



**CYNGOR TREF
YSTRADGYNLAIS
TOWN COUNCIL**

**Ordinary Meeting of the Council held at the Welfare Hall,
Ystradgynlais on Thursday 4th June 2015 at 7.00p.m.**

**Present : Councillor Aneurin Davies, Chairman, Presided,
Councillors J D Coombe, W Thomas, R Curry,
E Evans, D Lewis, C Nickels,
M Evans, Goronwy Davies.**

25. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE.

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors Canon D Roberts, Mrs W Williams, Mrs A Jones and the Technical Adviser.

26. MINUTES.

Resolved that the Minutes of the Councils Annual and Ordinary meeting held on the 30th April 2015 be confirmed as an accurate record and signed by the Chairman on behalf of the Council.

27. CORRESPONDENCE – VARIOUS ISSUES.

The Clerk referred to a number of e-mails received from a local resident with respect to a number of public service issues in the area. The issues related to various matters, which were the responsibility of the Powys County Council, Communities First and the Town Council.

The Clerk and the Vice Chairman Councillor Wayne Thomas had replied in detail to the contents of most of the e-mails and copies were circulated to Council Members. A further e-mail had been received requesting the deferment of the e-mails received and a request for a meeting to further discuss the issues.

Resolved that the Chairman, Vice Chairman and County Councillors Sarah Williams and Hugh Williams arrange to meet with the local resident on the matters raised.

28. YSTRADGYNLAIS HERITAGE – PROJECTS ASSOCIATED WITH LIDICE AND THE SILENT VILLAGE.

A letter dated 3 June 2015 was received from the Heritage and Language Society inviting Council members to the following events in relation to the above matter:-

- June 11th Unveiling in the Welfare Hall, Ystradgynlais the relocated Lidice mosaic panel completed by pupils of the former Cynlais Primary School.. Also at the same time the Society's will launch a second group of pamphlets on the most notable persons from the Ystradgynlais area.
- June 27th. Planting of a sapling of the Lidice pear tree by Daughter of the Chairman of the Lidice Community Association and the Chairman of the local Heritage Society.

Resolved that as many Members as possible attend the event on behalf of the Town Council.

29. BRECKNOCK AND RADNOR COMMUNITY HEALTH COUNCIL MEETING 30TH MARCH 2015.

Further to Minute 229b) of the Councils meeting on the 30th April a letter dated 20th May was received from the Chief Executive of the CHC detailing answers to the Town Councils concerns with regard to the conduct of the meeting at the Ystradgynlais Community Hospital on the 30th March. The reply had been passed to Cllr J Coombe and Cllr D Lewis in order to compile a response to the Chief Executive on the items raised. Resolved to note the position.

30. ALZHEIMERS SOCIETY

An e-mail was received from the Dementia Friendly Communities Coordinator requesting a meeting with the Town Council in order to take forward the initiative and for Ystradgynlais to become a dementia supportive community. To this end an invitation was received for the Town Council to appoint one or two members onto a Steering Group, which will manage and drive this development that is supported by the Welsh Government.

Resolved that an invitation be forwarded to the Society Member to address the Council on this subject matter at its next meeting in July.

31. INTERNAL AUDIT OF ACCOUNTS – YEAR ENDED 31/3/15.

A letter dated 13 May 2015 was received from the Councils Internal Auditor confirming that all the prescribed tests in relation to the Councils internal control systems had been satisfactorily completed and as a result there were no matters to bring to the attention of the Town Council. The auditor's thanks was extended to the Town Council for the assistance and cooperation with the completion of the audit.

Resolved to note the content of the correspondence.

32. APPLICATION FOR A LICENCE – GOROF CEMETERY.

The Town Council discussed and considered in detail the content and reasons behind the above application.

Resolved that the Town Council objects to the health and safety reasons as detailed with respect to the application and the precedent this would establish.

33. LCAS HEALTH AND SAFETY SEMINAR – 22 JULY.

An invitation was received from the Councils Insurers for the Town Council to appoint delegates to the annual seminar to be held on the 22nd July 2015 at Cardiff.

Resolved that the Chairman and Clerk be appointed to attend the seminar.

34. ALLEGED UNSANCTIONED HIGHWAY ACCESS ONTO A4067, YSTRADGYNLAIS & OTHER HIGHWAYS/ PLANNING MATTERS.

A letter dated 30 April 2015 was received from the Powys County Council Highways Dept in relation to the following matters:

- a) The issue of access arrangement at Ynys Newydd was proving difficult to resolve. Information was currently being gathered and the Town Council was requested to forward any further information and photographs in relation to the problem.
- b) It had now been established that the car park and access near Metz Cottages was in the ownership of the Powys County Council and a site inspection would be carried out soon. Further information to follow.
- c) The incomplete discharge of access conditions at Cambwll Cottage had been inspected and a request sent to the Planning Department for breach of condition action.

Resolved to note the position and await to hear of further progress in the above matters.

35. PAYMENT OF ACCOUNTS.

Resolved that the monthly accounts as detailed be paid.

36. APPLICATIONS FOR FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE

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

Ystrad Jnr Rugby	-	£150
Bethania Chapel	-	£ 400

Cor Dathlu Cwmtawe	-	£ 200
Cor y Gyrlais	-	£ 200
1 st Ynyscedwyn Scouts	-	£ 300
Citizens Advice Bureau	-	£ 500
Ystrad Volunteer Service	-	£ 500
Penrhos Allotments	-	£ 300
Penrhos Summer Playscheme	-	£ 150
Gurnos Playscheme	-	£ 150
Ystrad Welsh OAP	-	£ 200
Abercrave Senior OAP	-	£ 200
Maes Y Cwm Tennants	-	£ 150
Glanrhyd Senior Citizens	-	£ 200
Cwmtwrch OAPs	-	£ 200
Joseph Herman Foundation	-	£ 300
Ystrad Welfare Grounds Assoc.	-	£ 500
Ystrad Ladies Bowls	-	£ 150
St Cynogs Church	-	£ 750
Ystrad Heritage Group	-	£ 300

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	-	£ 300
Ainon Chapel	-	£ 150
Ystrad District Access Group	-	£ 150
Ysgol Bro Tawe PTA	-	£ 100
Ysgol Golwg y Cwm	-	£ 100

**37. ACCESS TO INFORMATION – STATUTORY GUIDANCE.
SECTION 55 Local Government (Democracy)(Wales) Act 2013.**

Town Council Members received copies of the following document :-

- May 2015 - A copy of the Statutory Guidance on the Access to Information – Detailing the information that Town and Community Councils need to make available electronically.

- The guidance also explains further provisions concerning public notices, Council meetings and proceedings and registers of members' interests.

The Council considered the contents of the statutory guidance and **resolved** that the Clerk collects all the necessary information for the Councils website from Council members and discusses further with the Councils website provider of how best to structure the Town Councils website to take on board the new statutory requirements.

**38. BUDGET MONITORING REPORT
1st April To 4th June 2015**

Town Council members received and considered a copy of the above report prepared by the Clerk.

Resolved to note the current financial position of the Town Council.

39. PUBLIC TRANSPORT – CONSULTATION.

Details were received from the Powys County Council in relation to the consultation exercise on the provision of public transport from November 2015. Public transport budget provision was to be reduced by 4% from November 2015. A drop in session had been arranged at the Ystradgynlais Welfare Hall on the 15th June 2015 between the hours of 11am and 5pm. Members were encouraged to attend the consultation on the 15th June.

40. COUNCIL LAND ADJACENT TO CAFÉ CHAMELON.

The Town Council reviewed the two applications received in relation to the possible usage of the above land. Also further consideration was given to the proposed Powys County Council scheme in relation to establishing a cycle path in this vicinity. The Town Council gave careful consideration of the position and resolved to defer consideration of the applications received until the position regarding the cycle path was resolved.

41. 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.

42. MEMBERS AND OFFICERS REPORTS.

- a) Cllr J Coombe reiterated his concerns over the defibrillator, which was located at the Welfare Hall Ystradgynlais. It was his belief that none of the Hall staff had been trained in its use and that effectively nobody had responsibility for the equipment. Agreed that the Chairman, Cllr Coombe meet with the Hall manager on the matter.
- b) Cllr W Thomas reported in detail about the land and drainage work which was being undertaken by NPTCBC at the Wembley steps in Upper Cwmtwrch. The work had been complex and undertaken to a high standard.
- c) Following complaints received, Cllr C Nickels expressed his concern over the narrowness of the disabled entrance at the Diamond Park. Agreed that this matter be referred to the Technical adviser for advice.

The meeting terminated at 8.40pm

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Planning matters considered by the Town Council on Thursday 4th June 2015

1.0 Applications granted consent

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

P/2015/0356	Mr K Watts The Nook William Street Ystradgynlais.	Erection of dwelling, creation of new vehicular access with associated external and drainage works.
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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/2015/0356	Mr K Watts The Nook William Street Ystradgynlais.	Erection of dwelling, creation of new ** vehicular access with associated external and drainage works.
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*Note: ** Already processed by PCC*

Resolved: No observation

P/2015/0301	Mr J. Hopkins Pencaerlan Farm Seven Sisters.	Creation of new road over old access track to agricultural holding
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Resolved: No observation

4.0 Miscellaneous

Local Development Plan

It was reported that Powys County Council are undertaking consultation on the following documents from **8/6/15 to 20/7/15**:

- Deposit Powys Local Development Plan
- Habitats Regulations Assessment Screening Report
- Environmental Report
- Sustainability Appraisal Report

Exhibitions of the County Council's proposals have been arranged (see below). PCC officers will be on hand at the exhibitions to explain how comments on the consultation documents may be made.

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8/6/15.....Llandrindod Wells , The Gwalia
10/6/15....Welshpool , Neuadd Maldwyn
15/6/15....Ystradgynlais, Welfare Hall

Note: All exhibitions open from 11am – 7pm.

Responses to the consultation must be received by **4.30pm on the 20th July 2015**

Please note – Only representations submitted during this consultation period (8th June 2015 - 20th July 2015) will be carried forward through the Local Development Plan process. Any representations that were made in the previous consultation (on the Powys LDP Deposit Draft, July 2014) will not be carried forward. If you consider that any representations you made last time are still relevant, you must submit these again using the latest Deposit Stage Representation Form and guidance note.

Resolved:

To accept the recommendation that members attend the exhibition and if minded to do so put forward representations for consideration at the Town Council meeting scheduled for Thursday 2nd July 2015.

J G Jones - Technical Adviser