



**CYNGOR TREF  
YSTRADGYNLAIS  
TOWN COUNCIL**

**Ordinary Meeting of the Council held at the Welfare Hall,  
Ystradgynlais on Thursday 2nd June 2016 at 7.00p.m.**

**Present : Councillor Wayne Thomas, Chairman, Presided,  
Councillors D Lewis, Mark Evans, E Evans,  
Graham Davies, Goronwy Davies,  
A Davies, J Steadman, R Curry.**

**30. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE.**

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors Mrs W Williams, Meurig Evans, J D Coombe, C Nickels, Mrs A Jones, Mrs B Paulett.

**31. MINUTES.**

Resolved that the Minutes of the Town Councils meetings held on the 12<sup>th</sup> May be confirmed as an accurate record and signed by the Chairman.

**32. WAR MEMORIAL PROJECT.**

The Town Council received an e mail confirmation from the Powys County Council confirming that the grant money had now been allocated to the refurbishment of the Ystradgynlais War Memorial. Contact has been made with the contractors who tendered for the

project to do the work and to update the costing. The contractor will be then appointed and the work will commence. This will then allow the work to be programmed and dates set. Hopefully work will commence in the next couple of weeks.

Resolved to note the position and that Cllr Aneurin Davies and the Clerks are thanked for the work that they had done in relation to progressing this project.

**33. HER MAJESTY QUEEN ELIZABETH II 90<sup>TH</sup> BIRTHDAY.**

Notification was received from the Powys County Council that an area of road adjacent to 101 and 102 will be closed off on the 12<sup>th</sup> June between the hours of 12noon and 10pm for a street party to be convened to celebrate the above event.

Resolved to note the arrangements.

**34. 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 13 of the Town Councils meeting on the 12<sup>th</sup> May 2016 a report was received from the Technical Adviser and Councillor Graham Davies in relation to a site meeting held on the 1<sup>st</sup> June with respect to the proposal to extinguish footpath 71. Council Members considered the above proposals in detail and considered the reports received from the Technical Adviser and Cllr Graham Davies.

Resolved that the Ystradgynlais Town Council does not support the extinguishment of footpath 71 and would prefer it to be retained and re-routed to Q -T rather than the existing Q-O . This re-location would assist in overcoming the technical quirk whereby the most commodious route is via an unadopted highway, which cannot be guaranteed in the long term. A section of the alternative route of Boat 20 is currently impassable due to vegetative overgrowth and it is to be

requested that Powys County Council re-open the route.

**NOTE :** Cllr Mark Evans declared an interest in this item.

**35. BUSINESS RATES – GOROF CEMETERY.**

Further to Minute 201 b) of the Town Councils meeting on the 7<sup>th</sup> April discussions and correspondence had taken place between the Town Council and Powys County Council Revenues section on the Town Councils claim for a refund in rates paid over the past 15 years.

The County Council has acknowledged that mistakes has been made and have made an initial offer of a refund to 2010 amounting to £1660. In addition to this the County council are currently considering a further claim from the Town Council in relation to the fact that the Cemetery site is outside the non-rural area. A backdated application will be made in this regard to 1<sup>st</sup> April 2002.

Resolved that the Council be updated as appropriate on this matter.

**36. INTERNAL AUDIT SERVICES.**

a) Internal Audit of the Town Councils Accounts to 31 March 2016: A letter dated 21 May 2016 was received from the Councils Internal Auditor confirming that all the prescribed tests in relation to the Councils internal financial control systems had been satisfactorily completed and as a result there are no matters need to be brought to the Councils attention. The internal auditors conclusions are reflected in his report as contained in the 2015/16 Annual Return.

Resolved that Internal Auditors report be noted and accepted.

b) The Clerk advised as part of the audit process there was a requirement to reappoint the Councils internal auditor from time to time. The Town Council was advised that the current auditor had been engaged by the Council since 2002 and his qualifications and experience in the accountancy profession was proven.

Resolved that the Councils current Internal Auditor be reappointed to the Town Councils services for the purpose stated.

**37. MEETING WITH LOCAL COUNTY COUNCILLORS.**

An e-mail was received from the local County Councillors requesting a meeting with representatives of the Town Council on an open agenda basis. The Town Council considered and discussed the request in detail.

Following the lengthy discussion on this request it was agreed to meet the County Councillors prior to the Town Councils Ordinary meeting. It was further agreed to extend an invitation to meet with Town Councillors prior to the commencement of the July meeting. A time of 6.00am was agreed as the starting time for this meeting.

**38. POWYS COMMUNITY HEALTH COUNCIL**

Correspondence dated 1 June 2016 was received from the above organisation inviting Council Members to apply for vacancies on the Powys health Council. Appointments will be on a voluntary basis and the time commitment will be around 3 – 5 days per month.

Resolved that the notification be noted. Cllr J Coombe to be advised of the advertisement.

**39. OLD COAL DRAMS – NANT HELEN OPEN CAST.**

Further to Minute 15 of the Town Councils meeting on the 12<sup>th</sup> May 2016 it was reported that the officials at Nant Helen had agreed that the Town Council could have one of the coal drams found at the site. Cllr Mark Evans advised that he could arrange for the dram once chosen to be collected and stored on his property until a suitable siting could be found from the coal dram on the Ystradgynlais Miners Welfare and Community Hall grounds.

Resolved that the Chairman and Vice Chairman meet to discuss a suitable site for the coal dram and that the Councils representatives on the Nant Helen Liaison Committee arrange to have the Old dram collected.

**40. PAYMENT OF ACCOUNTS.**

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

Note : Agreed that following the three year Council Insurance agreement with Zurich Municipal that a quotation be obtained from another reputable insurance company with respect to the premium paid.

**41. ADDITIONAL COMMUNITY GOVERNORS**

A letter dated 27<sup>th</sup> may 2016 was received from Powys County Council seeking Town Councillor appointments to the following Schools as from the 1<sup>st</sup> September 2016. The term of appointment will be for four years:

Ysgol Golwg y Cwm  
Ysgol y Cribarth

Resolved that Cllr Mark Evans be appointed to serve as the Town Councils representative on the Board of Governors for Ysgol Golwg y Cwm. A decision regarding the Town Councils appointment to Ysgol y Cribarth be deferred to the next Council meeting in July.

**42. APPLICATIONS FOR FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE**

**a) Resolved that** grants in the sums indicated be made to the under mentioned organisations:

Ystrad Jnr Rugby	-	£ 250
Bethania Chapel	-	£ 400
Cor Dathlu Cwmtawe	-	£ 200
Cor y Gyrlais	-	£ 200
1 <sup>st</sup> Ynyscedwyn Scouts	-	£ 200
Citizens Advice Bureau	-	£ 500
Ystrad Volunteer Service	-	£ 500
Penrhos Allotments	-	£ 100
Penrhos Summer Playscheme	-	£ 200

Gurnos Playscheme	-	£ 200
Ystrad Welsh OAP	-	£ 150
Abercrave Senior OAP	-	£ 150
Maes Y Cwm Tennants	-	£ 150
Joseph Herman Foundation	-	£ 300
Ystrad Welfare Grounds Assoc.	-	£ 250
Ystrad Ladies Bowls	-	£ 250
St Cynogs Church	-	£ 500
Ystrad Heritage Group	-	£ 100
Ystradgynlais Swimming Club	-	£ 250

**NOTES ;**

**1) Cllr R Curry declared an interest in the grant application from the Citizens Advice Bureau.**

**2) Cllr A Davies abstained from voting with respect to the Joseph Herman grant application**

**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 under mentioned organizations:

Abercrave Regeneration Group	-	£ 200
Ainon Chapel Sisterhood	-	£ 150
Brecon @ District Credit Union	-	£ 150

**c) A discussion ensued as to the procedure adopted in the grant application process.**

Resolved that in future advertisements be placed in the Local Post Offices, Library, Council Notice Board and on the Council website with details and invitations to apply to the Town Councils Small Grant Scheme for financial assistance. Applications forms will only be sent out in future to local organisations on request. It was also **resolved** that any further financial grant applications received in this financial year would not be considered.

d) A discussion took place regarding the Tesco grant application provisions and it was agreed that an Expression of interest application be submitted to Tesco to match the small grants scheme awards to the above organization or to submit a grant application seeking grant funding for the Town Councils project at Path 110a in the Ynyscedwyn Ward.

**43. ANNUAL MANAGEMENT RISK ASSESSMENT REVIEW  
2016/17**

The Town Council received and considered in detail the following documentation in relation to the above matter:

- a) Details with regard to the Town Councils insurance policy/schedule with Zurich Insurance.
- b) Risk Assessment Report for the financial year 1 April 2015 to 31 March 2016.
- c) Minor Works Contracts – Risk Assessments.- Revised document for 2015/16.

The Town Council reviewed the contents of the above documentation.

**Resolved that :**

- a) The Council confirms its satisfaction that all the potential risks that the Council could conceivably be subjected to during the financial year had been adequately identified and covered within the above stated insurance and risk assessment reports.
- b) The Town Councils Sub Committee analyses further the Financial Risk Assessment Report and prepare reports as required in respect of any new risks identified.
- c) The title of the Health and Safety Risk Assessment Document be changed to more accurately reflect the content of the document.

**44. FACEBOOK AND PUBLIC INTERACTION.**

The Town Council discussed the position in relation to the possibility of adding the above social media facility to its established website. The Clerk referred to an e-mail that had been received from the Town Councils web providers who were happy to meet Town Council representatives on the matter.

Resolved that a meeting be convened with the Councils web providers in July 2016 to further consider this matter.

**45. 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.

**46. MEMBERS AND OFFICERS REPORTS.**

a) Cllr Graham Davies reported that concerns had been expressed over the establishment of a construction site opposite the Coronation Club in Glanrhyd. Also large lorries were accessing a narrow road along Snow Terrace to the site. Agreed that the Ward Members visit the site and report to the Clerk about the position so that the County Councils Environmental Health can be requested to inspect the site.

b) Cllr Mark Evans asked for the introduction of identity cards for Council Members that can be of assistance especially when visiting local residents or when attending site meetings. Agreed that the Clerk looks into the matter.

The meeting terminated at 10.00pm



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**Planning matters considered by the Town Council on Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> June 2016.**

**1.0 Applications granted consent**

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

P/2015/1018      Mr. P. Hammond      Erection of a dwelling and formation of vehicular access.  
Land adj.2 Bryncerdd Villas  
Brecon Road

P/2016/0339      Mrs J Faith Brown      Erection of an extension.  
18 Heol Twrch  
L Cwmtwrch

**2.0 Applications refused consent**

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

P/2016/0099      Mr D.Griffiths      Alterations to dwelling involving construction of dormer  
2 Heol Philip      roof to rear.  
Lower Cwmtwrch

*Reason: Insufficient information has been submitted to fully assess the potential impacts of the proposed development on protected species. The proposed development is therefore contrary to policies ENV3 and ENV7 of the Unitary Development Plan (March 2010) , Technical Advice Note 5: Nature Conservation and Planning (2009) and Planning Policy Wales (Edition 8,2016).*

**3.0 Applications for consideration**

P/2016/0386      Mr J Burgess      Erection of a building with all matters reserved.  
Rear of Glandwr House  
Heol Cwmtwrch

**Resolved:** *To object on the grounds that the impact on the Zammit surface water nfeeder that traverses this site has not been considered, knotweed is known to be present on site and the road access is considered substandard.*

P/2016/0501      Mr. B. Valentine      Erection of garage/workshop.  
22 Min-y-Rhos  
Ystradgynlais

**Resolved:** *To object on the grounds that the garage/workshop in its proposed form represents an overdevelopment of this site.*

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**4.0 Miscellaneous**

**Application for works to a tree subject to a preservation order (TPO) at Birkdale , off Hen Felin , Gurnos Road.**

***Resolved: To object to the proposal on the grounds that the removal of the Ash tree is only necessary because of the overdevelopment of the plot to two dwellings rather than the sole existing property.***

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**Notice of Suspension of LDP**

The below E Mail notified that the Planning Inspector has suspended the examination of the LDP. A copy of the Inspectors letter was circulated to members at the meeting.

The Inspector has now written to the Council following the Exploratory Meeting held on 10 May 2016 outlining her decision to suspend the Examination of the LDP for a period of six months to allow the Council time to undertake the additional work (and any relevant public consultation) as discussed at the Exploratory Meeting.

It is anticipated that the Examination will resume in late November 2016 with a Pre-hearing Meeting in January 2017 and Hearing Sessions to commence in March 2017. Links for the published Note of the Exploratory Meeting and Inspector's suspension letter to the Council are set out below:

**ED006** [Note of Exploratory Meeting on 10.5.16 \(Insp. 25.05.16\)](#)

**ED007** [Inspector's letter to Council following the EM \(25.05.16\)](#)

***Resolved: To note the position.***

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**Planning decision notice notifications**

*The following E mail has been received from Powys County Council :-*

Dear Sir/Madam,

In order to ensure consistency, from the 1<sup>st</sup> June 2016, all Town and Community Councils will be sent fortnightly reports that lists all the decisions that have been made within their area. This will ensure that Councils are aware of planning decisions within their area and also of relevant decisions in adjoining Council areas. I have attached the report and have back dated the information to the start of April 2016. The report covers all the Community Councils in Powys and is categorised by Community for ease of reference. Decision notices can be viewed where required on the Powys County Councils public website. I have attached a guide which should help with accessing this information.

***Resolved: To note the information***

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