



**CYNGOR TREF  
YSTRADGYNLAIS  
TOWN COUNCIL**

**Ordinary Meeting of the Council held at the Welfare Hall,  
Ystradgynlais on Thursday 7th April 2016 at 7.00p.m.**

**Present : Councillor Aneurin Davies, Chairman, Presided,  
Councillors Mrs A Jones, Mrs B Paulett, L Evans,  
J D Coombe, Meurig Evans, D Lewis,  
Mark Evans, Evan Evans, R Curry**

**186. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE.**

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors Mrs W Williams, C Nickels, Graham Davies and J Steadman.

**187. YSTRADGYNLAIS AMENITY AND CONVENIENCE ASSOC.**

The Town Council received representatives from the above local organisation in relation to the consultants 'Resources for Change' report on the regeneration relating to the community action plan for the Ystradgynlais and District area.

**a) Project** – Ystradgynlais Town Centre Flower Pots Scheme. Details were received from the Group representative regarding the above initiative. It was noted that a grant of £6000 had been received from the Nant Helen fund in relation to kick starting the Scheme which involved the purchase of the plant pots and provision of flowers for starting the scheme. However the funding body required a sustainable

commitment from the Association that the scheme would be sustainable on an annual basis. The Association was therefore asking for the Town Councils support in relation to this matter.. The matter and financial requirements to annually support the scheme was discussed at length with the Association representatives.

Resolved unanimously to support the initiative and to grant aid the project in the sum of up to £3,600 annually for the upkeep and continuation of the project.

**b) Project – Fixed Term Employment of P/T Marketing Officer.** The post was to be created to assist in taking forward the proposals and initiatives identified in the Community plan. An application for funding 80% of the employment costs was to be submitted to a grant body supporting this type of work. A further 10% of the funding was to be covered by the Association and a request was made to the Town Council to fund the remaining 10% required. A request was made to the Town Council to fund the remaining 10% of the cost of the post, which would range from £2000 to £4000 annually for a three-year period.

Resolved unanimously that the above funding requested from the Town Council equating to 10% of the salary cost of the post up to a maximum funding level of £4000 be agreed for a three year period.

**188. MINUTES.**

Resolved that the Minutes of the Councils meeting held on the 3rd March 2016 and the recommendations of the Management Sub Committee Minutes of the 8<sup>th</sup> March 2016 be confirmed and accepted by the Town Council and signed by the Chairman.

Resolved that the position be noted.

**189. FENCE TO FOOTPATH 9 ENCLOSING COMMUNITY PLAYGROUND AT GURNOS LOWER CWMTWRCH.**

Correspondence was received from Councillor Wayne Thomas

regarding the erection of a safety fence on the boundary of path 9 and the children's park. A quotation for the works had been received from Mr Matthew Thomas in the sum of £1700 for the works required. Following discussions between the Technical Adviser and Councillor Thomas it was recommended that the work be paid for out of the Parks budget heading as opposed to the Ward Budget for 2016/17.

Resolved that the Town Council agrees to the work being undertaken as soon as possible in the sum indicated. Further discussion to be undertaken at the next Council meeting in relation as to which budget heading the work is going to be charged against.

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

The Town Council received a full set of documents and maps from the Powys County Council in relation to the above matter. The proposal is sent out for comment to representatives of path user groups, the Town Council, Local Members and Utility companies. Comments were requested by 8<sup>th</sup> April 2016.

Resolved that a copy of the correspondence received be circulated to all Town Council Members and that the Council's observation be determined at the Council's next meeting in May 2016 for forwarding to the Powys County Council. Declaration of Interest Cllr Mark Evans.

**191. TESCO COMMUNITY GRANTS.**

Cllr Mark Evans updated the Town Council following a meeting with Tesco Management on grant opportunities for the Town Council and community groups.

Resolved that the document be circulated to all Town Council Members and that it be discussed further at the next meeting of the Council on the 12<sup>th</sup> May 2016.

**192. CROSS BORDER COLLABORATION GROUP.**

Notification was received from Neath Port Talbot CBC that the above Group meeting on the 8<sup>th</sup> April 2016 had been cancelled and that future meetings of the Group would be determined at the Annual Meeting of NPTCBC in May of this year.

Resolved that the Town Council forwards a letter of disappointment to NPTCBC over the continuing cancellation of these meetings over the past year.

**193. ONE VOICE WALES TRAINING SCHEDULE**

Notification was received from One Voice Wales in relation to the schedule of training sessions for Council Members over the April period.

Resolved to note the arrangements.

**194. STEPHEN LEWIS TRISTAR AQUATHALON.**

A letter dated 7<sup>th</sup> April was received seeking financial support for the above event, which is scheduled to take place on the 22<sup>nd</sup> May in memory of PCSO Stephen Lewis. The event will hopefully raise money to promote sport and physical activity amongst children and their families throughout Wales.

Following consideration of the application it was resolved that a grant in the sum of £200 be awarded in support of the said event.

**195. PAYMENT OF ACCOUNTS.**

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

**196. LOCAL GOVERNMENT ETHICAL FRAMEWORK**

Details were received from the Welsh Government in relation to amendments made as contained in the following regulations:

- a) Local Authorities (Model Code of Conduct) (Wales) (Amendments) Order 2016.
- b) The Local Government (Standards Committees, Investigations, Dispensations and Referral) (Wales) (Amendment) Regulations 2016.

The Town Council discussed and considered the legal amendments made in relation to this legislation.

Resolved that the Town Council adopts the revised code of conduct as detailed and that a copy of the amended code be circulated to all existing and future Town Council Members.

**197. SHARED PURPOSE; SHARED FUTURE**

The Town Council received from the Welsh Government a copy of the Statutory Guidance on the Well-being of Future Generations (Wales) Act 2015). The Act is about improving the social, economic, environmental and cultural well-being of Wales. The Act establishes public services boards. These Boards are required to assess the state of economic, social etc. well-being of the local authority area they serve and take a more joined up approach. This in the view of the Welsh Government will create the Wales that we all want to live in , now and in the future. The Act requires public services boards to involve community and town councils in the process of improving the well-being of their areas.

Resolved to note the contents of the Guidance and to await developments in connection with this new legislation.

**198. APPOINTMENT OF COUNCIL REPRESENTATIVE TO THE YSTRADGYNLAIS VOLUNTEER SERVICE COMMITTEE.**

Resolved that Councillor Leighton Evans be appointed to represent the Town Council on the Ystradgynlais Volunteer Service Committee.

**199. RIVER TWRCH LANDSLIP - UPDATE MARCH 2016.**

The Technical Adviser presented an updated written report to the Town Council on the landslip that occurred on the River Twrch in

January 2015. Options on the way forward were outlined in the report which were discussed in detail. The view of the Powys Land Drainage Officer that concurred that whilst the embankment itself was unsightly it had coped well with the wet winter weather experienced and the resulting spate flows was taken into account, as were the concerns over the upstream embankment, which is in private ownership.

Resolved that the Town Council continues with the interim approach of monitoring the situation.

**200. 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.

**201. MEMBERS AND OFFICERS REPORTS.**

a) Cllr Evan Evans reported that the Powys County council had now undertaken the necessary repair work to the lower steps on path 25, Penrhos. Position noted.

b) Councillor Mark Evans advised that as part of the Ystradgynlais area was designated as a deprived area there might be a possibility of having a full rates rebate for the Gorof Cemetery.. Agreed that the Clerk investigate the position.

The meeting terminated at 8.50pm

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

**1.0 Applications granted consent**

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

P/2016/0039	Mr & Mrs D. Lock 43 Cwmpnil Road Lower Cwmtwrch	Proposed conservatory extension with associated external and drainage works
P/2016/0059	Greggs Plc 34 Heol Eglwys Ystradgynlais	Repaint existing window frames, install new front door and install air conditioning unit.
P/2016/0059	Greggs Plc 34 Heol Eglwys Ystradgynlais	Advert: Erection of three fascia signs and five internal signs.
P/2016/0136	Ms Jo Lancey 16 Heol Maes Pica Lower Cwmtwrch	Erection of an extension.
P/2016/0148	Mr A .Davies Land at rear of 87 Gorof Road Lower Cwmtwrch	Erection of detached two bedroom dormer bungalow.
16/13089/FUL [ BBNP ]	Mr. M.B.Stephens Ti'r Morgan Teilwr Palleg Lower Cwmtwrch	Erection of a sun lounge extension to side of existing house and proposed render to the external walls and chimneys.

**2.0 Applications refused consent**

*From information posted on the Powys County Council web site the following applications have been refused consent.*

P/2016/0068	Mr M. Jones Land between 283 -285 Brecon Road Ystradgynlais	Erection of a pair of semi-detached bungalows and one detached bungalow
P/2016/0081	Mr J. Davies Site of former Brynderi Cottage Penrhos	Proposed residential dwelling.

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**3.0 Applications for consideration**

P/2016/0268      Mr & Mrs Roberts      Erection of an extension  
                                 4 Glantawe Row  
                                 Ystradgynlais

**Resolved: No observation.**  
**( Note : Concern raised about potential use of Town Council owned rear access)**

P/2016/0204      Mr R.Lopez              Removal of Condition No.5 of planning permission  
                                 Cynlais Primary      P/2015/0191 relating to the discharge of water.  
                                 Heol Giedd

**Resolved: No observation**

P/2016/0304      8 Palleg Road          Erection of a rear two storey extension (revised proposal  
                                 Lower Cwmtwrch      to planning permission P/2015/1105)  
                                 Ystradgynlais

**Resolved: No observation**

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

**Resolved:              *Whilst not objecting to the principle of a privacy screen being provided the timber fence was not regarded to be an aesthetically pleasing solution in its current form and consideration should be given towards improving the existing structure.***

**4.0 Miscellaneous**

**Examination of Powys Local Development Plan – Exploratory Meeting Notice**

Representor ID: Ystradgynlais Town Council -- No: 541

It appears from my records that you or your organisation submitted comments / representations on the Powys Local Development Plan 2011-2026, Deposit Draft 2015 ('the Plan'). I would like to take this opportunity to introduce myself as the Programme Officer responsible for assisting the Inspector with all aspects of the Examination administration and hearings, working independently of the Council.

The Ministers of the Welsh Government have appointed **Nicola Gulley** MA MRTPI as the Inspector to conduct the independent Examination to consider the soundness of the Plan. This would normally include a Pre-Hearing Meeting followed by a series of public hearings, but before we can move to this stage of the process the Inspector has called an **Exploratory Meeting** which will take place on **Tuesday 10 May 2016** at Media Resource Centre (MRC Wales Ltd), Oxford Road, Llandrindod Wells, Powys, LD1 6AH. The Exploratory Meeting will commence at **11:00**.



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The Inspector will not take any formal evidence in respect of the LDP at this meeting nor consider in detail the policies put forward by the Council. The purpose of the meeting is for the Inspector to set out her concerns regarding the soundness of the LDP. The Inspector has not determined that the LDP is unsound but will discuss concerns with the Council and the Welsh Government at the Exploratory Meeting. This is not the time when your representations will be heard and although you are invited to attend, it will be as an observer only.

An agenda for the Exploratory Meeting will be published on the Examination website at least one week before the date of the meeting.

It is anticipated a date for any Pre-Hearing Meeting and start date for hearing sessions will be discussed at the Exploratory Meeting and a Note of the Exploratory Meeting will be published on the website soon afterwards.

Please advise me by **26 April 2016** via email where possible if you wish to attend the Exploratory Meeting, quoting your representor ID shown at the top of this letter. If I do not hear from you by this date, I will assume you do not wish to attend.

Anyone wishing to speak Welsh during the Q&A session at the end of the Exploratory Meeting is requested to provide me with at least two week's notice to allow time for translation facilities to be arranged. Please note that translation is from Welsh to English only.

### **Examination Website & Library**

The Examination website and library is updated regularly and provides a useful source of information about the examination process and hearings. Please regularly check the Examination website for up to date information and/or changes to the timetable/programme:  
[www.powys.gov.uk/ldpexamination](http://www.powys.gov.uk/ldpexamination).

The Examination library which can be viewed via the above website comprises the following sections:

- **Core Documents** – documents and guidance prepared and/or referred to in relation to the LDP including the Council's evidence base and submission documents.
- **Examination Documents** - relevant documents and correspondence submitted by the Inspector, Programme Officer, Council and other parties during the course of the examination.
- **Hearing Sessions** (not yet available) – hearings timetable and programme including associated documents and a note of participants for each hearing session.

Anyone wishing to view documents in the Examination library should contact me and I will be happy to assist.

The Council provides free internet access to its website at the following libraries during normal office hours:

Brecon /Builth Wells /Crickowell /Hay-on-Wye /Knighton /Llandrindod Wells /Llanfair Caereinion  
Llanfyllin/Llanidloes /Llanwrtyd /Machynlleth /Montgomery (agency) /Newtown /Presteigne  
Rhayader /Talgarth /Welshpool /**Ystradgynlais**

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If you would like the information in this letter in Welsh or in another format, please contact me as soon as possible.

Anyone with special needs or requirements to assist them at the Examination should contact me as soon as possible.

Please do not hesitate to contact me should you have any queries regarding the Exploratory Meeting and/or Examination process.

Yours faithfully,  
*Tracey Smith*  
**Programme Officer**

***Resolved: To note the contents including the exploratory meeting to which no member would be attending .***

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