



**CYNGOR TREF
YSTRADGYNLAIS
TOWN COUNCIL**

**Ordinary Meeting of the Council held at the Welfare Hall,
Ystradgynlais on Thursday 7th January 2016 at 5.30p.m.**

**Present : Councillor Aneurin Davies, Chairman, Presided,
Councillors W Thomas, Mrs A Jones, L Evans,
D Lewis, Mrs B Paulett, R Curry,
M Evans, C Nickels, J Steadman,
J D Coombe, E Evans,**

145. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE.

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors Mrs W Williams.

146. SYRIAN REFUGEES – UPDATE.

The Town Council received an update from Mr Simon Inkson, Head of Housing, Powys County Council regarding the Syrian Refugees that were destined to settle within the Ystradgynlais community. Mr Inkson detailed the historical background to how and why the communities of Ystradgynlais and Newtown had been chosen as ideal settlement areas for the refugees. It had been identified that there was in both cases sufficient school places for the children of the refugees and sufficient housing places for the families. The Government would for the first year cover the whole cost of the

resettlement of the refugees. It was anticipated that around six families would be resettled in the area would be allocated to the area. The selection process of suitable families would commence in February with a view to the refugees arriving in late March early April. Support groups would be established and additional temporary staff would be employed to provide assistance to schools for a couple of hours teaching a day for possibly a three year period. Councillors questioned the Officer from Powys County Council in detail and concerns were expressed over why Ystradgynlais had been selected and places like Brecon, Llandrindod and other prominent and large Towns in Powys had been forgotten about. Also concerns were expressed about the limited educational support and provision of language interpreters for the services. The provision of medical facilities needed to be established as it was reported that the local surgery's patient list was at its maximum.

Further updates would be provided to the Town Council over the next couple of months with regard to the progress that would be made in this matter relating to the resettlement of the Syrian refugees at Ystradgynlais. In conclusion the Chairman thanked Mr Inkson for the detailed presentation on the Syrian refugees position and planning in relation to the resettlement scheme.

Resolved that the Minutes of the Councils Ordinary meeting held on the 5th November 2015 and the Management Sub Committee Minutes of the 9th November 2015 be confirmed as accurate records and signed by the Chairman. It was also resolved that the recommendations contained in the Management Sub Committee Minutes be agreed and ratified by the Council.

147. TOWN COUNCIL BUDGET AND PRECEPT FOR 2016/17.

Prior to the commencement of the budget meeting the Town Council received the Hall Manager and Chairman of the Hall Board in relation to the financial funding sought from the Council in the next financial year 2016/17. In view of the cuts imposed by the Powys County Council in the grant assistance to the Hall and the Managers position, the Hall Board was seeking an increase in financial assistance from

the Town Council of £5000. The Council advised that it would further consider the Halls request later on in the meeting when the budget for 2016/17 is considered. It was also agreed that a closer dialogue was needed between the Hall Board and the Council and that consideration be given to meeting on a quarterly or four monthly basis in the next financial year.

**A) ACCOUNTS FOR YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2015
FINANCES FOR 2015/2016.
PROPOSED BUDGET FOR 2016/2017.**

The Clerk submitted his report to the Council containing a balance sheet for the year ended 31 March 2015, details relating to the Councils finances for 2014/2015, and a recommended budget for 2016/17.

The Council considered and discussed the Clerks report in detail.

B) COUNCIL BUDGET AND PRECEPT FOR 2015/2016.

Resolved that :

1) The following estimates of expenditure for 2016/2017 be approved :-

Parks & Open Spaces	38,850
Gen Administration	94,770
Gorof Cemetery	22,500
Grants	12,000
Paths	43,320
Welfare Halls (Ystrad, Cwmtwrch)	41,000
Ystrad Hall,Maint, Market & Insurance	39,930
Business Reserve Fund	30,000
Capital Receipts	14,093

Gwys River landslip Reserve 10,000

TOTAL **346,463**

2) The above-mentioned total expenditure and reserves of £346,463 for 2016/17 be achieved as follows: -

Estimated Balance for 2015/2016	£96,142
Estimated Income for 2016/2017	£10,750
Precept 2016/17	<u>£239,500</u>

3) A precept of £239,500 for 2016/17 be signed by the Clerk and served upon the Powys County Council.

4) the representations and request received from the Hall Board be noted and that quarterly partnership meetings be convened between the Town Council and Hall Board in the next financial year.

4) The Clerk be thanked for the his detailed presentation of the budget report and recommendations for the financial year 2016/17.

148. WAR MEMORIAL - GORSEDD PARK.

The Chairman gave a detailed report to the Town Council on the progress made in relation to the rebuilding of the Cenotaph at the Gorsedd Park, Ystradgynlais. Grants were being sought for the project in partnership with the Powys County Council and letter of support were being sought from local schools and organisations.

To start the application process, and to get the funding streams in place the Powys County Council would require a letter of intent from the Ystradgynlais Town Council confirming that once the refurbishment work is completed the Town Council will take on an agreed area of the Gorsedd Park that incorporates the newly refurbished war memorial cenotaph, along with Freedom of the Borough Stone and memorial tree for the Parachute Regiment together with the three standing flagpoles.

Town Council members discussed the offer in detail and **resolved to** accept the terms and conditions of acquiring the land and above detailed monuments and fixtures on an asset transfer basis. The existing name plaques to be accepted by the Town Council and displayed at the Ystradgynlais Miners Welfare and Community Hall.

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149. TICK TOCK COMMUNITY BOWLS CLUB

The Town Council received a letter and financial accounts of the above bowling Club. The Club had a very successful season and will endeavor to attract the local schools to the green for practice events over the coming season. The Club's thanks were extended to the Town Council for its continuing financial support for the next financial year. The Town council **resolved to** note the position and wished the Club continuing success during the coming season.

150. DEMENTIA FRIENDLY – YSTRADGYNLAIS

Notification was received from Marcia vale in relation to the next meeting of the Dementia Friendly Steering Group. The meeting was to be held on the 13th January at 2.00pm in the Cwrt Enfys Care Home. An invitation was extended to local Councillors to attend.

151. APPLICATION FOR GRANT ASSISTANCE

Financial information was received from the Brecknock Play Network in relation to its grant assistance application towards the Gurnos Play Pod. The Town council had previously agreed in principle to award a grant.

In consideration of the application the Town Council resolved to award a grant in the sum of £200 to the said organization.

152. WELSH GOVERNMENT EVENT – DRAFT LOCAL GOVERNMENT (WALES) BILL.

An e mail dated 18 December 2015 was received from the Welsh Government advising that an event had been arranged on the 2nd

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February at the Liberty Stadium, Swansea in relation to the above matter. Expressions of interest in attending were sought from Local Councils.

Resolved to note the arrangements.

153. PUBLIC RIGHTS OF WAY – COMMUNITY OF YSTRADGYNLAIS.

Further to Minute 129 of the Town Councils meeting on the 3rd December, two e mails were received from the Powys County Council regarding the Powys County Councils policy or working practices on rights of way issues. It was suggested that the proposed meeting between the Town Council and Rights of Way unit be deferred until all is known about the budget of the Department for the next financial year. Also a review will be starting shortly of the Rights of Way Improvement Plan (ROWIP) and consultations will be taking place with Community and Town Councils as part of this process. This will be an ideal opportunity for the Town Council to put its observations forward as part of the process.

Resolved to defer the meeting called for with the Powys County Rights of Way Section until their budget situation has been resolved.

154. PAYMENT OF ACCOUNTS.

Resolved that the monthly accounts as detailed be paid.

155. 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.

Note : Councillor Dennis Lewis declared an interest in the planning application relating to the Palleg Golf Club.

156. MEMBERS AND OFFICERS REPORTS.

- a) Cllr. E Evans sought clarification as to why Footpath 25 in Penrhos had been closed to the public. The Clerk advised that the County Council Highways Dept had closed off the path due to public health and safety issues. Following a lengthy discussion on the matter it was agreed to request a site meeting with Powys County Council Officers on the position.
- b) Cllr W Thomas advised of his concern that Council appointed members who were also Welfare Hall Board Members were also Members on the Town Councils Management Sub Committee. Councillor Thomas asked for the matter to be further discussed at a future meeting of the Council as he was not comfortable with the position.
- c) Cllr C Nickels stated that he was of the opinion that apart from local Civic and Remembrance Day events, where the British Flag would occupy the centre flagpole, the Welsh Red Dragon Flag should be flown on the centre flagpole at the Gorsedd Park on all other occasions, Ystradgynlais. Members unanimously agreed with this proposal.

The meeting terminated at 8.25pm

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

1.0 Applications granted consent

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

P/2015/0650	Mr J. Adams Tir Canol Landfill Lower Cwmtwrch	Application for the establishment of an open windrow green waste composting facility on an area of completed but unrestored landfill.
P/2015/0801	Mr J. Richards Garddfa 116 Station Road Ystradgynlais	Replacement of ground floor and new first floor extension.
P/2015/0971	Mrs K Jenkins 12 Min-Y-Rhos Ystradgynlais	Demolition of outhouses and erection of extensions
P/2015/0989	Ms D. Bruce 72-74 Heol Tawe Abercrave	Extension and alterations and change of use of retail shop to residential use.
P/2015/1000	Mr R Purvis 93 Maesybryn Station Road Ystradgynlais	Erection of timber framed building to rear garden
P/2015/1105	Mr. A. Yeoman 8 Palleg Road Lower Cwmtwrch	Demolition of Utility and erection of single storey rear extension.

2.0 Applications refused consent

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

P/2015/0442	Mr D. Lewis Former Derwen Garage Derwen Road	Demolition of existing garage/workshop to provide 5 residential dwellings (All matters reserved)
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The grounds for the Powys County Councils decision to Refuse permission for the development are:-

- 1. The proposed development would result in residential development (highly vulnerable development) within a C2 flood zone. The proposed development is therefore contrary to Policy SP14 of the Unitary Development Plan*

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(March 2010) and Technical Advice Note 15: Development and Flood Risk and Planning Policy Wales (Edition 8, 2016).

2. *Insufficient information has been submitted to fully assess the impact of the proposed development on protected species. The proposed development is therefore seen to be contrary to policy ENV3 and ENV7 of the Unitary Development Plan (March 2010), Technical Advice Note v5: Nature Conservation and Planning (2009) and Planning Policy Wales (Edition 8, 2016).*

3.0 Applications for consideration

P/2015/1105 Mr. A. Yeoman Demolition of Utility and erection of single storey rear
8 Palleg Road extension.
Lower Cwmtwrch

Resolved: ***To offer no observation as the planning authority had already determined the application.***

P/2015/1110 Mr M Ace Formation of shared vehicular access to rear including
62&64 Station Road parking and turning area.
Ystradgynlais

Resolved: ***No observation***

P/2015/1184 Mr. M. Bennett Outline planning permission with all matters reserved
Land at rear of 258 Brecon Road for one detached dwelling
Ystradgynlais

Resolved: ***To offer an objection to this proposal on the grounds that it represents undesirable backland development and is therefore contrary to Planning policy HP17. In addition the number of vehicular movements generated by the proposal could be locally detrimental particularly if the chip shop was to re-open for business.***

P/2015/1109 Celtic Minor Golf Club Erection of an 8 bay golf driving range, provision
Land at Golf Club of 20 No. lighting columns, netting screens and
Upper Cwmtwrch associated works.

Note: Cllr. D. Lewis declared an interest

Resolved: ***No observation***

P/2015/1210 Coronation Club Erection of two dormer bungalows, formation of
Land at Glannant Terrace vehicular access and associated works (outline)
Glanrhyd

Resolved: ***To offer an objection on the grounds that Plot 2 appears to entirely obstruct the route of public registered footpath 107A and no mitigation measures are proposed. In addition the car park is needed to support the activities held at the Club and its loss would mean indiscriminate parking occurring which would be locally detrimental.***

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4.0 Miscellaneous

It was reported that the following E Mail has been received:

Dear Clerk

Thank you to those local councils who have responded with comments and/or concerns to the notice that Powys County Council would in future be consulting town and community councils on planning matters via electronic means.

In order to address some of the concerns raised I write to advise that the implementation date has been postponed from 1st January to **1st February 2016**. During this time Powys County Council will compile guidance for town and community councils on using the planning portal. It also allows for you to consider how information is then shared within your local council's membership.

If in the meantime you have further queries, please contact Louise Williams, Planning Technician louise.williams@powys.gov.uk or myself.

Resolved: To note the information.

J.G. Jones - Technical Adviser