



**CYNGOR TREF
YSTRADGYNLAIS
TOWN COUNCIL**

**Ordinary Meeting of the Council held at the Welfare Hall,
Ystradgynlais on Thursday 2nd July 2015 at 6.30p.m.**

**Present : Councillor Aneurin Davies, Chairman, Presided,
Councillors W Thomas, Mrs A Jones, L Evans,
E Evans, D Lewis, C Nickels,
M Evans, Goronwy Davies.**

43. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE.

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors Canon D Roberts, Mrs W Williams, Mrs B Paulett, R Curry, J Coombe and J Steadman.

**44. ALZHEILER'S SOCIETY DEMENTIA FRIENDLY
COMMUNITIES**

Town Council Members received a presentation from Mrs Marcia Vale in relation to the work, which was currently being undertaken in the community in relation to the above matter. The Welsh Government's long-term vision is to create Dementia Supportive Communities. The Society wishes to work in partnership to establish Ystradgynlais as one of these supportive communities' and working as well with other statutory and voluntary bodies. Support with arranging events in the community was sought from the Town

Council. Following a lengthy discussion on the matters raised and the need to raise local awareness the Chairman on behalf of the Town Council thanked Mrs Vale for attending the meeting.

In recognition of the above the Town Council resolved to finance one training awareness session per month for the next 12 months for local Council Members and local voluntary groups.

45. MINUTES.

Resolved that the Minutes of the Councils Ordinary meeting held on the 4th June April 2015 be confirmed as an accurate record and signed by the Chairman on behalf of the Council.

46. POWYS COUNTY COUNCIL - KERBSITE RECYCLING.

The County Council confirmed that at the end of the financial year Powys had achieved the statutory recycling 52% . The target for the current financial year was 58% and improvements in the recycling rate were needed to achieve this target. There will also be some changes in that from 1st July the County Council will no longer collect plastic film eg carrier bags, magazine wrappers etc.

Resolved to note the progress and changes introduced by the Powys County Council in relation to kerbside recycling .

47. HOUSEHOLD WASTE RECYCLING CENTRE.

Notification was received from the Powys County Council that as from the 1st July the new recycling centre at Lower Cwmtwrch would be open to the public for household recycling. The new Centre is located at Bethel Road, Lower Cwmtwrch and will be operated by Potters Waste Management.

Resolved to note the changes implemented.

48. PLANNING TRAINING WORKSHOP.

An e mail was received from Planning Aid Wales with regard to free courses being made available to Town and Community Councillors on the 4th August 2015 at Llandrindod Wells.

Resolved that any Councillors wishing to attend advise the Clerk.

49. COMMUNITY LED PLANNING.

Correspondence was received from the Steering Committee of the above initiative advising the Council that the questionnaire for the local residents had now been completed and once translated will be distributed as widely as possible in the community. Various venues had been chosen for distributing the documentation. The survey will also be available online for the local residents to complete. Town Council members noted the progress being made.

50. CWMTWRCH RUGBY CLUB.

An e mail was received from Mr T Addey regarding a meeting with Cwmtwrch Ward Members regarding draft plans for a new club house on the site of the rugby field. A letter of support was requested from the Town Council for the proposal.

Resolved that the Town Council confirms its support in principle to the draft proposal and that further information/plans be obtained from Mr Addey.

51. SMOKE FREE PLAYGROUNDS.

Correspondence was received from the NHS Public Health Wales regarding the Tobacco Control Action Plan for Wales. Local Authorities are encouraged to promote smoke - free environments

including smoke - free playgrounds. The aim is to have all playgrounds in Powys smoke free by October 2015. The Town Council considered and discussed the proposal.

Resolved to note the content of the correspondence.

52. SCHEDULED ANCIENT MONUMENT – MACHINE PATH.

Cllr C Nickels raised concerns regarding the encroachment and some associated hard and soft landscaping works that were occurring on the former Machine Path in Ystradgynlais by a neighbouring property owner, which is understood to be, designated a Scheduled Ancient Monument.

Resolved to advise CADW of the activity, as it appears to be contrary to the Ancient Monuments (Class Consents) Order 1994.

53. CYCLE ROUTES IN YSTRADGYNLAIS.

Further to Minute 40 of the Town Councils meeting on the 4th June 2015 a letter was received from Ms Anthea Jones of Powys County Council confirming that the Welsh Government had decided to fund a link path for walkers and cyclists from Abercrave with the NCN cycle route number 43 from Swansea. In light of this the County Council will now be looking at submitting a scheme later on this financial year with respect to the Ystradgynlais Town area and specifically through Council owned land at path 8(Machine path) and also to link with the Diamond Park.

Resolved to reaffirm the previous resolution as detailed in Minute 40 of the Councils previous meeting and to send a letter to the Town Councils solicitor on the updated position and any action that needed to be undertaken in respect of the applicants.

54. YSTRADGYNLAIS WELFARE HALL –LEASE

A letter dated 29 June was received from the Councils solicitor stating that the revised lease between the Town Council and the Welfare Hall board had been checked and confirmed that the new lease was

effectively on the same terms as the existing lease. It was however pointed out that there was no plan attached to the new lease whereas a plan was attached to the old lease.

Resolved that the Chairman and Vice Chairman be given plenary powers to further check the contents of the new lease and also to sign the said document on behalf of the Town Council.

55. PAYMENT OF ACCOUNTS.

Resolved that the monthly accounts as detailed be paid.

**56. CWMTWRCH WELFARE HALL COMMITTEE –
APPOINTMENT OF TOWN COUNCIL REPRESENTATIVE.**

The Town Council received an e mail form Councillor Graham Davies confirming his resignation as the Councils representative on the above Committee. The Cwmtwrch Ward Committee discussed the matter with the Town Council at length and also advised that the Hall management was currently being closely examined.

Resolved that the matter of appointing a replacement for Councillor Davies be further considered at the next Council meeting in September.

**57. ANNUAL MANAGEMENT RISK ASSESSMENT REVIEW
2015/16**

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 considered and reviewed the contents of the above documentation and **resolved that** it was satisfied 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. It was also agreed that when required the Councils Sub Committee analyses and prepare reports as required in respect of any new risks that the Town Council might be subjected to.

58. LOCAL DEVELOPMENT PLAN.

It was noted that several members had attended the LDP exhibition of the County Councils revised LDP deposit proposals which had been held in the Welfare Hall on 15th June 2015. The Technical Adviser reported that he had been contacted with regard to concerns regarding two of proposed sites for inclusion – namely site 737 (Maesydderwen School grounds) and site 1182 (Ynysbydaffe Farm). When consulted by Powys CC in early 2014 both these sites had previously been recommended by the Town Council as RED sites i.e. the recommendation is that the site does **not** proceed. Both sites however are included currently in the deposit plan. Scrutiny of the Options appraisal tool for governance indicates in the case of Ynysbydaffe Farm that the assessment states that no comments had been received from the Ystradgynlais Town Council. Records indicate that this inaccuracy had in fact been identified in February 2014, when an E mail was issued to the planning authority indicating that their information was inaccurate with regard to Ynysbydaffe Farm proposals. A negative governance is noted for the Maesydderwen School site developments.

Resolved: To inform Powys LDP that the Town Council continues to object to the inclusion of sites 737 and 1182 within the Deposit LDP and to request that the option appraisal tool in relation to Ynysbydaffe Farm is duly corrected.

59. 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 : Cllr Mrs A Jones declared an interest in planning application P/2015/0568 – Construction of a detached garage.

60. MEMBERS AND OFFICERS REPORTS

a) Cwmtwrch Councillors advised of the excellent work that had been undertaken by NPTCBC on the drainage work at the Wembley Steps, Upper Cwmtwrch. Agreed that a letter of thanks be forwarded to the Engineering Dept. at NPTCBC. The issue of child safety however needed to be checked out in relation to the new culvert installed on the site. It was also agreed to ask the NPTCBC to undertake maintenance work on the path from Wembley Steps to Rhiwfawr.

b) Cwmtwrch Councillors referred to the indiscriminate parking on the pavement at Upper Cwmtwrch on the road between the George 1V Inn and Ebenezer Chapel. Also about 10 bollards had been erected near the Bryn Morgan lower bridge. Members could not see what the reasoning behind this plan was. Agreed that a site meeting be arranged with appropriate officers of the Powys County Council.

The meeting terminated at 9.20pm

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Planning matters considered by the Town Council on Thursday 2nd July 2015

1.0 Applications granted consent

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

No matter to report

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/2015/0309	Mr D. Jones 86-92 Wind Road Ystradgynlais.	Conversion of domestic flat and un-used shop into two domestic dwellings to include External alterations.
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Resolved: *No observation*

P/2015/0343	Mr A. Davies Gnoll Road Neath Road Ystradgynlais	Erection of a building for use as boarding kennel establishment and associated works
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Resolved: *No observation*

P/2015/0531	Mr M Foster 7 Heol Aaron Lower Cwmtwrch	Erection of a single storey extension and creation of disabled ramp.
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Resolved: *No observation*

P/2015/0565	Mr S. Bowkett Delfan Heol Rheolau Abercrave	Proposed single storey rear extension to provide new dining room.
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Resolved: *No observation*

P/2015/0568	Mr G Jones 3 Derwen Road Ystradgynlais	Construction of a detached garage and creation of new access
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Resolved: *No observation*

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4.0 Miscellaneous

NMA/2015/0014 Application for non-material amendment to planning application P/2015/0007 in respect of amended plans showing additional roof lights and renewal of roof covering to fibre cement slates for Mr & Mrs Wilson at Noddfa , Long Street Ystradgynlais: –
No planning permission needed.

Resolved: ***To note the decision.***

J G Jones - Technical Adviser