



**CYNGOR TREF
YSTRADGYNLAIS
TOWN COUNCIL**

**Ordinary Meeting of the Council held at the Welfare Hall,
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Planning matters considered by the Town Council on Thursday 2nd April 2015

1.0 Applications granted consent

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

P/2015/0042	Powys T Health Board The Larches 165 Brecon Road Ystradgynlais	Change of use from current use as a mental health facility to a single residential dwelling
P/2014/1022	Ms R. Steel Grwp Gwalia Gurnos County School School Road Lower Cwmtwrch	Demolition of existing school and youth centre erection of affordable development comprising 42 semi-detached units and 3 detached units all with off street parking.
P/2015/0085	Ms K.Mathias 7 Cwmtawe Road Ystradgynlais	Demolition of garden shed. Construction of extension to provide ground floor shower room disabled facilities adaptations.

2.0 Applications refused consent

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

No matter to report

3.0 Applications for consideration

P/2015/0194	Mrs. A. Williams 98 Wind Road Ystradgynlais	Change of use of room used as post Post Office to domestic lounge.
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Resolved: No observation

P/2015/0221	Mr & Mrs J. Williams 10 Brynawel Road Ystradgynlais	Construction of a two storey and single storey extension with associated drainage and external works.
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P/2015/0235	Mr A. Owens 47 Cwmpnil Road Lower Cwmtwrch	Erection of a two storey extension and alterations to dwelling.
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P/2015/0229

Mr C. Lewis
87 Brecon Road
Ystradgynlais

Rear first floor extension

Resolved: No observation

4.0 Miscellaneous

Additional Information Consultation

P/2014/0620

Outline development of one dwelling and creation of new
access at 64 Cwmpil Road, Lower Cwmtwrch

Resolved: It was considered that the change of access now proposed to this site was unacceptable and that an objection should now be lodged.

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