



**Ordinary Meeting of the Council held at The  
Welfare, Ystradgynlais on Thursday 16th of June  
2022 at 6.30 p.m.**

**Present : Chairman M Donnelly, Presided  
Councillors M Allen, A Williams, J Morgan, M Shrewsbury,  
J Horrell, R Millington, L Evans, C Williams, N Craddock,  
W Thomas and G Roberts**

**PUBLIC PARTICIPATION:-**

The Chairman set aside Standing Orders to allow for representation from Mr Oliver Jones regarding the alleged poisoning of dogs locally. Mr Jones informed the Council that dogs had become sick after being exercised on Town Council and other land and was concerned that the Town Council was not doing more. The Members advised Mr Jones that the Town Council had only very recent knowledge of the issue and had limited power to assist in the matter to the degree Mr Jones was requesting. Cllrs Craddock and Shrewsbury agreed to contact the Environmental Health Department at Powys Council regarding the matter.

**This item was concluded and the Town Council moved on to  
statutory business**

**35. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

Apologies for absence were received from Cllrs M Evans and G Davies.

**36. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

Cllr M Allen declared a personal interest in a Correspondence item relating to a party wall adjoining the Welfare Hall.

**37. MINUTES**

Resolved that the Minutes of the Councils Annual and Ordinary meetings on the 19<sup>th</sup> of May 2022 be confirmed as an accurate record and signed by the Chairman subject to the following amendments:-

- a) Cllr R Millingtons' name be corrected in Minute 10
- b) Cllr J Horrell be added to the list of attendees

**MATTERS ARISING**

**38. COVID MEMORIAL TREE**

Further to Minute 15, the Deputy Clerk had corresponded with Powys County Council concerning the matter but had received no response as yet.

Resolved that the Deputy Clerk continue to pursue with the County Council.

**39. TOWN COUNCIL ACCOUNTS**

The Clerk advised that the Internal Audit on the Town Council Accounts for 2021-22 had been completed and that the report showed tested controls to be satisfactory with no matters to bring to the attention of the Town Council. The Auditor had also thanked the Clerk for his assistance during the Audit process.

**40. ANNUAL & WELLBEING REPORT**

Further to Minute 18, the Clerk advised the members that the Annual and Wellbeing Report was on the agenda of a virtual meeting of the Public Services Board to be held on the 23<sup>rd</sup> of June.

Resolved to request that the Deputy Clerk be able to attend in order to observe the discussion.

**41. STANDARDS SUBCOMMITTEE NOMINATIONS**

Further to Minute 19, nominations to the Powys Standards Subcommittee had been received for the Town Council to place a vote upon.

Resolved to defer voting upon the item to the next meeting to allow Members to view and assess accompanying information on the candidates and present the Councils vote before the deadline on the 29<sup>th</sup> of July 2022.

**42. CORONATION PARK COMPLAINT**

Further to Minute 24 and the complaint regarding anti-social issues being experienced at Coronation Park a meeting would be scheduled as soon as convenient.

Resolved to invite representation from the local Police to a Town Council meeting to discuss ways to address and manage the relevant issues at the Park.

**43. SKATE PARK LEASE SURRENDER**

Further to minute 26, it was briefly addressed and discussed regarding ensuring relevant parties' awareness that the Skate Park was now no longer a responsibility for the Town Council. Resolved to notify the Town Councils Insurers that this was no longer to be included in the policy.

**44. PAYMENT OF ACCOUNTS**

Resolved that:-

- a) the accounts detailed in Appendix 1 be agreed and paid.
- b) That plenary powers be awarded to Cwmtwrch Ward to investigate the Biodiversity benefits of delayed grass cutting in Spring and

early Summer and decide whether to implement it at Gorof Cemetery.

#### 45. SMALL GRANTS

The Town Council received and considered small grant applications received.

a) Resolved that the grants in the sums indicated be made to the organisations as follows:-

1st Ynyscedwyn Scout Group	£400
Blodau	£300
Community Dreams	£500
Cor Dathlu Cwmtawe Male Choir	£300
Cor Y Gyrlais	£500
Glantawe Theatre Company	£500
Joseph Herman Art Foundation	£500
Penrhos Allotments	£500
Tawe Pickleball Club	£250
Tawe Voices	£500
Thursday Club	£250
Welsh OAP's	£300
Ystradgynlais Amenities and Conveniences Assoc.	£500
Ystradgynlais Community Car Scheme	£500
Ystradgynlais District Language & Heritage Society	£500
Ystradgynlais Girl Guides	£500
Ystradgynlais Hard of Hearing	£400
Ystradgynlais Ladies Bowls	£100
Ystradgynlais RFC Mini/Jrs	£500

b) Resolved that in accordance with the powers conferred under Section 137 of the Local Government Act 1974 that grants in the sums indicated be made to the organisation as follows:

Ainon Chapel Sisterhood	£300
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c) Resolved that applications from the following organisations be deferred until further information could be obtained:-

Abercrave Pen Y Cae OAPS  
DMiP(Dementia Matters in Powys)  
Kims Complimentary Care

**46. CASUAL VACANCY – ABERCRAVE WARD**

In response to the Co-option Notice that had been placed for the vacancy in Abercrave Ward, the Town Council had received one application from Ms Georgia Burdett.

Resolved to co-opt Ms Georgia Burdett as Member to Abercrave Ward.

**47. SCHOOL GOVERNOR APPOINTMENTS**

The Town Council had been requested to nominate and make appointments of local authority representatives to Ysgol y Cribarth and Ysgol Bro Tawe Boards of Governors.

Resolved to make the following appointments: -

Ysgol y Cribarth	Cllr J Horrell
Ysgol Bro Tawe	Cllr M Shrewsbury

**48. MANAGEMENT SUB-COMMITTEE APPOINTMENTS**

Further to Minute 10, the Members considered nominations for Cwmtwrch and Abercrave Wards to the Management Sub Committee.

Resolved to make the following appointments: -

Cwmtwrch Ward	Cllr N Craddock
Abercrave Ward	Cllr A Williams

**49. CWMTWRCH WELFARE HALL FINANCES**

The Cwmtwrch Welfare Hall had sent to the Town Council a copy of its Accounts for 2021 together with other detailed information regarding works proposed and undertaken at the Hall, along with a request for Grant allocation in the 2022-23 financial year.

Resolved that the Management Sub Committee review all the financial documents together including Cllr L Evans complaint letter dated the 16<sup>th</sup> of April 2022.

**50. YSTRADGYNLAIS COMMUNITY CENTRE DOCUMENTATION**

The Town Council had been forwarded a quote for works to be done at the Community Centre.

Resolved to await the receipt of documents as detailed in Minute 30, namely Annual Accounts, Updated Bank Statements, clarification of grant purposes and updates regarding the Charity Registration of the organisation.

**CORRESPONDENCE**

**51. LOCAL PLACES FOR NATURE GRANT FUNDING**

Correspondence had been received from Cllr Millington highlighting this funding and the Town Council discussed its suitability for the locality.

Resolved to place on the agenda for the meeting in September to discuss and examine further.

**Cllr Millington left the meeting.**

**52. WOODLAND CREATION**

A Silviculture firm had written to the Council to offer its services in analysing the Town Councils requirements for Woodland Areas. The Town Council discussed this and recent correspondence regarding the Queens Green Canopy.

Resolved to note the position with the Silviculture firms' proposal.

**53. HERITAGE SOCIETY – PROPOSAL FOR CORONATION PARK**

The Ystradgynlais & District Heritage & Language Society had written to the Town Council with a request that the Town Council consider the construction of a wooded area with footpath and benches at Coronation Park in honour of the Jubilee of Queen Elizabeth II. Resolved that the proposal be noted.

**54. TOWN COUNCIL INSURANCE**

The most recent schedule for the Town Councils Insurance Policy had been circulated to the members for information purposes. This will form part of the Health and Safety Management review in September/ October. Resolved to note the position.

**55. FRIENDS OF DIAMOND PARK PERMISSION REQUEST**

A request had been received from the Friends of Diamond Park, to carry out some events and activities at the park, namely Biodiversity Surveys, litter picking and non-native invasive species removal. The Town Councils Site Inspector had been consulted who felt it was a good idea but advised the Town Council to seek a meeting with the organisation to establish more information about projected outcomes and work programmes.

Resolved that the Chairman and Ward Members meet with the group as advised.

**56. DIAMOND PARK LAND ENQUIRIES**

An organisation called Starry Valley Families had applied for grant funding as well as made requests to use Town Council Land for activities. The organisation had been run for a year as a not-for-profit social enterprise.

Resolved to defer consideration of the grant application and approval of the requests until able to meet with representatives to ascertain further information

**57. ELECTIONS ACT 2021 GUIDANCE**

Welsh Government had issued a guidance document for the Local Government and Elections (Wales) Act 2021.

Resolved to defer this item to a future meeting of the Council to allow Members further time to review and consider the information.

**58. YSTRADGYNLAIS WELFARE HALL BOUNDARY WALL**

**Cllr M Allen declared a personal interest and left the room for this item.**

A resident of a property adjoining the land around the Ystradgynlais Welfare Hall had written to the Council to advise it of the deteriorated condition of a boundary wall and need to make repairs. The Clerk had carried out some investigations prior to the meeting and met with the resident and it had been ascertained that no specific ownership of the wall was documented in either of the deeds for the Welfare Hall and adjoining property, thereby falling into the category of a party wall, requiring the Town Council to pay half of the costs associated with the repairs. The Clerk recommended that the insurers be contacted to establish whether a case could be made to recover any such costs.

Resolved that the Clerk take legal advice regarding this matter in order to ascertain the boundary responsibility.

**59. DOG FOULING**

An email had been received via the Deputy Head Teacher at Ysgol Golwg Y Cwm, from two pupils at the school. The children were concerned about the level of dog fouling in and around the school locality and were trying to raise awareness in the community. It was felt that there was a lack of poo bins available for use in the area and signage encouraging people to clear up after their dogs.

The email had been circulated prior to the meeting and Cllr M Allen had met with the pupils to discuss the issue. Cllr Allen had sourced a bin for installation and a volunteer to empty it. The



Chairman was happy to contribute from the Chairmans allowance account towards providing environmentally friendly poo bags for public use.

The Town Council were very impressed by the enthusiasm and proactive attitudes being shown by the pupils in raising awareness and addressing this issue.

**60. PLANNING**

- a) Resolved to submit observations as detailed on Appendix 2.
- b) Resolved that Cllrs C Williams and R Millington be given plenary powers to complete a Settlement Audit survey regarding town aspirations from Powys County Council as part of the Local Development Plan review.

**61. MEMBERS REPORTS**

- a) Cllr J Horrell shared his concern about the lack of bicycle parking available in the Town Centre. The Chairman agreed to make enquiries about the potential for improving this.
- b) Cllr A Williams advised the Council that a Health & Safety issue with Caerbont footpath had developed and that quotes were being sought to deal with repairs to the path and a gate.
- c) Cllr W Thomas advised the Council that the Gurnos Tenants and Residents Association were very grateful for assistance given out of the Ward budget towards Grass cutting at the children's playground.
- d) Cllr J Morgan informed the Council that the Jubilee events in the Ward had been very successful.
- e) Cllr N Craddock reported that he had attended an opening ceremony for the newly refurbished Rugby Club in Cwmtwrch and it had been completed to a very high standard, was being supported well locally and was an asset to the community for the future.
- f) Cllr L Evans had received complaints and comments regarding the condition of some graves and groundskeeping at Gorof Cemetery. Although the Town Council had a responsibility to check for safety issues, it was not responsible for individual grave maintenance as this was now the responsibility of grave owners.

It was agreed that it had already been resolved in Minute 25b, that the Biodiversity Officer for Powys be consulted to ascertain its policy on grass cutting.

**g)** Cllr M Shrewsbury had attended a meeting with the Brecknock Access Group and informed the Council that the group were keen to develop a group within the Ystradgynlais area.

**h)** Cllr M Shrewsbury had been contacted by Cllr Huw Williams at Powys County Council to inform him that a Pride Flag was being sourced for the Town. Agreed that the Chairman contact Cllr H Williams to ascertain more information.

**i)** Cllr M Donnelly advised the Town Council that Cllr C Nickels mother had passed away. The Town Council expressed its sympathies for Cllr Nickels.

Meeting concluded at 9.45 pm

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

**1.0 Applications granted consent**

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

22/0394/DIS	Mr R Greaney Former Penrhos Primary School Brecon Road Ystradgynlais SA9 1PX	Discharge of condition 16 of outline planning permission 18/0663/OUT in relation to Arboricultural Report (ArbTs, 15 <sup>th</sup> Feb 2022)
22/0371/DIS	Mr N Clifford Development Land Rear of Nos 64 to 78 Brecon Road Ystradgynlais	Application to discharge condition 7 of planning approval 21/0940/RES in relation to highway works
22/0151/HH	Mr A Davis Gnoll House Neath Road Ystradgynlais SA9 1PR	Erection of a two storey extension and a single storey rear extension with a first-floor roof terrace
22/0149/HH	Mr A Schiavone 89 Heol Giedd Ystradgynlais SA9 1LS	Proposed two-storey side extension & garage
22/0033/HH	Mr J Williams Land adj. to Wharf Cottage Gurnos Road Ystradgynlais SA9 1BY	Erection of garage/outbuilding

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22/0148/HH	Mr N Gould Cwmtawe Villa Brecon Road Abercrave SA9 1SW	Proposed double storey side and rear extensions
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## **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:-*

22/0849/HH	Miss R Williams 19 Heol Twrch Lower Cwmtwrch Swansea SA9 2TD	Erection of a rear second storey extension
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***Resolved***      ***No Observations***

22/0851/DIS	Mr R Greaney Former Penrhos Primary School Brecon Road Ystradgynlais SA9 1PX	Application to discharge conditions 9 and 15 attached to planning permission 18/0663/OUT
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***Resolved***      ***No Observations***

22/0865/FUL	Mr J Evans Barclays Bank PLC 2 Brecon Road Ystradgynlais SA9 1HE	Change of use of former bank to a hotel, restaurant and shop together with alterations
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***Resolved***      ***No Observations***

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22/0774/HH	Miss G Tranter 65 Gorof Road Lower Cwmtwrch SA9 1DX	Building of new extension and utility room, en-suite and wet room. Renovations to existing building
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***Resolved***      ***No Observations***

22/0516/FUL	Bex Elliott Ystradgynlais Volunteer Centre Remploy Building Wind Road Ystradgynlais SA9 1AF	Change of use for part of the building to A3 Community Cafe
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***Resolved***      ***No Observations***

#### **4.0 Miscellaneous**

Powys County Council had forwarded a Settlement Audit survey to be completed by the Town Council to assist with directing the review of the Local Development Plan. This was focussed on aspirations for the Town.

Resolved that Cllrs R Millington and C Williams as contacts for the Town Investment plan complete the survey on behalf of the Town Council.