



**CYNGOR TREF
YSTRADGYNLAIS
TOWN COUNCIL**

**Ordinary Meeting of the Ystradgynlais Town Council held at the
Welfare Hall on Thursday 3rd December 2020 at 6.30 p.m.**

Present : Chairman Wayne Thomas Presiding

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

55. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies were received from Councillors R Phillips, L Phillips and G Davies

56. ANEURIN DAVIES

The Chairman opened the meeting by acknowledging the sad passing of Councillor Aneurin Davies who had served the community in the role of Councillor for more than forty years. In respect all Members and Officers stood for a minutes silence.

57. MINUTES

a) Resolved that the Minutes of the Councils meeting held on the 8th and 15th October 2020 be confirmed as an accurate record and signed by the Chairman.

b) Cllr Millington responded to Minute 39 regarding the Minutes from the Annual Meeting on 3rd September 2020, which had already been confirmed as accurate in the meeting of 15th October 2020. Standing Order 31 states “ No discussion shall take place upon the minutes, except upon their accuracy. Corrections to the minutes shall be made upon the signing thereof. Proposed corrections thereto shall be submitted to the Clerk in writing prior to the meeting at which the

minutes are to be signed.” The Chairman requested Cllr Millington submit his proposed amendment in writing to be addressed.

MATTERS ARISING FROM MINUTES

58. Councillor Leighton Evans raised a question regarding the appointment of himself to the management committee of the Cwmtwrch Welfare Hall. The position to be clarified for the next meeting by the ward.

59. **CASUAL VACANCY – COUNCILLOR A DAVIES**

It was resolved to declare a casual vacancy in the Ynyscedwyn Ward in electronic format on the Town Councils Website as well as ascertain whether it be possible to display within the Volunteer Centre and Tesco in the Ynyscedwen Ward.

60. **YSTRADGYNLAIS, ABERCRAVE AND CWMTWRCH WELFARE HALLS FUNDING**

The Town Council discussed letters received from the Ystradgynlais, Abercrave and Cwmtwrch Welfare Halls. Ystradgynlais Welfare Hall Management Committee was requesting the release of the final grant instalment for 2020/21 as well as an increase in funding support for the following year. It was requested that the Town Council increase grant funding from £36,000 from the previous few years to £41,000 for 2021/22, due to the very high likelihood of large funding cuts from Powys County Council from 2021, and the impact that Covid-19 pandemic had on the revenue making activities of the Hall. The Chairman wanted to remind councillors that the core capital funding remains at £34,000 with a £2,000 uplift for local projects/ group activities within the hall with the Welfare Hall acting as lead applicant to access this.

The Abercrave Welfare Hall Board of Trustees requested funding of £20,000 for 2021/22. The Board was anticipating an increase of community use in the building if it was renovated to an acceptable standard. A list of renovation works was outlined to justify this request. The Cwmtwrch Welfare Hall had previously requested funding for 2021/22 of £10,000.

It was resolved :

- a) to release the final instalment of funding for the Ystradgynlais Welfare Hall for 2020/21 in the sum of £12,000

Subject to the Town Councils Budget analysis in January 2021,

b) in principle to agree to an increase of funding to the Welfare Hall, made up of £34,000 core funding, £5,000 relief funding and £2,000 project uplift for 2021/22. Total £41,000 funding for 2021/22.

c) in principle to agree to the Abercrave Welfare Hall request of £20,000 for 2021/22 subject to clarity on depreciation mentioned in the accounts as well as the Halls strategy for increasing use of the Hall.

d) in principle to agree to the Cwmtwrch Welfare Hall request of £10,000 for 2021/22.

61. YSTRADGYNLAIS WELFARE COMMUNITY GROUNDS ASSOCIATION

The Town Council received an update from Cllr W Thomas regarding the position with securing a new lease on the Grounds. It was explained that the group set up to mediate the negotiations had secured charity status and that Heads of Terms on a new lease were being inspected. The final offer for a 50 year lease was proposed at a cost of £100,000 plus £1 rent per annum. This would be effective from September 2021. The payments would be staggered over a 2 year period of 3 instalments. The Association through the Chairman was requesting a contribution of £25,000 towards the final costs from the Town Council.

The Town Council deliberated over the value the Welfare Grounds hold for the Community and the benefits of contributing towards this and unanimously agreed in principle to the £25,000 grant subject to a formal written request from the charity, as well as copies of its constitution and accounts information, etc.

62. PREBUDGET CONSIDERATIONS

Ynyscedwen and Abercrave Wards had not been able to hold meetings to discuss their budgets for 2021/22. That being the case it was resolved to postpone the discussion until the Ward Budgets were complete.

63. SMALL GRANTS

The Town Council considered applications received. Discover Ystradgynlais had made application regarding a lighting project in the Gorsedd Park. This had now already been completed with

the Town Council having contributed a significant amount towards the power supply needed within the park. This application was noted. The Town Council resolved to award grants as follows;

Ystradgynlais AFC Juniors	£500
Ystradgynlais Rugby Minis and Juniors	£500

64. TRANSFORMING TOWNS

The Chairman updated the position regarding this funding initiative. The Chairman/ Vice Chairman had proposed to the Town Council via email that the amount being applied for be raised as information had come from the Powys representative that there was possibility of more funding available than the £10,000 initially thought. With only positive response received, the amount was increased to £41,500 and the application was submitted to Powys County Council.

Prior to the submission the Chairman had asked for clarification regarding whether there would be any upfront cost to the Council. With no clarification but the deadline for submission approaching the decision was made to apply. It was eventually confirmed by a separate Powys representative that the funding would be retrospective, and all expenses would need to be covered by the council to be reclaimed. The Chairman was awaiting further clarification from Powys regarding the flexibility of the arrangement.

As there would be no commitment until any award offer was accepted, the Town Council resolved to wait until correspondence concerning this had been received by the Chairman and reported back to the Town Council.

65. CLIMATE EMERGENCY

A letter and questionnaire had been received from Llandrindod Town Council addressing Climate Emergency and inviting the Town Council to lend support. The Town Council considered it on balance with other priorities and resolved to note the correspondence.

66. LITTER & DOG FOULING

Councillor Millington had requested this item be added to the agenda for discussion. Cllr M Evans notified the Council that a long standing employee of the County Council who had served the Community from the Highways department for many years had retired.

It was resolved that Ward discussions take place to ascertain the hotspots and problem areas, to source prices for notice boards with the Powys contact no and to contact Powys to discuss any other options for tackling the problem.

Also that Cllr Evans source correspondence details for the retired employee in order for the Council to thank him for his service.

67. PAYMENT OF ACCOUNTS

Resolved to pay accounts as detailed in Appendix 1.

CORRESPONDENCE

68. TRANSFORMING TOWNS TASK AND FINISH GROUP

An invitation had been received from the Transforming Towns Project to attend a remote meeting on the 10th of December. The Chairman and Vice Chairman would represent the Town Council and report back following the meeting.

69. DIAMOND PARK BENCH

A resident had drawn the Councils attention to the condition of a bench at Diamond Park that had deteriorated significantly. There were concerns regarding Accessibility issues within the park also.

Resolved that the Ward members review the issues and report back to the Town Council

70. PENSIONS MEETING

Resolved that Councillor Millington attend the meeting arranged remotely for 12th of December and report back.

71. AUDIT

The clerk notified the Council that the Audit for 2019/20 had been fully completed with no observations of consequence. The Auditing Body were satisfied with the internal controls of the Council in accordance with proper practices and no matters had come to their attention giving

cause for concern that relevant legislation and regulatory requirements have not been met.

Resolved to note the position and accept the Auditors report.

72. PRECEPT - 2021/22

The Clerk had received notification that the precept demand needed to be submitted to Powys County Council by the 22nd January 2021 for the financial year 2021/22.

Resolved to hold a budget meeting in January 2021 to discuss the Town Councils budget for the following year.

73. POWYS DENTISTRY SHORTAGE

Llandrindod Town Council had sent a letter to Powys Health Service to draw attention to the scarcity of Dentists within the area. They had also written to the Ystradgynlais Town Council asking it to lend its support to the cause.

Councillors discussed the issue and were not aware of particular problems within its community but agreed in principle to lend its support.

Position noted.

74. COUNCILLOR M DONNELLY

A card had been received from Cllr Donnelly thanking the Town Council for its' support following the recent death of his wife. Cllr Donnelly was present at the meeting, and the Chairman extended sympathies on behalf of the Town Council.

75. BRYN HENLLYS FOOTPATHS

The Deputy Clerk reported that she had read a report in the South Wales Guardian regarding a decision made by Powys regarding footpaths up at the Bryn Henllys site.

Resolved to await formal notification from Powys County Council.

The meeting terminated at 9.10pm.

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

1.0 Applications granted consent

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

20/1233/REM	Mr Mark Williams Plot at former Playground Glannant Terrace Ystradgynlais SA9 1BG	Section 73 application to vary condition no.2 attached to outline approval for dwelling under ref P/2018/0294 to allow an extension of time for submission of reserved matters by a further 3 years
20/0812/DIS	Mr Thomas Addey Parc Glyncwnwal Glyncwnwal Road Upper Cwmtwrch SA9 2XQ	Application to discharge conditions 5, 6, 7 and 8 of planning approval P/2018/0242
20/1456/HH	Myriam Hoppe The Babyhouse 103 Brecon Road Ystradgynlais SA9 1QL	Erection of an extension
20/1197/HH	Mr & Mrs M Davies Swn-Yr-Afon Heol Giedd Ystradgynlais SA9 1LP	Demolition of the conservatory and erection of a rear extension

2.0 Applications refused consent

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

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3.0 Applications for consideration

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

20/1627/HH	Mrs Amy Davies 47 Brecon Road Ystradgynlais SA9 1HH	Proposed two storey and single storey rear extensions and side facing windows to existing side elevation
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Resolved ***No Observation***

20/1563/FUL	Edwin Rubens 40-42 Commercial Street Ystradgynlais SA9 1JH	Proposed conversion of a detached dwelling (C3) use into a six bedroom house of multiple occupation (C4) use together with a single storey extension and external works
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Resolved ***No Observation***

4.0 Miscellaneous

No matter to report

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

1.0 Applications granted consent

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

20/1399/HH	Mrs Rachel Arthur Ty Gwyn 48 Ynyscedwyn Road Ystradgynlais SA9 1BH	Construction of a garden wall
20/1436/HH	Mr Raymond Martin 3 Heol Maes-Y-Dre Ystradgynlais SA9 1HA	Proposed disabled auxiliary living accommodation to replace existing single garage
20/1295/DIS	Powys County Council Ysgol Gymraeg Duffryn Y Glowr Gurnos Swansea SA9 2PT	Application to discharge conditions 4,5 and 6 of planning approval 19/1793/FUL

2.0 Applications refused consent

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

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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3.0 Applications for consideration

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

20/1844/DIS	Mr Alex Vaughn 89 Gorof Road Lower Cwmtwrch Swansea SA9 1DS	Discharge of conditions 4 (Highways details & highways drainage details) and condition 24 (drainage scheme)
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Resolved ***No Observation***

20/1696/FUL	Asbri Planning Pont Aur Ystradgynlais SA9 1BP	Change of use of Pont Aur from sheltered accommodation (C3) to an extra care facility (C2). To include refurbishment and an extension to provide an additional 10 extra care apartments, landscaping and associated works.
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Resolved ***No Observation***

20/1644/AGR	Ms Tegwen Morris Coed Glannant Ystradgynlais SA9 1QB	Creation of a vehicular track and erection of a forestry building
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Resolved ***No Observation***

20/1892/REM	Mr Sam England Land adj to 50 Heol Twrch, Lower Cwmtwrch, Swansea, SA9 2TE	Section 73 application to vary conditions 1 & 2 of planning approval P/2017/1235 in relation to extending the period allowed for commencement
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Resolved ***No Observation***

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No matter to report