



**CYNGOR TREF
YSTRADGYNLAIS
TOWN COUNCIL**

**Ordinary Meeting of the Council held at the Welfare Hall,
Ystradgynlais on Thursday 8th October 2015 at 7.00p.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, R Curry**

83. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE.

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors Mrs W Williams, J Coombe, Mrs A Jones and C Nickels.

84. RESIGNATION – CLLR CANON D ROBERTS.

The Town Council received a letter of resignation from Councillor D Roberts. Cllr Roberts had decided to offer his resignation following a recent illness and also due to an increase in duties as a parish priest in Abercrave, Coelbren and Callwen.

Resolved that the Town Council declares a casual vacancy in the office of Councillor for the Ynyscedwyn Ward of the Town Council. Vacancy to be advertised in the normal manner and on the Councils website.

85. MINUTES.

Resolved that the Minutes of the Councils Ordinary meeting held on the 3rd September 2015 be confirmed as an accurate record and signed by the Chairman on behalf of the Council.

86. YSTRADGYNLAIS WELFARE GROUNDS SPORTS ASSOC.

The Town Council received a letter dated 1 September 2015 from the Treasurer of the above Association detailing the actions and decisions undertaken over the past year. Also a bid had been made to the M@S Energy Fund. Agreed that Association Committee members be invited to attend a meeting with the Councils Management Sub Committee to discuss progress in relation to the renegotiation of the lease for the Welfare Hall grounds and associated matters.

87. COR DATHLU CWMTAWE.

A letter dated 24th September 2015 was received from the above seeking financial assistance from the Council towards the purchase of a Baby Grand Piano. It is proposed that should the fund raising be successful then it is the intention to locate the piano at St Cynogs Church and that it would be available for other Groups to use at the Church.

Resolved that it be agreed in principle that a grant of £500 be awarded towards the purchase of the piano.

88. EXTERNAL AUDIT ARRANGEMENTS

The Town Council received a letter dated 24th September 2015 from the Auditor General for Wales confirming that they will become the Town Councils statutory auditor following the amendment of the Public Audit (Wales) Act 2004 and the completion of the 2014/15 audit by BDO. Grant Thornton will become the appointed auditor on behalf of the Auditor General as responsible for delivering the audit of your annual return for the next three financial years.

89. PROPOSED DIVERSION TO PATH 136.

An e mail dated 25th September 2015 was received from the Ramblers Association detailing their opposition to the proposed diversion of path 136. The Town Council had already considered the matter and confirmed its support to the proposed Order at its meeting on the 3rd September. It was agreed to forward to the Ramblers Association the Town Councils reasons for its support to the proposal.

90. TOWN COUNCIL WEBSITE CHANGES.

Notification was received from the Councils Website Administrators that changes had to be made to the platform and structure of the Councils Website. A solution had been found to the problem but a financial contribution would be required. The new Parish Master Template was now ready to transfer the Town Councils information onto the new platform.

Resolved that the cost of the change of website platform be obtained and if necessary invite a representative of the Company to meet the Councils Management Sub Committee.

91. BOAT 7 , CWMTWRCH.

The Town Council received a detailed report from the Powys County Council with regard to the above matter and the Palleg Road 'C' Class County Road at Brynhenllys. A consultancy report compiled by Robin Carr Associates was received with respect to these matters.

Resolved that

- a) an acknowledgement of receipt of the documentation be sent to the Powys County Council on these matters.
- b) Plenary powers be given to the Cwmtwrch Ward Committee to consider and respond to the issues raised by the County Council and the contents of the consultancy report.

92. POWYS COUNTY COUNCIL – LAND FOR SALE.

Details were received from the Powys County Council in relation to land for sale in the Ynyscedwyn Ward , which lies adjacent to the Town Councils land at the Diamond Park. The Council discussed the matter in detail and was of the opinion that the acquisition of the said land from the Powys County Council would allow for a natural extension of the Diamond Park. The Town Council considered the matter in detail and resolved to register an expression of interest in the sum indicated.

93. DEMENTIA FRIENDLY YSTRADGYNLAIS.

Town Council Members received invitations from the Alzheimer’s Society to attend Dementia Friends sessions at the Ystradgynlais Welfare Hall on a number of dates as detailed. Interested Councillors to advise the Clerk of when they wished to attend. The sessions were also available for businesses, community groups or individuals who wish to make a difference and wish to become a dementia friend.

94. POWYS COUNTY COUNCIL – PENSIONS MANAGEMENT

- a) An invitation was received from the Powys County Council for the Council to send representatives to the Powys Pension Fund Annual Employers Meeting on the 8th December 2015 at 10.00am at the Media Resources Centre , Oxford Road, Llandrindod Wells. Resolved that Councillors Graham Davies and the Chairman be appointed to attend the meeting on behalf of the Council.
- b) The Town Council received a copy of the Powys County Councils Procedure for Reporting breaches of the Law to the Pensions Regulator the content of which was noted by Council Members.

95. OVW LOCAL GOVERNMENT FINANCE TRAINING.

Details were received from One Voice Wales relating to the Finance Course arranged for the 14th October at Neath Community Centre. Agreed that the Clerk and Chairman attend the course on behalf of the Town Council.

96. PENWYLLT VISITOR EXPERIENCE PLAN

Documentation was received from the Brecon Beacons national Park in relation to the above matter. A co-ordinated plan had now been developed and the Town Councils views were sought on the plan. The Clerk advised that the Ward had received a copy of the document for consideration. A reply in relation to the draft plan was requested by 23rd October.

Resolved that the Abercrave Ward be given plenary powers to respond to the consultation document.

97. LOCAL CARERS GROUP - YSTRADGYNLAIS.

Council Members received an invitation to attend a local Carers Group gathering on the 18th November at the Ystradgynlais Welfare Hall. Names to be forwarded to the Clerk for forwarding to the Carers Group.

98. ANNUAL MEETING – MAY 2016.

The Town Council considered the position in relation to the arrangements for the above meeting due to the fact that the Welsh Assembly elections were to be held on the first Thursday of that month.

Resolved that the Councils Annual Meeting in the month of May 2016 be held on Thursday the 12th May.

99. PAYMENT OF ACCOUNTS.

Resolved that the monthly accounts as detailed be paid.

100. YSTRADGYNLAIS MINERS WELFARE & COMMUNITY HALL.

A letter was received from the Hall manager on the following matters:

a) **Annual 2nd Grant Instalment.** The Hall manager made a

request for the 2nd grant instalment of £9000 to be released to the Hall as soon as possible to assist with the cash flow position. However the Hall on this occasion was unable to give the usual four monthly financial and performance report as the Halls accountant was currently installing a new computerised accounts package and this installation was taking longer than anticipated. The Councils would however be provided as soon as possible.

Resolved that in cognisance of the position a grant of £9000 being the Town Councils 2nd instalment of grant assistance to the Hall be paid.

b) Capital Works – The capital works programme at the Hall was now nearing completion. On the 24th of November in partnership with the Town Council a launch event has been arranged to thank grant funders and volunteer fundraisers. It was also reported that various unforeseen additional works in the sum of £1660 had been identified as the works progressed. A request was made for the Town Council to cover this additional cost. Following consideration of the position it was agreed that the Council would cover the cost of this additional work.

c) Arts Council of Wales – Thanks was extended to the Town Council for its on-going support and commitment over the past 24 years, without this support the Hall would not have received the news that it was to become a ACW Revenue Funded Organisation, the implications of which the Hall Committee would like to discuss at a future partnership meeting. Agreed that a meeting be arranged as soon as practicable with the Councils Management Sub Committee.

101. 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 B Paulett declared an interest in planning application in respect of Bryn y Groes.

102. MEMBERS AND OFFICERS REPORTS.

- a) The Clerk and Technical Adviser updated the Council on the arrangements for the Christmas Lights for 2016. Cllr E Evans advised that they wished for the lights at Abercrave to be turned on the Sunday 30th November. Cllr Evans to advise of the timing arrangements.
- b) Councillors again expressed their concern about the position regarding obtaining a defibrillator at the Welfare Hall. Agreed that the matter be raised at the forthcoming Partnership meeting.
- c) Councillor L Evans gave a report following the site meeting on the 7th September with a representative from the Highways Dept of Powys County Council about parking issues at Upper Cwmtwrch. The officer would consider the representations received and consult with the local County Councillor on the matter and report back on the discussions and possible solutions.

The meeting terminated at 8.55pm

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Planning matters considered by the Town Council on Thursday 8th October 2015

1.0 Applications granted consent

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

P/2015/0721	Ms. S. Reynolds 8 Heol Gwys Upper Cwmtwrch	Bathroom extension at first floor level to side and rear dwelling.
P/2015/0750	Mr. M. Davies Land off Brecon Rd (Rear of 64 to 78) Ystradgynlais.	Section 73 application: Variation of Condition No.2 of planning approval P/2012/0801 to extend time for the submission of reserved matters .
P/2015/0191	Mr R. Lopez Cynlais Primary School Heol Giedd	Conversion of former school building to form 17 bed residential / nursing home together with a rear extension and associated works.

2.0 Applications refused consent

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

P/2015/0671	Mr C. Last Ynys Newydd Opp Lock Cottages Ynys Uchaf	Outline planning permission with some matters reserved relating to access, appearance landscaping and scale in relation to a four bedroom detached house.
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*The grounds for Powys County Council's decision to **REFUSE** permission for the development are:-*

- 1. The proposed development is considered to be unjustified development in the open countryside contrary to planning policy guidance contained within HP4 and HP6 of the Powys Unitary Development Plan (March 2010), Planning Policy Wales (Edition 7 ,2014) and Technical Advice Note 6 (2010).*
- 2. The proposed development would result in a substandard access onto the County Class 1 highway,A4067 in terms of visibility splays. The proposed development is therefore seen to be contrary to policy GP4 of the Unitary Development Plan and Planning Policy Wales (Edition 7,2014).*
- 3. The proposed development would result in residential development within a C2 flood zone which is identified as highly vulnerable development. The proposed development is therefore contrary to Technical Advice Note 15: Development and Flood Risk (2004) and Planning Policy Wales (Edition 7,2014)*

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P/2015/0705 Mr. G.Price & W. Melderda Outline development for up to 6 residential dwellings
Playing field all matters reserved.
Ysgol Ynyscedwyn
James Street

*The grounds for Powys County Council's 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 SP14 of the Unitary Development Plan (March 2010) and Technical Advice Note 15: Development and Flood risk and Planning Policy Wales (Edition 7,2014).*

3.0 Applications for consideration

P/2015/0753 Mr A. Pulman Outline – 3No. detached four bedroom dwellings
Land south of Tai Gwalia associated access, parking and landscaping.
Upper Cwmtwrch

Resolved: To offer an objection on the basis that the observations of the highways department regarding the additional use of Glyncynwal Road (DAS 7.1.2) together with the immediate undesirable impact the new accesses would have on the sub- standard road arrangements at Tai Gwalia (including during construction) outweigh the development of the site in its proposed format.

P/2015/0801 Mr J. Richards Replacement of ground floor and new first floor
Garddfa extension.
116 Station Road
Ystradgynlais

Resolved: Having taken into account the unusual design of the proposed extension it was considered by members to be acceptable.

4.0 Miscellaneous

P/2014/1133 Outline (All matters reserved); Demolition of existing buildings to allow for Residential development (up to 138 dwellings) and associated works at Development at Brynygroes Farm, Ystradgynlais

Powys County Council have advised that the above planning application is to be considered at the County Planning, Taxi Licensing and Rights of Way Committee on 15th October 2015 at the Miners Welfare Hall , Brecon Road, Ystradgynlais , SA9 1JJ starting at 12.30 pm or at the return of the committee from a site visit.

The protocol that allows for the Town Council to speak for up to five minutes will be taken up by Town Councillor Mrs Anne Jones.

J.G. Jones - Technical Adviser