



**CYNGOR TREF
YSTRADGYNLAIS
TOWN COUNCIL**

**Ordinary Meeting of the Council held at the Welfare Hall,
Ystradgynlais on Thursday 2nd October 2014 at 6.15p.m.**

**Present : Councillor Aneurin Davies, Acting Chairman, Presided,
Pro Tem**

**Councillors J D Coombe, Canon D Roberts,
E Evans, J Steadman, D Lewis,
Mrs B Paulett.**

101. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE.

Apology for absence were received from Councillors Mrs A Jones, M Evans, L Evans, W Thomas, Graham Davies, Mrs W Williams, Goronwy Davies and R Curry.

102. YSTRADGYNLAIS COMMUNITY HOSPITAL.

The Town Council received Mr Nigel Broad, Senior Nurse at the above hospital. Mr Broad gave a detailed overview as to the functions and services undertaken at the Community Hospital. With regards to the Minor Injuries unit it was planned to have a second nurse practitioner in post to cover as necessary for the existing nurse. The hours of opening of this Unit was confirmed as 8.00am to 4.30pm. Mr Broad also detailed the proposed move to transfer the Larches currently located on Brecon road to the hospital environment

hopefully by March 2015. The town Councillors also discussed with Mr Broad the detail contained in the document circulated entitled Ystradgynlais Community Hospital – Profile of Services September 2014. In conclusion the Acting Chairman on behalf of the Town Council thanked Mr Broad for attending the meeting and for his detailed presentation on this subject matter.

103. ELECTION OF CHAIRMAN AND VICE CHAIRMAN FOR THE REMAINDER OF THIS MUNICIPAL YEAR.

Resolved that the Vice Chairman Cllr A Davies be elected as Acting Chairman Pro Tem and if the Vice Chairman is unavailable then Cllr W Thomas becomes Vice Chairman and Acting Chairman Pro Tem until such time as the Ystradgynlais Ward decide on the appointment of a Chairman from their Ward for the remaining period in this Municipal Year. It was also **resolved** that the balance in the Chairman's account be transferred to the Vice Chairman Cllr Aneurin Davies.

104. MINUTES

Resolved that the Minutes of the Councils Meeting held on the 1st September 2014 be confirmed as an accurate records and signed by the Chairman.

105. FUTURE OF WELFARE GROUNDS AT YSTRADGYNLAIS.

Further to Minute 80 of the Town Councils meeting on the 1st September the Clerk confirmed that a meeting with the representatives of the Welfare Grounds organisation had been arranged for Monday 13th October 2014 at 6.00pm. Agreed that members present at the meeting advise absent Councillors of the arrangements.

106. TOWN COUNCIL WEBSITE.

The Town Council received a report from the Clerk in relation to the development of the website and the financial and logistical problems associated with the bilingual element of the website. The town Councillors discussed the problems in detail. Also it was agreed that

the website provider be invited to a meeting of the Council on the 15th October 2014 to update on progress and show the Councillors the final design of the site.

Resolved that the website be available as an English only website and that consideration of developing a Welsh version be further reviewed at later date.

**107. STREET NAMING AND NUMBERING.
LAND ADJACENT 97 STATION ROAD.**

Further to Minute 87 of the Councils meeting on the 1st September it was **resolved** that the name of Llys Claypon be put forward to the Powys County Council in relation to the above request.

108. FOOTPATH 6, BRYN-Y GROES

Further to Minute 89 of the Councils meeting on 1 September an e-mail was received from the Rights of Way section with regard to the route of the above path. As far as the County Council was concerned its statutory duty duties and powers were in respect of the route as recorded on the Definitive Map. The County Council representative did not feel it was appropriate to meet at this point in time as there was a need to explore the options with the landowners first.

Resolved to note the current position.

Note: Cllr Mrs B Paulett declared an interest in this item.

109. AUDIT OF ACCOUNTS – 31 MARCH 2014.

A letter with accompanying documentation was received from the Councillors External Auditors BDO LLP in relation to the above matter and stating that the audit of the Councils accounts had now been completed.

Resolved that the annual audit return and the auditors opinion be

approved and accepted by the Town Council. The issue arising from the audit relating to the review of the Councils financial regulations was on the agenda for this evenings meeting.

**110. SECTION 119 HIGHWAYS ACT 1980
BRECON BEACONS NATIONAL PARK AUTHORITY
FOOTPATHS 43 AND 91 – DIVERSION ORDER 2005.**

Notification was received from the Brecon Beacons NPA that on the 2nd September the Park Authority Committee resolved not to proceed with the Public Path Diversion Order. The Order was made on the 15th December 2005 under Section 119 of the Highways Act 1980. The Order will therefore not be submitted to the Planning Inspectorate for determination on behalf of the Welsh Ministers.

Resolved that a copy of the correspondence be forwarded to the Cwmtwrch Ward Chairman.

111. NEATH PORT TALBOT CBC – PATH 111.

An e-mail was received from the Rights of way section of the above Authority confirming that the problem relating to the lack of maintenance to the above path from the Wembley steps to Rhiwfawr had been referred to the Country Side Access Team to deal with as soon as possible.

Resolved to note the position.

112. YSTRADGYNLAIS DISTRICT HERITAGE AND LANG SOC.

A letter dated 29th September was received from the above detailing the Society's future projects. The Society intends to publish two, possibly three, further pamphlets in its 'notable person' of the Ystradgynlais area series depending on availability of funding. Also it was hoped to erect a further Heritage Interpretation Panel to be erected in Penrhos

to outline this areas industrial and cultural heritage. The Town council considered a number of requests made by the Society in support of the projects.

Resolved that:

- a) The Town Councils full support be given to the listed projects.
- b) Approval be given for the Society to use the Town Councils Crest on the Pamphlets and Interpretation Panel
- c) Funding for the Projects be agreed in principle.

113. LAND ADJACENT TO THE GOUGH ARMS

Correspondence and accompanying documentation was received from Llys Cennen solicitors in relation to an alleged right of way and access to the property at the rear of the Gough Arms. Proposals were put forward by the client for the Town Council consideration. It was the Councils position that no existing right of way over the Town Councils land existed to the said property.

Resolved that the Clerk and the Chairman meet with the local Solicitor on the general position regarding the alleged right of way matter and to take the proposal mentioned above further with the Clients solicitor.

114. DORMA UK - CONTRACT RENEWAL NOTIFICATION. AUTO SWING DOOR – WELFARE HALL.

An e-mail was received from the above in relation to the renewal of the maintenance contract for the main entrance door at the Ystradgynlais Welfare Hall. The renewal cost being £616.96 plus Vat.

Resolved that the quotation be accepted and the maintenance contract be renewed.

115. WELSH AUDIT OFFICE.

A letter dated 3 September 2014 was received from the above organisation stating that it had decided to redistribute reserves held at

the 31st March 2014 to Local Government Bodies. The Audit Office was pleased to advise that all Town and Community Councils in Wales would be paid the sum of £30.00 from this distribution. Position noted.

116. THE FRIENDLY ART CLUB

The Clerk reported that in accordance with the Councils instruction he had managed to recover the grant money in the sum of £100 awarded in July of this year to the above organisation. The reason for recovering the money was due to the fact that the organisation had moved from the Cwmtwrch Welfare hall to Ystalyfera, which was a location within the community area of Ystalyfera Community Council. However a letter was received from the Secretary of the Club informing the Council that some of the members do not agree with the returning of the cheque and sought the Councils reason for this decision.

Resolved that the Club be advised that the reason for recovering the grant award was due to the organisation moving to a location outside the community of Ystradgynlais.

117. GENERAL CORRESPONDENCE.

a) An e mail dated the 1st October was received from the Brecon Beacons National Park advertising for suitable persons to apply for membership of the Local Access Forum. The Council discussed the position and noted the notification.

b) A letter dated 2nd September from the Maescynog Tenants Association stating that they had again been successful in the Brecknockshire Garden Competition in the best-kept housing estate category in 2005/6/7/8. The certificates are currently kept in the private residence of one of the tenants on the estate. A request was made for them to be displayed at the Welfare Hall. Agreed that the Clerk discusses the request with the Hall Manager.

c) Notification was received from the Powys County Council with

regard to the changes in the kerbside recycling scheme in relation to the collection days in the Ystradgynlais community area. Content of correspondence noted.

d) Correspondence was received from PAVO inviting nominations from individuals who wish to stand for election to the Board of Trustees at the AGM meeting on the 10th November. Content noted.

e) An invitation was received from the One Voice Wales for Council Members to attend a Code of Conduct training session at Ammanford on the 21st October 2014. The content of the correspondence was noted.

118. PAYMENT OF ACCOUNTS.

Resolved that the accounts as detailed in be paid.

119. ONE VOICE WALES ANNUAL CONFERENCES.

Council Members discussed the above position at length and it was **resolved** that for future One Voice Wales Annual Conferences two Council Members would be appointed to attend on behalf of the Town Council.

120. DRAFT REVISED FINANCIAL REGULATION OF THE COUNCIL.

Further to Minute 97 of the Councils meeting on the 1st September 2014 the above document was approved and accepted by the Town Council for immediate adoption. A copy to be forwarded to the Councils Internal and External Auditors for information.

121. ONE VOICE WALES – QUOTATION FOR THE SUPPLY OF HR SERVICES TO THE YSTRADGYNLAIS TOWN COUNCIL.

The Town Council received details and costing's in relation to the above matter the content of which was noted.

Note : The Clerk, Technical Adviser and Cllr E Evans declared an interest in this item and left the room.

122. 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 as detailed be forwarded to the Powys County Council.

123. MEMBERS AND OFFICERS REPORTS.

a) Cllr D Lewis advised of a local problem with regard to unsafe trees in the vicinity of Heol Gleien, Lower Cwmtwrch. Agreed that the Technical Adviser investigates the problem.

b) Cllr Mrs B Paulett informed the Council of the problem on the A4067 near the Cwmgiedd traffic Lights junction in that people were constantly parking their cars on the grass verge and causing visibility problems to users of the roadway in this vicinity. Agreed that Cllr Mrs Paulett refers the matter to her local County Councillor.

The meeting terminated at 8.05pm

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Planning matters considered by the Town Council on Thursday 2nd October 2014

1.0 Applications granted consent

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

P/2014/0782	Mr K .Chesby 44 Wind Road Ystradgynlais	Demolition of existing garage and construction of two storey rear and side extension with associated external drainage works.
P/2014/0660	Mr S Bratton 2 Weavers Road Ystradgynlais	Erection of new sun lounge

2.0 Applications refused consent

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

P/2014/0548	Mr. J Smith Land to the rear 160 Brecon Road Ystradgynlais	Construction of a single storey detached dwelling with associated access and landscaping works
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3.0 Applications for consideration

P/2014/0792	Mr Davies 8 College Row Ystradgynlais	Demolish rear part of existing dwelling and erection of single storey rear extension.
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Resolved: No observation

TREE/2014/0035	Mrs D Stokes 16 Richmond Park Ystradgynlais.	Felling of tree subject to Tree Preservation Order.
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Resolved: As no tree survey details were included with the application and they were unavailable on the Powys web site it was resolved to offer concerns that the tree should only be felled if remedial action was not feasible.

P/2014/0935	Mrs K Hopton 5 Maes y Gorof Ystradgynlais	Proposed double storey extension to the side of the dwelling.
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Resolved: To offer concerns that this side extension would upset the symmetry of the estate site layout.

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4.0 Miscellaneous

P/2014/0743	Ms Fang Yu Wu Glan Camlas Farm Gorof Road Lower Cwmtwrch	Outline (all matters reserved): development of 12 dwellings to include demolition of existing dwelling house and other outbuildings
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From information on the Powys Planning web site the above application has been withdrawn.

Resolved: To note the application had been withdrawn.

P/2014/0620 Outline: Development of one dwelling and creation of new access at land at 64
Cwmphil Road, Lower Cwmtwrch, Swansea

*The above application is being considered at the County Planning meeting at County
Hall in Llandrindod Wells at 10.00 am on 8th October 2014 – the Town Council has
been invited to speak on the planning application.*

Resolved: To decline the invitation.

J G Jones - Technical Adviser