibility of finding other sources of funding toward the maintenance and running costs of the Public Conveniences.

166. PLANNING APPLICATION

The Town Council received a report regarding the applications received from Powys County Council.

Resolved that Plenary Powers be awarded to the Cwmtwrch Ward to make observations to Powys County Council on the Councils behalf regarding Bryn Henllys Solar Farm. An information event had been organised to take place 13th February at the Cwm Wanderers AFC and Ward members were invited to attend.

No other observations on planning were made.

167. MEMBERS/OFFICERS REPORTS

- a) Cllr L Evans requested clarification on what an invoice submitted by Old School Nursery was covering. Information to be sought from the Clerk.
- b) Cllr M Gough had emailed the Clerk and Deputy Clerks regarding two points that had come up in a Ward meeting.
1. What is the status of the grant application in relation to Cwmtwrch Welfare Hall and what is the amount?
 2. Who has responsibility for the small playground next to the hall?
- Information to be sought from the Clerk
- c). Cllr M Donnelly – Inspector Bowens from the local Police had contacted Cllr Donnelly to request a visit with the Council to discuss current community issues and regular updates. Council was agreeable and it was resolved that Cllr Donnelly will instigate arrangements to meet.
- d) Cllr M Evans attended an event in Builth Wells through One Voice Wales and advised the council that grants will be available for Environmental and Heritage Projects. The Council resolved that Cllr Evans invite Paul Egan for a discussion regarding suitable projects.
- e) Cllr M Allen raised concerns about Dog Fouling throughout the Town being a serious issue. The council discussed what avenues there are to deter fouling. It was resolved to approach Powys County Council to ascertain their attitude and methods of dealing with and enforcing penalties.
- f) Cllr R Millington attended the Powys Pension Meeting. The situation has improved although it is still underfunded. Figures should be available in the next couple of months. Resolved to note the position.

Meeting concluded at 8.30 p.m.

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Planning to be matters considered by the Town Council on Thursday 6th February 2020

1.0 Applications granted consent

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

19/1863/HH	Mr & Mrs Spencely 18a Station Road Ystradgynlais Powys SA9 1NT	Erection of extension and associated works
19/1850/REM	Mr Craig Ibrahim Land Adj to Wharf Cottage Gurnos Road Ystradgynlais	Section 73 application to vary condition 2 attached to P/2017/1077 (design and layout changes)
19/1748/DIS	Mr & Mrs Pemble Coed Lan 4 Llys Ynyscedwyn Ystradgynlais Powys SA9 1EN	Application to discharge conditions 3 & 4 of planning approval P/2018/0639, 18/0099/HH

2.0 Applications refused consent

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

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

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

19/2035/RES	Mr Craig Hopkins Land at former Cynlais School Playing Field, Ystradgynlais	Application for reserved matters following the approval of P/2016/0047 for the erection of 10 dwellings and all associated works
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Resolved

No Observations

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20/0125/FUL	Mr Nathan Morgan 7 Tan-Y-Farteg Ystradgynlais SA9 2JU	Erection of double storey extension
<i>Resolved</i>	<i>No Observations</i>	
20/0046/HH	Mr Mark Gould 103 The Babyhouse Brecon Road Ystradgynlais SA9 1QL	Extension of the existing single storey dwelling into a two storey with additional side extension
<i>Resolved</i>	<i>No Observations</i>	
20/0034/HH	Mr Ian Morgan 25 Ynyscedwyn Road Ystradgynlais SA9 1BE	Double storey side extension, single storey rear extension and replacement
<i>Resolved</i>	<i>No Observations</i>	
20/0007/FUL	Mr and Mrs Purvis 36 Commercial Street Ystradgynlais SA9 1JH	Change of use of Church to Café to include the installation of a second floor and all other associated works
<i>Resolved</i>	<i>No Observations</i>	
20/0047/FUL	Mr Richard Turner Solar Farm at Bryn Henllys Cwmtwrch Uchaf Swansea	Extension to existing Solar Farm (inclusive of PV installation and associated infrastructure)
<i>Resolved</i>	<i>That plenary powers be awarded to Ward Councillors to examine application and respond on behalf of the Town Council</i>	

4.0 Miscellaneous

No matter to report