



Ordinary Meeting of the Council held at The Welfare, Ystradgynlais on Thursday 3rd of February 2022 at 6.30 p.m.

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

182. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors R Lock, R Jackson and E Evans.

183. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

No interests were declared.

184. MINUTES

- a) Resolved that the Minutes of the Councils meetings as follows be confirmed as an accurate record and signed by the Chairman.
- i) the Ordinary Meeting of the Council held on the 6th of January 2022
 - ii) the meeting of the Management Sub Committee held on the 10th of January 2022
 - iii) the Extraordinary meeting of the Council held on the 19th of January 2022

b) Amended Minutes were received for information as follows.

i) amended Town Council Budget Report estimates and precept following the Councils meeting on the 19th of January 2022

ii) amended Ward Minutes and Budget estimates following the Councils Meeting on the 19th of January

MATTERS ARISING

185. OLD RAILWAY LINE, GWYSFRYN, UPPER CWMTWRCH – ILLEGAL PARKING OF PRIVATELY OWNED VEHICLES ON LAND OWNED BY THE YSTRADGYNLAIS TOWN COUNCIL.

Further to Minute 171 of the Councils meeting on the 6th of January 2022, the Clerk reported that documents relating to this case had been passed to the Town Councils solicitors. Also, Cllr Wayne Thomas, Chairman of the Cwmtwrch Ward, had also sought advice on the matter from the Councils retired Technical Adviser, who had previously been involved with land ownership issues at this site. Cllr Leighton Evans also reported that he had spoken to the owner of the vehicles about the situation but there had been no resolution to the problem.

Resolved to note the position and await further ongoing reports on the matter. Also, it was agreed to thank Mr GJ and award a fee of £100 for his invaluable assistance in this matter.

186. BUDGET ADVICE CONFIRMATION RECEIVED FROM THE COUNCIL'S AUDITOR

Further to the Town Councils Budget meeting on the 19th January 2022, the Clerk referred to an email received from the Councils Auditor confirming that he agreed with the fact that the Clerk placed the estimated cost of £14,000 for election costs in the main budget report under the Administrative expenditure heading and not in the contingency reserve.

Resolved to note the position.

187. PAYMENT OF ACCOUNTS.

Resolved that the accounts detailed in Appendix 1 be agreed and paid.

188. CWMTWRCH CASUAL VACANCY CO-OPTION

The Council had received information for three applicants to the Casual Vacancy in Cwmtwrch Ward which it gave due consideration and discussion to.

Following a vote, it was resolved to co-opt Mr Josh Morgan to the Casual Vacancy position in Cwmtwrch Ward.

CORRESPONDENCE

189. DIAMOND PARK – HIMALAYAN BALSAM

Correspondence had been received from a representative of Natural Resources Wales regarding contact that had been made with the organisation from a local resident. The resident was representing a local group, Friends of Diamond Park, who had concerns about the prevalence of Himalayan Balsam, an invasive species, at Diamond Park. The NRW were making enquiries regarding the Town Councils activities to address this issue.

Resolved to request a site meeting between Ynyscedwyn Ward Members and the NRW and Powys CC representatives to discuss matters relating to Diamond Park.

190. REQUEST FOR PRIVATE COMPANY INFORMATION

The Town Council had received a request from a local resident for a copy of documentation submitted to the Town Council by the Ystradgynlais Community Centre in relation to Minute 146 at the meeting held on the 2nd of December 2021. The Clerk had consulted with the Community Centre Trust regarding this, which had objected to the request. The documents referred to were not in the ownership of the Town Council and should therefore be viewed as confidential.

It was resolved to advise the resident of the Community Centre Trusts' objection and deny the request for release from the Town Council. It was also the opinion of the Council that the resident should request copies of the documentation directly from the Community Centre.

191. ELECTION PROMOTION VIDEO – ONE VOICE WALES

One Voice Wales had forwarded links to the Welsh and English versions of a promotional video for the upcoming Town and Community Councillor Elections and had requested that the Council assist in increasing public awareness. Resolved to note the position.

192. THE QUEENS JUBILEE CELEBRATIONS

Information had been received from Welsh Government and Powys County Council raising awareness of the upcoming Jubilee celebrations for Queen Elizabeth II. Town and Community Councils were being asked to communicate any arrangements being made locally to observe this celebration.

Resolved to note the position and provide appropriate financial support upon request, to local organisations arranging events to mark this occasion.

193. 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.

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

194. DECLARATION OF INTERESTS

The Deputy Clerk had been ensuring paperwork required for completion following the Elections in May was up to date and asked for an update on the Town Councils position as to Declarations of Interest. It was resolved that Interests would continue to be declared at each meeting it was relevant and added to the Register.

What was a matter for the Town Council to decide was whether all elected and co-opted Councillors should continue to complete a Declaration of Interests upon acceptance of the position as this was no longer a legal requirement.

It was resolved that all Councillors continue to complete a Declaration of Interests at the time of accepting the position, to be kept on file and assist the Council to continue to follow proper procedures in this area.

195. WELSH LANGUAGE SCHEME

The Deputy Clerk requested that the Town Councils current Welsh Language Scheme be updated and that the Management Sub Committee review this policy.

Resolved that the Management Sub Committee review this policy as soon as reasonably practicable as part of the ongoing policy reviews.

196. PLANNING

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

197. MEMBERS REPORTS

a) Cllr M Gough advised the Council that a Heritage Day would be taking place on September 3rd 2022 at the Cwmtwrch Welfare Hall with the Welsh National Opera performing as well as Archival and Historical displays.

b) Cllr W Thomas proposed that an amount out of the Cwmtwrch Wards residual budget for 2021/22 be used for a Community Enhancement Scheme within the Ward, as the possibility of replacing the carved wooden boar which had been stolen from its site at the gateway to Cwmtwrch off the A4068 roundabout was being considered. The estimated cost of repair was £1500. This proposal was agreed by the Town Council.

c) Cllr L Evans had attended a meeting with the Cwmtwrch Welfare Hall Board and the finances had been discussed. The Board had been advised that any reserve accrued from funds awarded by the Town Council would need to be allocated towards the Halls capital expenditure.

d) Cllr L Evans raised concern regarding the use of the Chairman's' Allowance in the previous financial year. The Town Council requested that the Ward hold a meeting to resolve the matter.

e) Cllr W Thomas requested that a review of the processes within the Code of Conduct be added to the next Management Sub Committee meeting agenda for discussion.

f) Cllr G Davies, Chairman of the Ynyscedwyn Ward requested plenary powers to manage, supervise and agree invoice payments for the Ash Dieback removal scheme at Path 110a, Wind Road. Priority 1 trees as identified to be tackled initially and that the expenditure be obtained from allocation provided in the Town Councils budget for 2022/23. The Town Council agreed and accepted the request.

g) Cllr M Allen requested a follow up regarding the Coronation Park Drainage. The Clerk advised that agreed works would be commencing soon.

h) Cllr R Millington advised that a Locality Fund meeting headed by PAVO had taken place and enquired what the Town Council knew about it. After it was ascertained that neither Officers were aware of the initiative, it was agreed that further information should be sought from PAVO and to return to Council.

Meeting concluded at 8.00 pm

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**Planning matters to be considered by the Town Council for the month of
February 2022**

1.0 Applications granted consent

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

21/0942/DIS	N Clifford Development of land rear of Nos 64 to 78 Brecon Rd, Ystradgynlais SA9 1HH	Discharge of conditions 12,13,14,15,16,18,19 and 21 SPLIT DECISION – Conditions 13,14,19 and 21 discharged. Further works required to satisfy and discharge conditions 12, 15,16
21/0940/RES	N Clifford Development of land rear of Nos 64 to 78 Brecon Rd, Ystradgynlais SA9 1HH	Reserved matters application in respect of outline planning consent P/2018/0195 for the erection of 26 dwellings and associated works (appearance, landscaping, layout and scale)

2.0 Applications refused consent

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

3.0 Applications for consideration

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

21/2260/HH	Davies 64 Brecon Road Ystradgynlais SA9 1HH	Proposed rear storey extension
Resolved	No Observations	

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21/2283/HH Mr & Mrs G Thomas Raising the roof of the dwelling and alterations/extensions to the rear elevation. The front elevation will also be amended to include 3no dormer windows to the proposed increase roof space.

Resolved No Observations

21/2278/HH D Morgan & J Clancy
36 Ynyscedwyn Rd
Ystradgynlais

Erection of an outbuilding

Resolved No Observations

21/2275/FUL Celtic Minor Golf Club
Upper Cwmtwrch
SA9 2QQ

Siting of 2no holiday pod units, formation of access track and all assoc. works

Resolved *to submit the observation as follows: - that the applicant should ensure a full and thorough environmental impact survey is completed as part of the planning process*

21/2274/HH A Kwiencinski
4-5 Henfelin Gurnos Rd
Ystradgynlais
SA9 2JT

Erection of 6.7m x 2m single height extension consisting of one back door entry and 2 windows with a single pitch roof with a one draw run off (part retrospective)

Resolved No Observations

21/2265/FUL C Kitchin
Solar Farm at Bryn Hennlys
Cwmtwrch
SA9 2XX

Erection of a 15m communications tower and associated building

Resolved No Observations

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22/0033/HH	J Williams Land adj. to Wharf Cottage Gurnos Road Ystradgynlais SA9 1BY	Erection of garage/outbuilding
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Resolved ***No Observations***

22/0028/HH	L Lewis 6 Brynawel Road Ystradgynlais SA9 1JT	Erection of a replacement garage/outbuilding
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Resolved ***No Observations***

22/0061/NMA	Asbri Planning Pont Aur Ystradgynlais SA9 1BP	Application for non-material amendment for the variation of condition 2 of planning permission 20/1696/FUL (to vary approved plans)
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Resolved ***No Observations***

4.0 Miscellaneous

No matter to report