



**CYNGOR TREF  
YSTRADGYNLAIS  
TOWN COUNCIL**

**Ordinary Meeting of the Council held at the Welfare Hall,  
Ystradgynlais on Thursday 1<sup>st</sup> September 2016 at 7.00p.m.**

**Present : Councillor Wayne Thomas, Chairman, Presided,  
Councillors D Lewis, Mark Evans, E Evans,  
Graham Davies, Mrs B Paulett,  
A Davies, Mrs A Jones, C Nickels,  
L Evans, Goronwy Davies, M Evans.**

**Prior to the Town Council Meeting Members met informally with  
local County Councillors on local matters in relation to the budget  
cuts and the consequential affect on public services in the area,  
which the Powys County Council had or was considering  
implementing in the near future.**

**73. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE.**

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors Mrs W  
Williams, J D Coombe, J Steadman and R Curry.

**74. MINUTES.**

Resolved that the Minutes of the Town Councils meeting held on the  
7<sup>th</sup> July be confirmed as an accurate record and signed by the  
Chairman.

**75. CHAIRMAN /VICE CHAIRMAN SUMMARY REPORT FOR SUMMER RECESS**

The Town Council received a copy of the Clerks report in relation to the main actions taken over the summer recess period by the Chairman and Vice Chairman of the Council.

a) Resolved that the content of the report be accepted and the recommendations contained therein be agreed.

b) The Town Council received the Councils website administrators proposals from the Chairman's report in relation to the upgrading of the Town Councils website including the setting up a new Facebook account. Total cost for this upgrade and new license would be £350. It was also noted that Cllr L Evans would be appointed as the Cwmtwrch Wards representative and Cllr E Evans for Abercrave Ward as contact points for the Facebook facility. The Clerk was also authorized to engage the services of the Technical Assistant based at the Welfare Hall to assist Members and Officers with developing the Councils website, IT services including Facebook.

Resolved that the matters referred to in the above report be approved and that a protocol be obtained for the operation of the Facebook facility on the Councils new website.

**76. SKATEBOARD PARK PENRHOS – REFURBISHMENT.**

Further to the Chairman's report the Clerk reported that a substantial grant had been received from the Nant Helen Open Casts 106 Planning fund to assist with the refurbishment of the Skateboard Park. A request was made to the Town Council for financial assistance towards the scheme.

Resolved that a grant of £1000 be awarded to the Ystradgynlais Youth Centre towards the refurbishment work.

**77. GORSEDD PARK YSTRADGYNLAIS.**

The Town Council received details with regard to the possible freehold transfer of the Gorsedd Park at Ystradgynlais from the Powys County Council. The current annual maintenance cost for the Gorsedd Park was £720.

Resolved that the Town Council agrees in principle to the asset transfer subject to the Technical Adviser report on the possible liabilities involved in taking over the site with associated costs.

**78. FOOTPATH 110a – YNYSCEDWYN WARD.**

Further to Minute 56 of the Town Councils meeting on the 7<sup>th</sup> July it was reported that the Councils grant application in relation to the project at footpath 110a had been unsuccessful. It was noted that over 3,000 grants funding applications had been received. The Town Council expressed its disappointment in relation to this matter and discussed other possible funding so that the project can now be moved forward. Cllr A Davies proposed that the capital receipt received in the last financial year amounting to £14,095 be used to undertake the scheme. The Council discussed the matter in detail.

Resolved that the Scheme devised for footpath 110a be approved and that the capital receipt in the amount indicated be used for this purpose.

**79. WELFARE GROUNDS, YSTRADGYNLAIS.**

Further to Minute 62 of the Town Councils meeting on the 7<sup>th</sup> July the Clerk reported that a meeting had been arranged on the 14<sup>th</sup> September at 10.00am with representatives of the Powys County Council in relation to the on-going negotiations with the representatives of the Gough Estate regarding the renewal of the existing lease.

Resolved that the arrangements be noted.

**80. PROPOSED PUBLIC PATH ORDERS ; DIVERSION OF PART OF FOOTPATHS 3 & 6 & BRIDLEWAY 75; EXTINGUISHMENT OF FOOTPATHS 56 AND 71, IN AREA AROUND HAUL ROAD FOR FORMER BRYNHENLLYS OPENCAST SITE CWMTWRCH.**

Further to Minute 50 of the Town Councils meeting on the 7th July the Clerk advised that a date of 20<sup>th</sup> September had been earmarked as a possible date for the Officer / members meeting in relation to the above matter. The Chairman advised that he would consult with appropriate Members on the date to determine availability and would also confirm position and date of meeting with the appropriate County Council Officers. **NOTE: Cllr Mark Evans declared an interest in relation to this item.**

**81. WAR MEMORIAL PROJECT.**

Further to Minute 57 of the Councils meeting on the 7<sup>th</sup> July the Clerk and Councillor A Davies reported that the building of a new war memorial at the Gorsedd Park had commenced today the 1<sup>st</sup> September 2016. Funds had been received towards the work in the sum of £9,000. The County Council contributing the remaining £4,000 required. Also one of the outcomes of the Powys War Memorials Project is to organise World War 1 Themed events. It was suggested that maybe a film commemorating the Battle of the Somme be shown at the Welfare Hall, Ystradgynlais.

Resolved that the Clerks report be noted and that the Town Council's support be confirmed to organising the film event on a date to be determined.

**82. YSTRADGYNLAIS TOWN BRANDING.**

An e mail had been received from YSATT confirming that the Group had commissioned a design in relation to the branding of the Town. The Group was extremely satisfied with the design that had been done by a local designer and welcomed the Town Council and Councillors

to officially adopt the branding going forward.

Resolved that representatives of YSATT be invited to meet and make a presentation to Town Councillors on Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> September 2016 at 3.30pm at the Welfare Hall Ystradgynlais.

**83. AUDIT OF ACCOUNTS - 31 MARCH 2016.**

The Clerk reported that documentation had been received from the Town Councils External Auditor Grant Thornton certifying that it had completed and signed off the audit of the Annual Return for the year ended 31<sup>st</sup> March 2016. There were no matters to bring to the Councils attention. A Notice of Conclusion of Audit was confirmed and would be posted in the Councils Notice Board and Website within the next few weeks and in any case before the 30<sup>th</sup> September. Audit costs amounted to £254.25 plus Vat.

Resolved that position regarding the Town Council's end of year accounts to 31 March 2016 be noted.

**84. COUNCIL JULY 2017 MEETING.**

Following representations received from Maesydderwen School regarding their Annual School production it was agreed to reschedule the Town Councils July meeting in 2017 to the second Thursday of the that month.

**85. ONE VOICE WALES CONFERENCE  
1<sup>ST</sup> OCTOBER 2016.**

An invitation was received from One Voice Wales for the Town Council to appoint up to two members to attend the above Conference at the Royal Welsh Showground, Llanelwedd, Builth Wells.

Resolved that Councillors Aneurin Davies and Mark Evans be appointed to represent the Town Council at the above Conference.

**86. DANIEL PROTHEROE MEMORIAL PARK PROJECT.**

The Town Council received an updated report on the progress being made in relation to the asset transfer of the above land. The conveyance document was to be sent to the Town Council in the next couple of weeks. WREN the funding body for the project needed confirmation with the grant application of the Town Councils ownership of the land. It was also noted that a grant of £1500 had been received from the County Council towards the project.

Resolved that plenary powers be given to the Chairman and Vice Chairman to sign the conveyance on behalf of the Town Council once the document is received from the Powys County Council.

**87. POST OFFICE MOBILE SERVICE.**

A letter dated 15<sup>th</sup> August 2016 was received from the Post Office advising of the new proposed mobile service that it was thinking of introducing for the customers of Cilmaengwyn, Coelbren, Glais, Glanrhyd, Lower Brynamman, Pontneathvaughan, Tairgwaith and Ynyswen. By introducing this service the Post Office was of the opinion that it would be restoring some services for the areas stated.

Resolved to note the contents of the consultation exercise and proposals put forward by the Post Office.

**88. ZURICH INSURANCE- PREMIUM TAX.**

Notification was received from the Councils Insurers that as a result of the Spring Budget the Chancellor had announced an increase in the rate of Insurance Premium Tax from 9.5% to 10% with effect from 1<sup>st</sup> October 2016. There is a 4-month concessionary period from this date and thereafter the new rate will be applied.

Resolved to note the position to the statutory increase in the Town Councils insurance premium.

**89. DYFED POWYS POLICE AND CRIME COMMISSIONER.**

A letter dated 17 August was received from the above establishment the Police and Crime Plan. Views were sought on priority areas that the plan should concentrate on.

Resolved that the content of the correspondence be noted.

**90. COMMEMERATIVE TRIBUTE TO HAROLD GRIFFITHS.**

A letter dated 18<sup>th</sup> August was received from Mrs Doreen Griffiths the wife of the above deceased who was born at No1 Morgan Street. A request was received to have a tree planted in the area so that everyone can enjoy in remembrance of the late Mr Harold Griffiths. Detailed reasoning for this choice of remembrance memorial was given in the letter, which the Town Council considered in detail.

Resolved that due to the reasons expressed that the Town Council would under the circumstances be prepared to allow Mrs Griffiths to erect a suitable bench with a plaque at the Diamond Park, Ystradgynlais. Should this option be acceptable then the siting of the seat to be agreed between the Town Council and relatives.

**91. PAYMENT OF ACCOUNTS.**

Resolved that the monthly accounts as detailed in the payment list circulated be paid.

**92. BUDGET MONITORING REPORT.**

The Town Council received the Clerks report on the above matter for the period between 1 April 2016 and 31st August 2016. Members discussed in detail the position of the Town Councils finances.

Resolved to note the content of the report.

**93. REVIEW OF BURIAL CHARGES.**

The Town Council received the Clerks report in relation to the above matter, which included the income and expenditure account for the Cemetery over the past three financial years.

Resolved that the following revised charges apply with respect to interments at the Gorof Cemetery as from the 1<sup>st</sup> October 2016:

***a) Deceased who lived within the Boundary of the Ystradgynlais Town Council Area:-***

<b>Purchase of new grave space and 1<sup>st</sup> Interment</b>	<b>£400</b>
<b>Second and Subsequent Interments</b>	<b>£275</b>
<b>Garden of Remembrance Ashes plot and each Interment</b>	<b>£275</b>

***b) Deceased who lived outside the Boundary of the Ystradgynlais Town Council Area:-***

<b>Purchase of new grave space and 1<sup>st</sup> Interment</b>	<b>£650</b>
<b>Second and Subsequent Interments</b>	<b>£650</b>
<b>Garden of Remembrance Ashes plot and each Interment</b>	<b>£400</b>

**Note : Above revised charges to include the erection of a Headstone at the grave/ashes plot.**

**94. PLANNING APPLICATIONS.**

The Town Council received the Technical Advisers report on the planning applications received from the Powys County Council.

Resolved that the Town Councils observations on planning applications considered be forwarded to the Powys County Council.

**95. MEMBERS AND OFFICERS REPORTS.**

**a)** The Town Council was advised as to the arrangements for the Powys Community Health Council meeting at Ystradgynlais on the 1<sup>st</sup> November 2016.

**b)** Cllr L Evans reported that the work to footpaths 48 and 109 at Upper Cwmtwrch had now been completed.



**c)** Cllr D Lewis gave a detailed report to the Council of the high standard of care that had been provided to his wife and other elderly residents in the Community by the local organisation named Abacare. Agreed that a letter be sent to the organisation thanking them for the care services provided for the elderly in the community.

**d)** Further discussions took place about acquiring an old coal dram from the Nant Helen open cast site. Agreed that Cllr Mark Evans and Meurig Evans visit the site to select and obtain a coal dram from the site for the Town Council.

The meeting terminated at 9.10pm

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**Planning matters considered by the Town Council on Thursday 1<sup>st</sup> September 2016.**

**1.0 Applications granted consent**

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

NMA/2016/0061	Mr&Mrs Price&Jenkins 5 Richmond Park Ystradgynlais	Application for non-material amendments to planning permission P/2016/0606 in respect to variation of condition 3.
P/2016/0699	Celtic Minor Golf Club Palleg Road Upper Cwmtwrch	Section 73 application to vary condition 2 of permission P/2015/1030 to revise approved drawings.
P/2016/0580	Mr .M. Morgan 31 Commercial Street Ystradgynlais.	Erection of extension and installation of roof lights

**2.0 Applications refused consent**

*From information posted on the Powys County Council 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:-*

P/2016/0844	Miss R. Williams 351 Brecon Road Ystradgynlais	Two storey extension to rear of property and an extension of the kitchen.
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**Resolved:** ***Whilst not objecting to the principle of an extension to this property it is not clear the application fully mitigates the impact on its neighbour or indeed the proposal is visually acceptable.***

P/2016/0856	Mr. M. Ace 62&64 Station Road Ystradgynlais	Formation of shared vehicular access to rear including parking and turning area.
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**Resolved:** ***No observation***

DIS/2016/0143	Celtic Minor Golf Club Palleg Road Upper Cwmtwrch	Application to discharge condition no's 3,11&14 attached to P/2015/1030 (demolition method statement and contaminated land report)
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**Resolved:** ***To note the submissions.***

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**4.0 Miscellaneous**

**No matter to report.**

**J.G. Jones - Technical Adviser**