



**CYNGOR TREF
YSTRADGYNLAIS
TOWN COUNCIL**

**Ordinary Meeting of the Council held at the Welfare Hall,
Ystradgynlais on Thursday 7th July 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, J Steadman, C Nickels,
Mrs A Jones, J D Coombe, L Evans.**

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

47. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE.

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors Mrs W Williams, Meurig Evans and R Curry.

48. MINUTES.

Resolved that the Minutes of the Town Councils meetings held on the 2nd June be confirmed as an accurate record and signed by the Chairman.

49. YSTRADGYNLAIS DAY SERVICES.

a) Correspondence was received from the above members of Powys

County Council staff in relation to the changes proposed for the service. This item was discussed with the local County Councils. The Town Council supported the staffs view in objecting the management proposals and noted that a more in-depth meeting was to take place on Tuesday 12th July with the County Councillors to further discuss the issues.

Resolved to note the position and await the outcome and feedback from the meetings that are going to be held with the local County Councillors.

b) Town Council Members agreed to forward an invitation to the Chief Executive of Powys County Council to attend a future Council meeting. In order to facilitate this possible meeting it was agreed that Town Councillors would in the first instance forward written agenda items to the Chairman and Clerk for forwarding to the Powys County Council Chief Executive.

50. 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 34 of the Town Councils meeting on the 2nd June the Clerk advised that correspondence had been received from the Powys County Council confirming that the status of the route linking BOAT 7 and BOAT 20 is that it is an unclassified road, reference U0380 and is therefore an adopted Highway. The resolution as detailed in Minute 34 is therefore factually incorrect and therefore the matter will have to be revisited by the Town Council. Following a lengthy and detailed discussion on the matter it was **resolved** in the first instance to invite appropriate Officers of the County Council to a meeting with Town Councillors further discuss and re consider the position. **NOTE: Cllr Mark Evans declared an interest in relation to this item.**

51. COMMUNITY GOVERNOR – YSGOL Y CRIBARTH.

Further to Minute 41 of the Town Councils meeting on the 2nd June it was **resolved** that Cllr John Steadman be appointed as the Councils representative on the Board of Governors of Ysgol y Cribarth, Abercrave.

52. ANNUAL MANAGEMENT RISK ASSESSMENT REVIEW 2016/17

Further to Minute 43 of the Town Councils meeting on the 2nd June it was pointed out by Cllr Graham Davies that the minute 43b) should read that the meeting should have been convened before this evenings meeting. It was agreed that the Chairman arranges a meeting of the Management Sub Committee to discuss further the Health and Safety Risk Assessment Document and the Financial Risk Assessment report.

53. HISTORY OF FLOODING – THE MANSE, YSTRADGYNLAIS.

An e-mail dated 20 June was received from the Planning Dept asking for information regarding the history, if any of flooding in the above area as a planning application had been received for the property.

Resolved to note the position.

54. YNYSCEDWYN RECYCLING BANKS.

An e-mail was received from the Powys County Council advising of the problems being experienced at the above site. Also the main site at Gurnos, Lower Cwmtwrch was there to cater for the same waste. It was the County Councils intention to cease with this site, as there was a substantial amount of illegal waste dumping occurring on this Ynyscedwyn site.

Resolved to oppose the plan to cease this site until such time as the future of the main recycling site at Gurnos had been determined.

55. BUSINESS RATES – GOROF CEMETERY.

Further to Minute 35 of the Town Councils meeting on the 2nd June the Clerk reported that a sum of £3886.49 was received from the Powys County Council in relation to the Town Councils refund claim.

Resolved to note the position and that the amount received in this regard be placed in the Town Councils business reserve.

56. TESCO BAGS OF HELP FUNDING.

The Clerk and Technical Adviser advised the Town Council that an application for the funding of the project for Path110a had been submitted by the deadline of 19th June 2016. The terms of the grant conditions would mean that the Town Council would need to put £4,000 forward towards the projects total projection cost of £16,000 in total.

Resolved that the action taken by the Chairman and Officers be confirmed.

57. WAR MEMORIAL PROJECT.

The Town Council advised that all necessary grant application forms had now been completed for the refurbishment project to the Ystradgynlais War Memorial project. The grant monies for the project would be deposited in the Town Councils bank account in the next couple of weeks. The refurbishment work would hopefully commence soon following the appointment of the approved contractor. Cllr A Davies was thanked for delivering the application forms by hand to the County Council officers at Llandrindod Wells.

Resolved that the actions taken by the Officers and members be confirmed.

58. FACEBOOK AND PUBLIC INTERACTION.

Further to Minute 43 of the Town Councils meeting on the 2nd June the Clerk advised that the Town Councils Web Providers would be

attending a meeting on the 18th July to explain to council members the pros and cons of having a facebook site and the resources required to manage and oversee the site. All members were invited to attend the presentation.

59. APPLICATION FOR FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE

Further to Minute 42 the Clerk advised that a further application for financial assistance had been received from Beulah Chapel, Lower Cwmtwrch. The Clerk advised that there had been an error made in relation the address where the application was to be sent hence the lateness in respect of receipt of the completed form.

Resolved that inconsideration of the position that a grant in the sum of £400 be awarded to Beulah Chapel.

60. 2016-2018 NATIONAL SALARY AWARD.

The Town Council received a copy of the above NJC salary agreements for the next two years. Salary awards amounted to a 1% annual increase on gross salaries as from the 1st April 2016. Salary increases to be implemented in the August salaries of staff with arrears to the 1st April.

61. PUBLIC SECTOR MAPPING AGREEMENT.

Resolved that the Town Council signs up as a Member of the above agreement. The licence lets the Town Council access and share OS digital mapping. There is no subscription cost for this service.

62. WELFARE SPORTS GROUND.

The Clerk advised Members that a copy of the lease between Powys County Council and the Gough Estate had been received. Members discussed and considered the content of the lease.

Resolved that a meeting be arranged with appropriate Officers of the County Council to further discuss the position.

63. PAYMENT OF ACCOUNTS.

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

64. BUDGET MONITORING REPORT.

The Town Council received the Clerks report on the above matter for the period between 1 April 2016 and the 30th June 2016. Members discussed the content of the report and the reserves quoted. A more detailed breakdown of the budget reserve was requested for in future reports.

Resolved to note the content of the report.

65. TOWN COUNCIL POLICY ON THE AWARDING OF GRANT ASSISTANCE.

The Town Council received an updated copy of the above revised policy. Amendments to the policy statement had been included following decisions taken by Members at the Town Councils meeting on the 2nd June in relation to procedures involved in the awarding of financial assistance to local organisations.

Resolved that the content and amendments made to the grants policy statement be agreed and implemented for the next round of grant applications in the financial year 2017/18.

66. CHRISTMAS LIGHTS 2016/17

It was reported by the Clerk that the Powys County Council Street Lighting Operations manager had advised in an E Mail received on 16th June 2016 that the Powys County Council were unable to install the Christmas lights this year due to excessive work load this financial year. Alternative installation solutions have been explored and it was put forward that the most pragmatic solution for the Town Council as Operator to consider would be to engage privately the existing street lighting operative as the Installation Contractor and Competent person. Discussions have taken place with various parties and it would appear there are no issues over the granting of a license under

Section 178 the 1980 Highways Act and the contractor will complete the return to the energy provider and insure his element of the works. In addition to the labour cost element it was reported that it will be necessary to separately hire the Powys CC hoist. It is expected that this approach will provide for an expected total installation and dismantling cost well within the allocated budget.

Resolved: To engage Gary Leeson as the Contractor for the festive illuminations for the 2016/17 period.

67. PENRHOS SKATEBOARD PARK.

The Chairman and Clerk advised that due to Health and Safety reason the skateboard park at Penrhos had been temporarily closed. The Town Councils Insurers had inspected the equipment and drawn a detailed repair schedule for the unsafe equipment. A quotation for repairing the equipment had been received in the sum of just under £16,000. The Youth Centre manager was currently investigating grant opportunities and undertaking local fund raising activities to help raise money towards the repairs.

Resolved that the Town Councillors be advised as necessary of progress in this matter.

68. FOOTPATH 110a – LITTER PROBLEM.

The Chairman and Clerk advised the Town Council of the litter problem at the above location. Tesco had recently reneged on an agreement whereby the business used to collect litter on the path adjacent to its store at 4.00pm everyday. The litter problem was apparently created by schoolchildren taking a shortcut from Maesydderwen School to the Tesco store via path 110a. The matter had been reported to the Powys County Councils and a reply was awaited.

69. FRIDAY MARKET.

The Chairman and Clerk updated the Town Council Members

following Powys County Councils refusal to pick up the market trade waste following the Friday morning's market at the Welfare Hall, Ystradgynlais. This arrangement had been in place with the County Council for over 30 years. Following discussions on the problem and the County Councils continuing refusal to pick up the waste as it viewed it as a cost cutting exercise, the market trader eventually agreed to take away all of the trade waste. Position noted.

70. MEMBER IDENTITY TAGS.

The Clerk circulated a sample of the proposed details on the individual Member identity tags. It was agreed that Cllr Mark Evans be asked to take individual portrait photos of Councillors for the identity tags.

71. 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.

72. MEMBERS AND OFFICERS REPORTS.

a) Cllr Wayne Thomas advised of the need to further publicise the work of the Town Council and that Members need to look at an avenue for detailing this position. Agreed that the Technical Adviser researches further this proposal.

b) Cllr C Nickels advised of the changes that were going to be implemented in the refuse collection service in that the base for the service was going to be located in Brecon. There were strong local objections to this proposal. Agreed that Cllr Nickels obtains information on the matter for the Chairman.

c) A general discussion took place between Councillors on the income and expenditure account in relation to the Gorof Cemetery. Agreed that further financial information be obtained in relation to this matter.

d) Agreed that an updated position be obtained in relation to the position regarding Highway C202 at Brynhenllys.

e) The Clerk was asked to find out from the Powys County Council as to whether a private contractor or Powys County Council was undertaking the Town Councils grass cutting contracts at the local parks.

The meeting terminated at 10.10pm

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Planning matters considered by the Town Council on Thursday 7th July 2016.

1.0 Applications granted consent

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

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| P/2016/0392 | Mr. N. Craddock 1 Midland Terrace Gurnos | Change of use of land to residential curtilage and erection of log cabin for use as ancillary accommodation. |
| P/2016/0409 | Mr D. Hopkins 7 College Row Ystradgynlais | Demolition of lean to and proposed erection to dwelling and garage. |
| P/2016/0477 | Mrs C. Hosford 2 William Street Ystradgynlais | Construction of first floor single storey extension. |

2.0 Applications refused consent

From information posted on the Powys County Council web site the following application has been refused consent.

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| P/2016/0450 | Mr W.Davies 29 Heol Maes-y-Dre Ystradgynlais | Creation of access and driveway |
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Application for works to a tree subject to a preservation order (TPO) at Birkdale, off Hen Felin , Gurnos Road. An E mail from Lorraine Jenkin PowysCC planning reads as follows:

I wanted to get in touch following Ystradgynlais TC's comments on the Tree Preservation Order (TPO'd) tree at Birkdale? Your TC commented that the works were obviously only wanted because of the protected tree being in the way of the wish to develop the site – the arborist's report suggested the tree had another ten years of life left. We agreed with you and refused the application.

HOWEVER, the applicants have come back and said that the tree is clearly dead (it has not produced any leaf at all this year) and that neighbours are concerned about it. I said that we had gone with their arborist's report, and that if they had concerns and felt that the situation had changed, they would need to get a new report (the report had been written last autumn). They have done this, and the report has come back and said that the tree is dead and actually it is dangerous and needs to be removed as a matter of urgency – limbs overhang into a neighbouring garden and also over the cyclepath. I have been sent this report and also photos of the tree which looks dead to me amongst all the other trees with leaves on.

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I wanted to let you and your Council know that therefore they will be removing the tree – even though it was refused last week. The new report clearly states it's dangerous, and photos show the extent of the lack of bloom. The Act states that owners can remove trees / limbs that are deemed to be dangerous without applying formally for consent, but they do so at their own risk.

Therefore, they will be removing it, and I wanted to make sure you know so that you are not concerned that this is happening when the application had been refused. They will be obliged to plant a new similar tree in the same spot to replace it, and this will then have the TPO on it.

Thanks for your help in this matter. If you need any clarity, please just ask.

Resolved: To note the position

3.0 Applications for consideration

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

P/2016/0580 Mr M.Morgan Erection of extension and installation of roof lights
31 Commercial Street
Ystradgynlais

Resolved: No observation

P/2016/0606 Mr & Mrs Price & Jenkins First floor extensions to bungalow, together with
5 Richmond Park alterations and additional extensions.
Ystradgynlais

**Resolved: Following discussion on whether or not the alteration was acceptable
it was resolved to leave the matter to the planning authority.**

P/2016/0613 Mrs A. Jones Erection of a dwelling house and formation of vehicular
Land opp. 2 Tan y Graig Cottages access.
Caerlan
Abercrave

**Resolved: To offer concerns over the scale of the proposed building and its
ability to blend into the style of the neighbouring properties.**

NMA/2016/0040 Mr P Evans Application for non-material amendments to planning
Plot 4B Cwrt Y Gamlas application P/2013/0249 in respect of amendments to
Gurnos plans.

Resolved: No observation

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P/2016/0699 Celtic Minor Golf Club Section 73 application to vary condition 2 of permission
Palleg Road P/2015/1030 to revise approved drawings.
Upper Cwmtwrch

Resolved: *No observation*

4.0 Miscellaneous

The following application has been withdrawn:

P/2016/0252 Mr. M.Harbour Erection of 1.8m boarded boundary fence (retrospective)
7 Ger-Yr-Afon
Cwmtwrch

Resolved: *To note the position.*

Application Ref: P/2016/0488

Grid Ref: 278667.64210346.53 for Change of use of premises to a dwelling at 47 Commercial Street, Ystradgynlais, Swansea.

The above planning application is to be considered at the Delegated Planning, Taxi Licensing and Rights of Way Committee on 06/07/2016 in the Council Chamber of County Hall, Llandrindod Wells. Planning applications will be considered at this meeting from 10.00a.m.

Resolved: *To await the decision of the planning committee.*

Application P/2015/0309 – Member request for information (Minute 29 b refers)

Conversion of a domestic flat and un-used shop into two domestic dwellings to include external alterations at 86 – 92 Wind Road, Ystradgynlais. Applicant Mr D. Jones.

Application considered by the Town Council at its meeting held on 5th July 2015 when it was resolved to offer no observation.

Granted Conditional Consent on 3rd August 2015.

Decision reported to the Town Council in meeting held on 3rd September 2015.

Resolved: *To note the information.*

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Powys LDP – update

Dear Representors,

Further to my recent correspondence advising of the Inspector's decision to suspend the Examination of the Powys LDP for a period of six months, a **Progress Meeting** will be held at **11:00 am on 15 September 2016** at the Media Resource Centre (MRC Wales Ltd), Oxford Road, Llandrindod Wells, Powys, LD1 6AH.

The purpose of the meeting is for the Council to provide the Inspector with an update on the work undertaken to date during the suspension period. The meeting will be open for members of the public to attend as observers only. If you wish to attend, please contact Tracey Smith (LDP Programme Officer), by email tracey.smith@Powys.gov.uk or telephone 07919396609

Resolved: That an Officer and a Town Councillor attend the meeting.

J.G. Jones - Technical Adviser