



**CYNGOR TREF
YSTRADGYNLAIS
TOWN COUNCIL**

**Ordinary Meeting of the Council held at the Welfare Hall on Thursday 8th
October 2020 at 6.30 p.m.**

Present : Chairman Wayne Thomas Presiding

**Councillors R Lock, L Evans, M Allen, A Williams, R Millington, M
Donnelly, T Davies, E Evans, M Evans, R Phillips,**

28. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies were received from Councillors C Nickels, L Phillips, A Davies, M Gough and G Davies.

29. BUDGET REVIEW FOR FINANCIAL YEAR 2020/21

The Town Council received the following financial reports for consideration and discussion:

- a) Copy of 2020/21 Budget expenditure and Income report agreed at the Councils precept meeting in January 2020.
- b) Bank reconciliation statement as at 30th September 2020 (copy attached as appendix 1).
- c) Budget Monitoring Report for the period from 1st April 2020 to 30th September 2020 (copy attached as appendix 2)

Resolved that

- a) the content of the reports be noted.
- b) a pre-budget meeting be arranged in December 2020 to receive more detailed reports on the Town Councils financial position prior to the determination of a precept for the financial year.

30. STORAGE CONTAINER

The Clerk updated the Town Council on the possibility of purchasing a new storage container and that the current rental arrangement in force with the existing container be discontinued.

Resolved that quotes be obtained in relation to the possible purchase of a new storage container to be sited at the grounds of the Ystradgynlais Welfare Hall.

31. GLOBAL CENTRE OF RAIL EXCELLENCE

The Town Council had received pre-planning consultation regarding the development of Nant Helen Open Cast Mine into a train testing track. Members were favourable and the aspect was raised of it bringing employment opportunity to the valley where it may be lost through the closure of the mine.

Resolved that the Chairman and Vice Chairman complete the response form on behalf of the Council.

32. TRANSFORMING TOWNS FUNDING

Council members had received information regarding a funding opportunity for Covid recovery for Town Centre Businesses.

The grant has to be match funded of 20% by a lead applicant acting on behalf of local businesses. A Powys County Council representative had invited the Town Council to act as that applicant.

The Town Council considered the benefits for local businesses, residents and visitors.

Resolved that:

a) in principle, Ystradgynlais Town Council accepts the invitation to act as lead applicant and provide 20% core contribution towards a possible total grant of £10,000.

b) to arrange a meeting with Ward Chairs, Powys representative and local business owners to discuss the funding opportunity and local needs.

33. TICK TOCK COMMUNITY BOWLS – LEASE RENEWAL REQUEST

Correspondence had been received from the above Bowls Club advising that with the current peppercorn lease expiring in December 2021, it would like to request the renewal of the lease.

Council members had several questions regarding insurances and the Town Councils liability for certain costs.

Resolved that a decision be deferred to the next meeting to allow further information to be gathered.

34. CHRISTMAS LIGHTS

The Working Group had been having discussions and meetings regarding the Christmas Lighting for the Wards this year. Due to the pandemic, meetings and work to organise the lighting for this year had been delayed resulting in a very small window remaining to receive delivery of new lighting and install in good time.

Christmas Lighting displays for Ystradgynlais Town Centre had been tested and the majority were in good working order.

Cllr A Williams had had recent site meetings with a potential supplier and the issue had been reviewed with the Clerk and a contractor regularly used for installation of the lights. The Town Council reviewed quotes that had been supplied by several companies taking into account the time remaining in the year.

Resolved that

a) the existing lights already in the possession of the Town Council be installed throughout the Town Centre.

b) further information gathering and evaluation time be allowed to discuss lighting options for Abercrave and Cwmtwrch Wards. Working Group to review the position and that the matter be decided upon at the Councils meeting on the 15th of October 2020.

35. PAYMENT OF ACCOUNTS

Resolved that accounts as detailed be paid. Copy attached as Appendix 3.

36. CHAIRMAN/MEMBER REPORTS

a) Cllr E Evans reported that he had contacted the Town Councils' Site Inspector regarding a damaged gate on a footpath in Caerlan and asked whether the officers may have had an update in relation to the relocation of this gate.

Resolved that the Clerk follow up on the state of progress.

b) Cllr L Evans advised the Council that several trees within the Cwmtwrch ward had fallen by the River Twrch and although Natural Resources Wales had been notified no action had been taken to remove them. Cllr Thomas advised that he also had been in contact with NRW. Resolved that Cllr Thomas to pursue the matter with Neath Port Talbot Borough Council.

c) Cllr L Evans had become aware that Pendine had received National Lottery funding in order to build a motorhome park and questioned whether Ystradgynlais may be able to benefit similarly.

Resolved that the Deputy Clerk contact the clerk of Pendine Community Council to wish them success and request advice and information regarding the application process.

d) Cllr M Evans passed to the Clerk a grant application from Ystradgynlais AFC Juniors. Cllr T Davies queried whether an application for Ystradgynlais Rugby Mini and Juniors had been received which was confirmed.

Resolved that both applications would be considered at a future meeting.

e) Cllr R Millington advised the Council that he had discussions with Cllr M Gough regarding the success of Pontardawe Town Council securing grant funding for the Welfare Hall there. Cllr Millington had passed the information forward to the Board of Trustees for the Ystradgynlais Welfare Hall .

f) Cllr W Thomas advised the Council that at a school in Kent a child had died as a result of a falling tree, reminded the Council of the need to be

vigilant regarding health and safety in the Community and if any have concerns to contact the Clerk directly.

g) Cllr R Millington advised the Council that during the re-opening of Town Centre Businesses following Covid-19 lockdown, the Welfare Hall Management Committee had authorised use of the Hall car park by visitors. "Free Car Parking" signs had been ordered and paid for by Cllr Millington to advise the public and he was requesting whether he could be reimbursed for these through the Town Council.

Resolved that Cllr Millington supply the invoice for the signs and the Council would consider the reimbursement.

Meeting concluded at 8 pm.

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**Planning matters to be considered by the Town Council for the month of
September 2020**

1.0 Applications granted consent

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

20/0799/HH	Mr and Mrs Charlton 49 Heol Tawe Abercrave SA9 1XP	Proposed first floor rear extension
20/0672/NMA	Richard Turner Proposed Solar Farm Bryn Henllys Cwmtwrch Swansea	Application for non-material amendment to planning permission P/2015/0176 in respect of new plans
20/1137/HH	Mr and Mrs Morgan 58 Bethel Road Lower Cwmtwrch Swansea SA9 2PT	Demolition of the existing garage and erection of a replacement garage with ancillary day room to first floor
20/0927/FUL	Mr S Iqbal Golden Save 30 Brecon Road Ystradgynlais Swansea SA9 1HE	Proposed change of use and internal alterations from former offices/ store to 2 self-contained flats
20/0798/DIS	Mr Richard Banks Land at 89 Gorof Road Lower Cwmtwrch Swansea SA9 1DS	Application to discharge condition 19 of planning consent P/2018/0373
20/0309/FUL	Mr J Adams Golf Driving Range at Celtic Minor Golf Club	Demolition of existing golf driving range structure, erection of a new building for 6 no. visitor accommodations units, formation of

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	Lower Cwmtwrch Swansea SA9 2QQ	parking area and new vehicular access road
19/0137/DIS	Mr and Mrs Moulton Bryngroes Farm Gurnos Swansea	Discharge of conditions 4,5,6,7 and 9 of planning approval P2017/1397 in relation to contamination and landscaping

2.0 Applications refused consent

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

19/0662/REM	Mrs Alison Jones Land opposite Number 2 Tan Y Graig Abercrave SA9 1TA	Section 73 application to vary condition of permission P/2014/0222 to allow an extension of time to implement the permission
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3.0 Applications for consideration

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

20/1436/HH	Mr Raymond Martin 3 Heol Maes Y Dre Ystradgynlais SA9 1HA	Proposed disabled auxiliary living accommodation to replace existing single garage
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Resolved No Observation

20/1434/HH	Mr Hywel Fyfield 31 Tan yr Allt Abercrave Swansea SA9 1XF	Construction of off-road parking in front of house
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Resolved No Observation

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20/1456/HH Myriam Hoppe Erection of an extension
The Babyhouse
103 Brecon Road
Ystradgynlais
SA9 1QL

Resolved No Observation

20/1197/HH Mr and Mrs M Demolition of the conservatory and
Davies erection of a rear extension
Swan Yr Afon
Heol Giedd
Ystradgynlais
SA9 1LP

Resolved No Observation

20/1399/HH Mrs Rachel Arthur Construction of Garden Wall
Ty Gwyn 48
Ynyscedwen Road
Ystradgynlais
SA9 1BH

Resolved No Observation

4.0 Miscellaneous

20/0850/HH Mr Gordon Last Erection of detached bungalow -
Land Adj to **WITHDRAWN**
Gwynmar Long
Street, Ynys Uchaf,
SA9 1RP