



**Ordinary Meeting of the Council held at The
Welfare, Ystradgynlais on Thursday 6th of January
2022 at 6.30 p.m.**

**Present : Chairman A Williams, Presided
Councillors T Davies, M Allen, W Thomas, S Thomas,
R Jackson, C Nickels, E Evans, M Donnelly, R Lock,
R Millington, M Evans, G Davies and L Evans**

163. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors R Lock and M Gough.

164. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

No interests were declared.

165. MINUTES

Resolved that the Minutes of the Councils meeting held on the 2nd of December 2021 be confirmed as an accurate record and signed by the Chairman.

MATTERS ARISING

166. YSTRADGYNLAIS WELFARE GROUNDS

Further to Minute 156, the matter was raised that the appointed membership onto the Steering Committee for the Ystradgynlais Welfare Grounds would shortly be expiring.

It was resolved that Cllrs W Thomas and T Davies be reappointed to serve as Town Council representatives on to the afore mentioned Steering Committee.

167. SOCIAL MEDIA PRESENCE

Further to Minute 153, Cllr Millington confirmed that the Town Councils Facebook Page had been set up and was currently in use and had received no negative feedback.

168. PAYMENT OF ACCOUNTS.

Resolved that

- a) the accounts detailed in Appendix 1 be agreed and paid.
- b) that the Chairman and Vice Chairman be given plenary powers to authorise payment of invoices that had been expected by Januarys' meeting, but not yet received.

169. WARD BUDGETS 2022/23

The Council had received the estimated Ward budgets for all four Wards for the financial year 2022/23. These were reviewed and discussed.

Cllr Millington queried the amount set aside for Caerbont park refurbishment and whether any agreed amount should come out of the main Council budget rather than the Abercrave Ward Budget. There were also queries regarding the amount in the Ynyscedwyn Ward budget for Christmas lighting.

It was resolved that:-

a) the matter of Caerbont refurbishment costs be discussed at the next Management Sub-Committee and recommendations returned to the Council.

b) the Ynyscedwyn Ward review costings for the Christmas illuminations and consider a ceiling cost of £6,000 + VAT to be agreed for the next Sub-Committee meeting.

170. SKATE PARK LEASE SURRENDER

Further to Minute 61 of the Councils meeting in July 2021, in which it was resolved by the Town Council to surrender the lease for the Skate Park, Powys County Council had now forwarded a lease surrender document to be signed by a representative of the Town Council.

Resolved to that Council Chairman A Williams be the nominated representative to sign the aforementioned document.

171. ILLEGAL PARKING OF VEHICLES AT GWYSFRYN

Further to Minute 97 of the Councils meeting in October 2021, it had been determined that the vehicles remained illegally parked at Gwysfryn, Upper Cwmtwrch and it had now exceeded the three months' notice that the resident had been issued.

Resolved that the Clerk refers the matter to a local solicitor for advice in relation to the illegal parking of vehicles on council owned land.

172. ABERCRAVE CHRISTMAS ILLUMINATIONS

The Council had not yet received final figures for the costings of the Abercrave Christmas lighting installed for Christmas 2021. Cllr A Williams explained that it was still to be ascertained whether some of the expenditure would be settled by Powys County Council. At the present time, it looked to be an underspend of the £7,000 budgeted amount. Cllr Williams informed the Council that

in the event of a possible overspend, any amount over the budgeted allowance would be taken from the Ward budget. Position Noted.

173. CASUAL VACANCY IN THE OFFICE OF COUNCILLOR FOR THE CWMTWRCH WARD.

Further to Minute 152, the Clerk advised that Powys County Council had advised that no election had been requested regarding the vacancy in Cwmtwrch Ward.

It was resolved to advertise the vacancy by placing a Notice of Co-option on the Town Council Website and in the Cwmtwrch Welfare Hall and any responses to be considered at the Ordinary meeting in February

Cllr R Jackson left the meeting during the following item.

174. LOCAL GOVERNMENT AND ELECTIONS ACT 2021 CONSULTATION

The Town Council had received a consultation document from Welsh Government regarding the above-mentioned Act. Members discussed various aspects of the proposed Act and the impacts implementation may have.

Resolved to note the position and await the detailed guidance in April/May 2022 from the Welsh Government.

CORRESPONDENCE

175. POWYS REPLACEMENT LOCAL DEVELOPMENT PLAN DELIVERY AGREEMENT CONSULTATION

An email had been circulated to Members from Powys Planning Department informing the Town Council that the LDP was now to be reviewed and replaced. A requirement for this was for the County Council to agree with Welsh Government a timetable delivery plan and all stakeholders must be consulted on this. The email included online links to access the Drafts of the Review Report and Delivery agreement.

No members had any observations at present at the meeting and that the detail appertaining to this subject matter be awaited.

Resolved that the members individually respond to the Town Council Officers with any observations prior to the deadline of 1st February 2022.

176. PROPOSED STREET NAME – CLOS GOROF

A letter had been received from Powys County Council proposing a street name for a development undergoing construction in Gorof Road, Lower Cwmtwrch. It had been proposed to name the development Clos Gorof.

Resolved to agree with the proposed name.

**177. YSTRADGYNLAIS HERITAGE SOCIETY
INTERPRETATION PANEL GRANT AWARD**

At the October 2021 Ordinary Meeting, a contribution had been requested by the Ystradgynlais Heritage Society towards an Interpretation panel for Coronation Park. A grant of £1,000 had been awarded by the Town Council and the Society had now written requesting the release of the award.

Resolved to release the agreed award of £1,000.

178. GOROF CEMETERY BENCH QUERY

Cllr L Evans had written to the Clerk asking for further information regarding the Town Council funding of a memorial bench that had been installed at Gorof Cemetery by a local resident.

Cllr W Thomas clarified that he had awarded a grant from the Chairman's account to assist with this local project. Position noted.

179. POP UP CLINIC

A pop up Covid-19 vaccination clinic had recently taken place at The Welfare Hall, Ystradgynlais, and had been very well received in the community. Cllr M Donnelly had written to commend and thank Powys Health Board for organising the clinic.

A response had been received thanking the community for the incredible support the clinic received as well as the staff at the Welfare Hall for accommodations made.

Resolved to note the position.

180. PLANNING

Resolved to accept the observations forwarded to Powys County Council as detailed in the attached Appendix 2.

181. MEMBERS REPORTS

a) Cllr E Evans was still concerned regarding overhanging trees at the Caerbont playground yet the County representative had not found issue with this. The Deputy Clerk would seek the opinion of the Town Councils inspector.

b) Cllr W Thomas was increasingly concerned about a potentially dangerous tree at the boundary of Swn Y Nant playground. The Clerk would discuss a solution with the Mr S Butcher, at Powys County Council.

c) Cllr L Evans advised the members of problems that had arisen at Gorsedd Park with individuals breaking into the electrical supply box for the Christmas illuminations. Police were investigating the matter. Position noted.

d) Cllr C Nickels enquired about a small walled area of wasteland close to the Bus Station Toilets and whether it could be ascertained who owned this. Cllr Nickels was concerned at its appearance and wondered whether it may be possible to purchase this land for the purpose of improving its appearance for the Town Centre. The Clerk advised Cllr Nickels he should check with Land Registry.

e) Cllr C Nickels informed the members that Footpath 10 was under threat of closure by a local farm owner. Cllr Nickels would be attending the meeting and would report back to the Council.

f) Cllr M Evans raised issues with certain illuminations that had not been working satisfactorily over the Christmas period and

requested a review with the Contractor providing the illuminations. Clerk to arrange.

g) Cllr S Thomas advised that an underpass passing beneath the A4067 had not been lit in recent times, but the County Council would shortly be reconnecting the lighting there.

h) Cllr M Allen that the drainage works at Coronation Park had been completed, but that there was still some runoff water getting through. The Clerk advised that a sum of money had been placed in the Council's budget for 2022/23 for the work identified.

Meeting concluded at 8.35 p.m.

**YSTRADGYNLAIS TOWN COUNCIL
CYNGOR TREF YSTRADGYNLAIS**

**Planning matters considered by the Town Council for the month of
January 2022**

1.0 Applications granted consent

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

21/2096/NMA	Asbri Planning Pont Aur Ystradgynlais SA9 1BP	Application for non-material amendments to permission 20/1696/FUL to allow for amended plans
21/1867/HH	D Davies 206 Brecon Road Ystradgynlais Swansea SA9 1QT	Erection of single storey rear extension
21/1477/HH	Williams 167 Brecon Road Ystradgynlais Swansea SA9 1QN	Erection of a garage
21/1348/FUL	J White 3 Heol Rheolau Abercrave SA9 1TB	Change of use of property from office use to use as café on ground floor and retail use on upper floor
19/2035/RES	C Hopkins Land at former Cynlais School Ystradgynlais	Application for reserved matters following the approval of P/2016/0047 for the erection of 10 dwellings and all associated works
21/1556/HH	M Clist 47 Maescynog Ystradgynlais SA9 1PB	Construction of 2 storey rear extension and associated groundworks and internal re-model

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2.0 Applications refused consent

From information available on the Powys CC web site the following application has been refused consent.

21/1380/FUL	G James Unit 7 Ynyscedwyn Ind. Est Trawsfordd Ystradgynlais SA9 1DT	Change of use from industrial to D2 to allow for 1-2-1 and group personal training
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3.0 Applications for consideration

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

21/2159/NMA	A Farrell 24 Glan Rhyd Road Ystradgynlais SA9 1AU	Application for non-material amendments to permission 21/0346/HH to allow for amended plans
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Resolved No Observations

21/2096/NMA	Asbri Planning Pont Aur Ystradgynlais SA9 1BP	Application for non-material amendments to permission 20/1696/FUL to allow for amended plans
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Resolved No Observations

21/1707/FUL	C Carrasco Chaves 24 Station Road Ystradgynlais SA9 1NT	Change of use of property from a Chiropractic clinic to a Chiropractic clinic on the ground floor and self-contained flat on the first floor
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Resolved No Observations

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21/2194/OUT Bratton
Land at Heol St.
Cynog
Ystradgynlais
SA9 1BR

Outline application for the erection of 2 no. detached dormer bungalow with associated off-street parking (all matters reserved)

Resolved ***No Observations***

21/2206/HH M Davies
Pant Y Celin
75 Heol Giedd
Ystradgynlais
SA9 1LP

Creation of a dropped kerb

Resolved ***No Observations***

21/1930/HH R Purvis
Maesybryn
93 Station Road
Ystradgynlais
SA9 1PJ

Single storey and first floor extension to existing detached garage with associated proposed covered areas and external, garden works. Removal of existing detached Utility Room space along with existing side and rear single storey elements and replacement with a side two storey extension and rear single storey extension with associated alterations.

Resolved ***No Observations***

21/2073/HH P Kinch
54 Bethel Road
Lower Cwmtwrch
SA9 2PT

Single storey rear extension & upgrade of existing garage to habitable room

Resolved ***No Observations***

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4.0 Miscellaneous

*The following application has been **WITHDRAWN**:-*

21/0281/OUT	Jin Tan Land between 84-86 Heol Gleien Swansea SA9 2TZ	The proposed development is to construct two contemporary three storey residences, with trees and landscaping forming private gardens in the surrounding.
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