



**CYNGOR TREF  
YSTRADGYNLAIS  
TOWN COUNCIL**

**Ordinary Meeting of the Council held at the Welfare Hall,  
Ystradgynlais on Thursday 6th November 2014 at 7.00p.m.**

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

**Councillors J D Coombe, R Curry, Mrs W Williams,  
E Evans, J Steadman, D Lewis,  
L. Evans, W Thomas, M Evans,  
Mrs A Jones, Goronwy Davies.**

**124. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE.**

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors Graham Davies, Mrs B Paulett and Canon Dewi Roberts.

**125. MINUTES.**

Resolved that the Minutes of the Councils meeting held on the 2<sup>nd</sup> October 2014 be confirmed as an accurate record. The Town Council also received copies of the notes of the following Meetings the contents of which were noted.

- a ). Meeting held on the 13<sup>th</sup> October 2014 with representatives of the Ystradgynlais Welfare Ground Sports Association.
- b) Meeting with Ward County Councillors and Powys County Council Officers in relation to Path 6 and Bridleway 75.

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

Further to Minute 103 of the Councils meeting held on the 2<sup>nd</sup> of October clarification was sought on the updated position regarding the Chairmanship of the Council following the Ystradgynlais Wards decision not to submit a nomination following the resignation of the previous Chairman of the Council.

Resolved that an item on this matter be placed on the agenda of the next Council meeting.

**127. FUTURE OF WELFARE GROUNDS AT YSTRADGYNLAIS.**

Further to Minute 105 of the Town Councils meeting on the 2<sup>nd</sup> October the Council received a report from the Chairman and Clerk regarding the updated position. The County Council had now advised that the landlords of the Grounds namely the Gough Estate had not responded to correspondence and reminders sent to them over the last three months with regard to the proposed renewal of the lease. The County Council had therefore advised that the status quo would therefore prevail until the end of the current lease to 2021. With regard to the funding of the grounds maintenance work confusion existed which needed to be sorted out.

Resolved that a further meeting be arranged between the Powys County Council representatives, Association representatives and a total of eight representatives from the Town Council. Councillors appointed being Councillors A Davies, R Curry, D Lewis, L Evans, M Evans, Mrs A Jones, J D Coombe and E Evans.

**127. TOWN COUNCIL WEBSITE.**

Further to Minute 106 of the Town Councils of the Councils meeting on the 2<sup>nd</sup> October the Clerk advised that a demonstration of the final version of the Town Councils website would be held on Monday the 17<sup>th</sup> November at 6.00pm. The Chairman advised that it was important for all Members to attend so that any final

observations, proposed amendments required could be taken considered and ratified. Following agreement by the Town Council to the site layout /content etc.it would be the intention to launch the website sometime in December 2014.

**128. FOOTPATH 6 & 75 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.

**129. YSTRADGYNLAIS DISTRICT HERITAGE AND LANG SOC.**

Further to Minute 112 of the Councils meeting held on the 2<sup>nd</sup> October 2014 a letter was received from the above seeking a grant in the sum of £370 towards the project undertaken this year in relation to the Interpretation panel at Penrhos and for producing information panels. Most of the project finance had been received from the Society's own finances.

Resolved that a grant of £370 be awarded to the said organisation for the above stated purpose.

**130. LAND ADJACENT TO THE GOUGH ARMS**

Further to Minute 113 of the Councils meeting on the 2<sup>nd</sup> October the Chairman and the Clerk updated the Council on the progress made in relation to the above mater. Correspondence and accompanying

documentation was received from Llys Cennen solicitors in relation to the matter seeking an estimate of the costs of the District Valuer in this regard.

Resolved that the Clerk and the Chairman obtain the necessary information as stated above and report back to the Council on the matter.

**131. FUTURE PROVISION OF PUBLIC TOILETS AT YSTRADGYNLAIS**

Correspondence and consultation documentation was received from the Powys County Council in relation to the above matter. Costing information in relation to a possible transfer of this service provision was also received. The Town Council consider the proposals in detail and the cost estimates in relation to running both facilities at the Cross and Bus Station amounted to an estimated £20,000. The Town council discussed and considered the position in detail.

Resolved that the Council was of the unanimous view that out of the two public toilets in the Ystradgynlais Town it was of the opinion that the public conveniences at the 'Cross ' Ystradgynlais should be retained and the toilets located at the Bus Interchange Terminal be closed. The toilets at the Cross were used by more people at any point in time and were located in a more accessible location in the centre of the Town. The Town Council was not in a position to take responsibility for the either of the toilets due mainly to the substantial costs involved in the annual running costs and also the lack of suitable staffing resources.

**132. TOWN COUNCILS BANKING ARRANGEMENTS.**

Following the recent closure of the Ystradgynlais Branch of HSBC the Council considered the proposal to transfer the Councils account to one of the remaining banking institutions operating at Ystradgynlais. The Town Council also discussed the timing of the transfer at length. The Clerk also advised that neither of the banks remaining in the Town Centre could offer the facility, which HSBC

provided with regards to returning cashed cheques to the Town Council on a monthly basis as part of the audit procedure. This provision did offer an audit trail within the accounting system of the Council.

Resolved that:

- a) The position with regards to the loss of the cheque return facility be accepted.
- b) The transfer of the Councils future banking facilities be one of the local remaining banks at Ystradgynlais be considered further in the new financial year.

**133. MAESYDDERWEN SCHOOL PTA**

A letter was received from the above Association seeking financial assistance from the Council in relation to the purchasing of two tea urns to assist the school community in raising funds for various charities, community groups etc.

Resolved that the content of the application be noted and that the Chairman be asked to donate a suitable grant towards the request.

**134. WELFARE HALLS – FUNDING APPLICATIONS FOR THE FINANCIAL YEAR 2015/16**

The Town Council received applications in respect of the above matter from the following:

- a) Cwmtwrch Miners Welfare Hall
- b) Abercrave Miners Welfare Hall
- c) Ystradgynlais Miners Welfare and Community Hall

Resolved that further consideration be given to the funding applications of the above for 2015/16 at the Town Councils budget meeting in January 2015.

**135. PROPOSED LEASE – WOODLAND AT GOROF ROAD.**

Further to previous correspondence on the above matter an e-mail was received from the County Council stating that in order to progress matters it was able to offer £1250 as its contribution towards the tree work. The Town Council considered the position and expressed its dissatisfaction with the offer. It was also stated that Powys had issued contracts to a Care Tree specialist to undertake tree work in the Ystradgynlais area.

Resolved that the Powys County Council be advised of the above situation and request that the tree specialist contractor be employed to carry out the necessary tree work at the site.

**136. YSTADGYNLAIS MINERS WELFARE HALL – DRAFT LEASE.**

The final draft of the lease between the Town Council and the Welfare Hall, Ystradgynlais. The engrossed lease required signing by appointed members from the Town Council in readiness for completion.

Resolved that the final draft be forwarded to CISWO's solicitor for checking prior to signing.

**137. ANNUAL INSPECTION REPORTS FOR THE CHILDRENS PARKS AND SKATEBOARD PARK**

The Council received copies of the annual inspection reports in relation to the above sites. All the work repair work recommended had been undertaken to the children play areas. With regard to the skateboard park the Penrhos Youth Club leader had advised that the repair work recommended by the Inspector would be undertaken as soon as possible. The Town Council being responsible for 50% of the costs of repair in accordance with the service level agreement.

Resolved to note the position.

**138. YSTRADGYNLAIS VOLUNTEER CENTRE ANNUAL REPORT 2013/14**

The Town Council received a copy of the Volunteer Centres Annual report, the content of which was noted.

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

Further to Minute 121 of the Councils meeting on the 2<sup>nd</sup> October it was agreed that the above matter be placed on the agenda of the next Council meeting.

**140. PAYMENT OF ACCOUNTS.**

Resolved that the accounts as detailed in be paid.

**141. LANDSCAPING PROCUREMENT 2015.**

The Technical Adviser presented his report to the Council on the above matter. The Town Council annually awards a total of eleven contracts for grounds maintenance work in the community.

Following discussion on performance together with a factual paper prepared in relation to the cost of the current landscape procurement it was resolved to proceed on the following basis for the 2015 growing season: -

- Landscaping contracts for the Diamond and Coronation Parks, Ward footpaths , Gorof Cemetery and the Welfare Hall grounds be re-awarded on the basis of a 1 % rise in rates in lieu of inflation to the existing contractors.
- Subject to the cost rate remaining similar to that levied in 2014 the playgrounds at SwnyNant , Caerbont and Abercrave be re-awarded to Powys DSO.

**142. 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.

The meeting terminated at 8.35pm





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**Planning matters considered by the Town Council on Thursday 6th November 2014**

**1.0 Applications granted consent**

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

P/2014/0792	Mr Davies 8 College Row Ystradgynlais	Demolish rear part of existing dwelling and erection of single storey rear extension.
P/2014/0817	Mr & Mrs K P McIntosh Gwern Ty Bach Caerlan ,Abercrave	Variation of Condition 1 of planning permission P/2009/0723 to extend time period for commencement of development.
P/2014/0871	Mrs S Anthony Land at the Rectory Heol Eglwys Ystradgynlais	Variation of Condition No.2 of planning approval to extend time for 3 years.
P/2014/0775	Mr G J Last Field at Ynys Newydd Ystradgynlais	Erection of extension to agricultural barn.

*Note: Abercrave Ward members expressed their disappointment that this application had been granted approval.*

**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/2014/0984	Mr W. Davies 29 Heol Maes y Dre Ystradgynlais	Change of use of existing flat roof to a pitch roof and external alterations to dwelling.
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**Resolved: *No observation***

P/2014/0986	Mr and Mrs Davies Waunlwyd Farm Upper Cwmtwrch	Conversion and change of use of part of barn to form a butchery farm shop and preparation area (part retrospective)
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**Resolved: *Whilst offering no objection to the proposal clarification on whether or not the proposed access route using BOAT 7 /C202 would remain open at all times is to be queried.***

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P/2014/0987            Mr and Mrs Davies            Erection of three advertisements  
Waunlwyd Farm  
Upper Cwmtwrch

**Resolved:            No observation**

P/2014/0902            Mr A Laugher            Extension of front and side of existing **building**  
Glanyronnen Cottage  
Gurnos Road

**Resolved:            No observation**

P/2014/1003            Mr & Mrs A. Jones            Proposed first floor rear extension and loft  
Anwylfan            conversion to include dormer windows, external  
Hennoyadd Road            and drainage works.  
Abercrave

**Resolved:            No observation**

P/2014/1022            Ms R. Steel Grwp Gwalia            Demolition of existing school and youth centre  
Gurnos County School            erection of affordable development comprising  
School Road            42 semi-detached units and 3 detached units  
Lower Cwmtwrch            all with off street parking.

**Resolved:            *Whilst no objection was raised against the principle of affordable housing on this site concern was raised regarding the proposed road access onto Spencer Terrace which is considered to be inadequate and would give rise to highway dangers and potential local dissatisfaction. Following discussion it was resolved to object to this part of the site layout on the former Gurnos School footprint and recommend that it is redesigned to a more acceptable layout.***

P/2014/0992            Powys Teaching Health Board            Construction of new footpath within the hospital  
Community Hospital            grounds from the existing car park to the Patti  
Glan-Rhyd Road            wing entrance.  
Ystradgynlais.

**Resolved:            No observation**

#### **4.0    Miscellaneous**

*Pre Consultation on behalf of Telefonica Ltd regarding upgrade to an existing Cell site at Abercrave Rugby Club.*

**Resolved:            *To offer no objection to the proposals.***

**J G Jones - Technical Adviser**