



**CYNGOR TREF
YSTRADGYNLAIS
TOWN COUNCIL**

**Ordinary Meeting of the Town Council held at the
Ystradgynlais Welfare Hall on Thursday 4th of January
2024 at 6.30 p.m.**

**Present : Chairman G Davies, Presided
Cllrs M Donnelly, M Allen, G Burdett, R Millington, C Williams,
M Shrewsbury, C Nickels, J Horrell, G Roberts, M Evans,
A Williams, J Morgan, N Craddock and L Evans
Via Zoom – W Thomas**

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

No presentations were received.

206. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE.

No apologies were received.

207. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

An interest was declared as follows: -

Cllr N Craddock – planning application 23/1899/REM due to acquaintance with the applicant.

208. MINUTES

Cllr R Millington proposed several amendments to Minute 175 and Minute 184 of the meeting on the 7th of December 2023.

Resolved that the Minutes of the above Council meeting be confirmed as an accurate record and signed by the Chairman subject to addition of the following amendments: -

- a)** To insert the following statement into Minute 175 – “A number of Councillors expressed a concern about the lack of a competitive process with the Chairman and Vice Chairmans proposal to employ a person as a temporary Administrative Assistant for a period of three months initially.”
- b)** To amend a sentence within Minute 184 as follows – “Cllr Millington requested the Councils approval to complain to Powys County Council regarding the delivery of the project.”

MATTERS ARISING

209. TOWN COUNCIL WEBSITE CRASH

Further to Minute 182, the Town Council website had been offline for several weeks and the administrator from the host company had now advised this was due to a corruption of the application and that it was unretrievable. The company was unable to commit to rebuilding and hosting the website and provided details of an alternative supplier.

Resolved: -

- a)** that the Chairman write to One Voice Wales to request digital assistance with the matter.
- b)** that Cllrs M Shrewsbury, G Roberts, J Horrell and R Millington form a working group to investigate and agree a recommendation for a new website for the Council.

210. MINOR WORKS CONTRACTS DOCUMENT REVIEW

Further to Minute 179, the Clerk advised that the Site Inspector contracted to the Council had agreed to undertake a review of the Minor works contracts

document to confirm it remained in line with current legislation and Health & Safety requirements.

Resolved to note the position and await the findings of the review.

211. ILLEGAL PARKING – GWYS, LOWER CWMTWRCH

Further to Minute 177 regarding illegally parked vehicles at the location above, the Council were advised that the Deputy Clerk had today ascertained from a DVLA representative that an email used for correspondence had been left unchecked. Confirmation from Powys County Council that the location was to be considered a road maintainable at public expense had been received and this had now been forwarded to an alternative email address with the DVLA for response.

Resolved to note the position.

212. PARKING ISSUES AT HEOL GLANTAWAWE

Further to Minute 200, in which a resident was requesting that the council consider starting the process into implementing parking restrictions at the location, Cllr Roberts advised that a meeting with Cllr Sue McNicholas was to be arranged to discuss the matter.

Resolved to note the position and advise the resident.

213. HIGH SHERIFF LOCAL AWARDS NOMINATION

Further to Minute 201, it had been clarified that the High Sheriff of Powys was requesting not multiple but a single nomination from within each community of local persons or organisations who had made significant contributions within the local community.

Resolved that Happy Helpers be nominated for the award and that Cllr Horrell forward a detailed resume in relation to this voluntary groups work in the area.

214. MID & WEST WALES FIRE AND RESCUE AUTHORITY DRAFT COMMUNITY RISK MANAGEMENT PLAN CONSULTATION

Further to Minute 202, and consultation currently taking place on the Improvement and Well-being objectives for the West and Mid Wales Fire Service as part of its draft Community Risk Management Plan 2040, Cllr A Williams requested permission to provide a response on behalf of the Town Council.

Resolved that Cllr Williams respond on behalf of the Council subject to the circulation of his proposed response to all Cllrs for any objections or views on this consultation document.

215. TOWN CENTRE WIFI

Further to Minute 184 concerning delivery issues with the provision of free Town Centre Wi-Fi, Cllr Millington reported that he had contacted Powys County Council to advise he had been authorised by the Town Council to make a complaint regarding this. Cllr Millington was then informed that training for the back office for this facility would be taking place on the 15th of January and withheld submission of a complaint pending the outcome.

Resolved that Cllr Millington invite interested Town Council and Chamber of Trade members to the training.

216. CHAIRMAN CORRESPONDENCES

Further to Minutes 205.10a and c, Cllr Millington advised that he had not as yet received a response regarding a complaint received via the Town Council Facebook page and queried whether a letter of acknowledgement to Discover Ystradgynlais regarding the Christmas event had yet been forwarded. The Chairman confirmed that the complaint response and letter of acknowledgement would be forwarded following the meeting. Resolved to note the position.

217. SWN Y NANT CHILDRENS PLAYGROUND

Further to Minute 180, Cllr N Craddock advised that he had met with Powys County Cllr Sandra Davies regarding complaints of dogs being taken into Swn Y Nant children's playground as well as other issues at the location and had circulated a brief report with photos to the Ward. Cllr Craddock requested that the matter be placed on the Ordinary meeting agenda for February for Council consideration of the issues.

Resolved to place the matter on the agenda for the February Ordinary meeting as requested by Cllr Craddock.

218. GORSEDD BENCH REFURBISHMENT

Further to Minute 194, Cllr Roberts advised that he had inspected the bench in the Gorsedd Park that was proposed as a replacement to the bench adjacent to the flagpoles. The contractor had been instructed to proceed with the installation.

Resolved that the Clerk ascertain the final costing for the installation to ensure it fell within the authorised expenditure amount under plenary powers.

219. PAYMENT OF ACCOUNTS

Resolved that the accounts as detailed in Appendix 1 be approved.

**220. ABERCRAVE WELFARE HALL 2023/24 FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE
RELEASE REQUEST & 2024/25 ALLOCATION REQUEST**

The Council had received a request on the date of this meeting from the Abercrave Welfare Hall to release the allocated budgeted financial assistance for 2023/24 of £20,000. The Abercrave Welfare Hall had also forwarded a request to the Council to allocate financial assistance for 2024/25 in the sum of £20,000. The Clerk had not circulated these documents for consideration as no updated accounting statements had

accompanied them in relation to the Halls accounts for 2021/22 and 2022/23 financial years.

Resolved that: -

a) the requests as detailed above not be considered until the above accounts for the Abercrave Welfare Hall were received and scrutinised by the Council.

b) that applicants for financial assistance allocations be requested to provide general user group information in order to better ascertain and confirm the community benefit.

221. HYBRID MEETING FACILITIES

At the Ordinary Meeting on December the 7th 2023, it had been agreed that this matter be placed upon the agenda following concern expressed by Cllr G Roberts regarding the Councils current audio-visual facilities.

Cllr J Horrell had experience in the matter and acknowledged that the Council meets the legal requirements for Hybrid meetings, however the experience for virtual attendees was not always satisfactory due to the limitations of the equipment in use by the Council. Cllr Horrell recommended that the Council allocate £5,000.

Resolved that £5,000 be allocated in the budget for the 2024/25 financial year for this matter.

222. ONE VOICE WALES BIODIVERSITY PROJECTS REPORT

Further to Minute 169 of the Ordinary Meeting on the 2nd November 2023, the Council received a copy of a survey report from One Voice Wales detailing potential biodiversity projects and funding sources at three locations within the Town Council ownership, attached as Appendix 2.

Resolved that Cllr L Evans arrange a meeting to take place on the 1st of February for interested parties and the main Council contractor to discuss the report and options presented.

223. ABERCRAVE WARD CHRISTMAS ILLUMINATIONS

The matter had been placed on the agenda for consideration following discussion at the December Ordinary Meeting as the Clerk had understood that the contract for provision of the Abercrave Christmas lighting had now expired. However, the Ward believed that the contract was in effect.

Resolved that the Clerk confirm the position and advise the Council.

224. NOTICE OF MOTION – MINERS STRIKE 40TH ANNIVERSARY

The following Notice of Motion as proposed by Cllr Shrewsbury, seconded by Cllr C Williams was considered: -

“Ystradgynlais Town Council notes that March 2024 marks the 40th Anniversary of the Miners’ strike. Ystradgynlais Town Council recognises the destruction and damage done to Wales and its people by the defeat of the Miners and the National Union of Mineworkers. Ystradgynlais Town Council salutes the courage and resistance of the Miners and the National Union of Mineworkers. Ystradgynlais Town Council resolves to recognise this anniversary with a public event to mark the historical significance of the Miners’ strike of 1984.”

Resolved: -

a) voted to amend the last sentence of the motion to read “Ystradgynlais Town Council resolves to recognise this anniversary with public events and initiatives to mark the historical significance of the Miners’ strike of 1984” , and it was voted to approve the motion with this amendment.

b) that Cllr G Roberts contact local schools to invite participation and discuss events and initiatives to include local pupils.

c) to allocate £2,000 from the Council budget for 2024/25 to this project.

CORRESPONDENCE

225. FREE SIYANDA CAMPAIGN

The Council had been invited to endorse an open letter drafted by the Free Siyanda Campaign to the Welsh Government calling for a review of the police and criminal justice system in Wales.

Cllr Craddock advised the members of a Criminal Justice Anti Racism Plan published by Welsh Government in December 2022, had been commissioned by the Criminal Justice Board for Wales and was now being implemented and that the Town Council should consider allowing this plan sufficient time to establish effect. Cllr Craddock, in agreement with the Town Council, requested it to be recorded that any decision regarding the open letter should not be considered as a stand against anti-racism.

Resolved not to endorse the open letter.

226. BUDGET MONITORING REPORT

The Council received the budget monitoring report to the 31st of December for information, attached as Appendix 3. The Clerk confirmed that he was content with the financial position of the Council for and that further information would be discussed at the Councils meeting on the 18th of January to finalise the budget for the 2024/25 financial year.

Resolved to note the position.

227. FLAG COMPLAINT

A complaint had been received regarding a flag raised to commemorate the anniversary of the death of Llywelyn ap Gruffudd on the 11th of December.

Resolved that the Chairman write to the resident to advise that the complaint would be formally considered at the Ordinary Meeting in February.

228. SMALL GRANT SCHEME

The Council was reminded that the application period for the Small Grant Scheme for 2024-25 would be open between the end of February and mid-May.

Resolved that due to the Town Council Website currently being inoperable, that the Scheme be advertised on the Town Council Facebook page and that applicants from the previous year be contacted and invited to apply.

229. PLANNING

Resolved to submit observations as detailed on Appendix 4.

Cllr N Craddock declared an interest in planning application 23/1899/REM due to acquaintance with the applicant and did not comment on this item.

230. MEMBERS AND OFFICERS REPORTS

230.1 Cllr J Horrell reported that community feedback received regarding the Abercrave Christmas Lights switch on event had been very positive.

230.2 Cllr A Williams reported the following: -

a) That a recent inspection revealed structural issues affecting the zip wire in the Caerbont children's playground and the apparatus had now been condemned and taken out of commission. The ward would be meeting with the inspector to discuss the matter further.

b) That the condition of footpath 44 was deteriorating and would continue to be monitored.

230.3 Cllr N Craddock reported that during a meeting with County Cllr Sandra Davies, local speeding issues had been discussed. A Powys Council representative had recently advised at a local speeding meeting that the Town Council could purchase speed indicator equipment for use within the community, however there was uncertainty about whether the Town Council was legally able to retain ownership of any purchased signs as the Highways Department had jurisdiction over such matters.

Cllr J Horrell advised receipt of an email regarding a GoSafe information and training session which may be useful, and he would forward the email to Cllr Craddock.

230.4 Cllr C Nickels reported a fallen tree on footpath 90. Cllr Millington advised he would walk the path to obtain photographic evidence and report the matter to Powys County Council.

230.5 Cllr J Morgan reported that a streetlight had not been working at Cwmphil Road and he would be reporting the issue to Powys County Council.

230.6 Cllr M Shrewsbury reported that he would be undertaking training of two further modules with One Voice Wales and encouraged all Cllrs to utilise the training available.

Cllr Horrell advised that free digital training was currently available to Cllrs through One Voice Wales.

230.7 Cllr C Williams reported that he had recently visited Florida on a business trip and had been impressed by an approach towards building communities through partnerships between local businesses and schools. Cllr Williams was hoping to engage with local business and the Chamber of Trade and with relevant contacts in Welsh Government to discuss a similar approach.

230.8 Cllr G Roberts wished to express congratulations to local schools and organisations who had arranged and been involved in late night events in Ystradgynlais during the festive season.

230.9 Cllr M Donnelly reported that the arrangement for free car parking provision from the Town Council during three dates in December had been successful, and appreciation had been expressed within the community.

230.10 Cllr R Millington reported the following: -

a) The Community Engagement survey via SurveyMonkey was now open to the public and requested that Cllrs distribute and raise public awareness.

b) That the Welfare Hall was consistently experiencing significant issues with non-customers parking in the Welfare Hall car park, impacting on Hall attendees' ability to park for events and services. The car park would now be locked in the evenings to try and remedy the issue. Cllr Millington also advised that there had been damage incurred to the rear bollards.

c) That the Ystradgynlais Library would be undergoing a refurbishment for three months, during which the service would be temporarily moving into the Lesser Hall at the Welfare Hall. It was hoped that the Community Banker would also be operating from that location.

230.11 Cllr W Thomas reported an incident of vandalism to Powys County Council property at Gwysfryn that had been witnessed. The relevant details had been reported to the County and to the police.

230.12 Cllr L Evans queried whether the appropriate representatives at Powys County Council had received formal notification of the Councils resolve concerning the updated Town Investment Plan, considered at the Ordinary meeting in December 2023. It was agreed that the officers should notify the County Council that it had been noted.

Meeting concluded at 9.10 pm.

PAYMENT OF ACCOUNTS**January 2024**

Cllr J Morgan	Members Allowance	120.00
HM Customs and Excise	NI Employers January	471.08
Powys C C/Stand Life	EmplyerPension Contributions Jan	1,547.32
Viking Ltd	Office consumables	330.61
Mr Flag	purchase 5 flags	235.20
SSE	Gordedd park Elect charge	167.70
Old School nursery	Replace damaged planter cwmtwrch	350.00
PCC	H and S Inspections Apr to Oct 23	2,106.00
Lite Ltd	Xmas Lights Abercrave Annual Charge	2,146.00
Old School Nursery	Planters Winter	2,940.00
Uk Debt Management	Loan Gorof Cemetery	2,074.10
SLCC	Annual Subscription	298.00

Signed ----- Chairman

----- Vice Chairman

Ystradgynlais Town Council

Site visit – 31.10.23 Rachel Carter

Ystradgynlais, Powys – Meeting point Miner's welfare hall, Ystradgynlais SA9 1JJ

Observations

Weather was cool, following heavy rain. Ystradgynlais is a small town in the upper Swansea valley on the edge of the 3 counties of Neath Port Talbot, Powys and Carmarthenshire and on the edge of the Bannau Brycheiniog National Park. The 3 sites are within 2Km of a SSSI designated site: Nant y Rhos SSSI (Diamond park) and Rhos Hen-Glyn-Isaf SSSI (other 2 sites)

Site 1 – Diamond Park

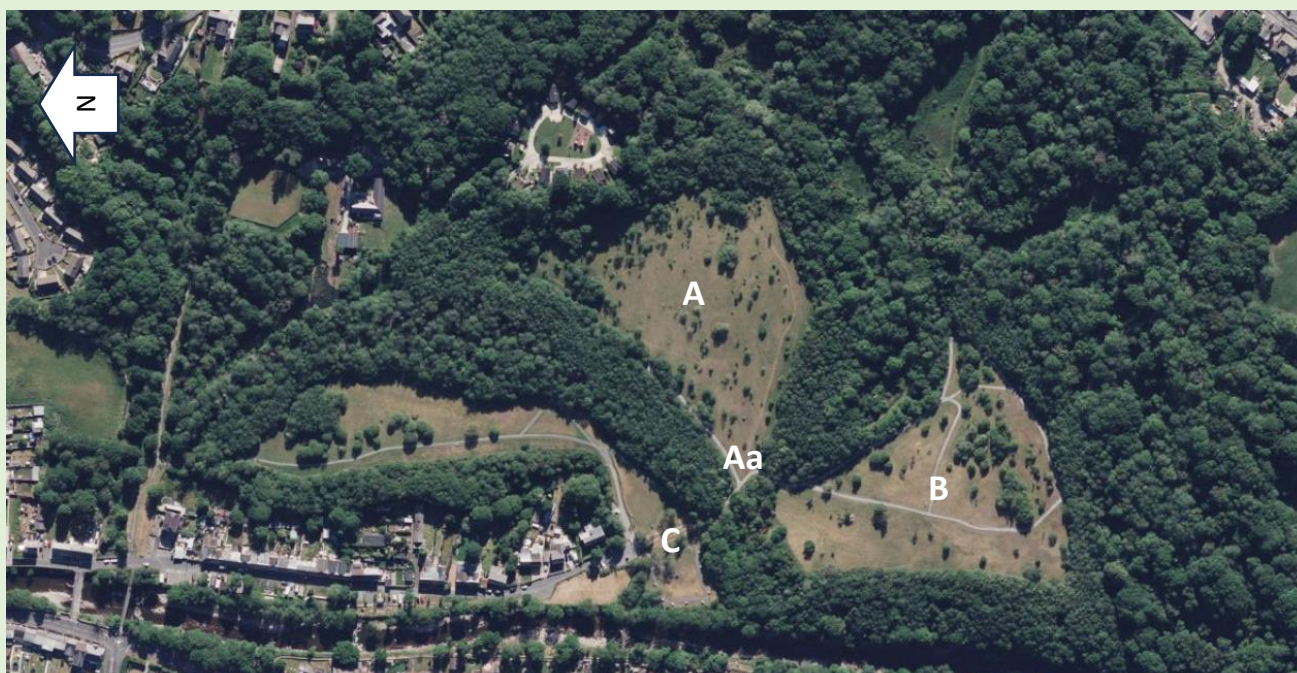


Figure 1 - Aerial image of Diamond Park (Bing maps 2023)

I was only able to visit a small area of this site. The site is former colliery site and spoil tip. This site could be an important post-industrial habitat so careful management should be considered. It is adjacent to a Wildlife Trust managed site to the Southern end.



Figure 2 - Photo showing the view from the lower path onto area A with area Aa in the foreground. (photo courtesy RE Carter 2023)

The lower grassland area (A) was visibly damp with areas of rush. A swale/drainage ditch has been installed along the northern path into the stream. Currently this area is left unmown during the summer. This lower area (Aa) could be planted with SUDs style rain garden planting to create a marshy grassland feature or bog garden. A raised boardwalk could be part of the feature to allow people to explore the habitat and observe the developing biodiversity of both flora and fauna. An example of this is shown in figure 3.

Native plants could be planted to provide habitat as well as aesthetic value. List of suitable plants shown in appendix A. This

would reduce water runoff into the stream and river Tawe as well as providing valuable habitat for invertebrates, reptiles and amphibians.



Figure 3 - An example of a boardwalk through a bog garden at Craig Y Nos country park. (RECarter, 2021)

Area A - Appeared to be a mix of marshy grassland, trees and scrub. It has been left unmown this summer but has not been cut and collected. This site would need further surveying to assess the condition and make suggestions on future management.

One suggestion could be to continue with cut & collect management with possibly some additional planting of appropriate native meadow species. Green paths could be mown into the space to allow a varied sward height and access by visitors. Signage could be used to describe and inform visitors about the biodiversity present and its importance in ecosystem resilience.

Area B – A steep hill leading from area A over a small bridge. The area has some trees and at the top is a plateau with benches which was being used when the site visit took place. This area could benefit from managing larger sections with cut & collect twice per year and other areas cut every 6 weeks or possibly in mid-July. This would create a nature mosaic on the site which visitors can walk through and explore. The higher sward height and resulting plant diversity would increase water retention making a greener aesthetic during drought periods, increase carbon sequestration as well as providing a cooling effect in the hot summer months.

Area C – This area is much more accessible to all and could provide opportunities for nature education and habitat creation building on the heritage of the site and what is already present. There could also be scope for some community growing provision to be developed here.

Phase 1 Survey March 2023

The suggested improvements are supported by the Phase 1 survey carried out in March 2023 by INCC. In addition, the treatment of invasive non-natives like Japanese knotweed. The cost of this could be included in a grant application for a Local Paces for Nature funded project. Evidence of priority species such as Otter were observed on the Nant Gylais so this would need to be considered alongside plans for the park at A and Aa. A further visit to the northern entrance would be needed.

Site 2 – Coronation Park

This was a large site and a repeat visit would be needed to fully assess the potential for biodiversity improvements required. This site is a former coal tip accessed by a steep path from a residential area. The path is through woodland and opens up onto a large open area of grassland. There are paths through the woodland edges. Large sections have been left to grow over the summer with green paths cut through to allow access (B on image). There was the remnants of a wetland area and pond now full of Willow trees (A). The ground was damp underfoot in places. Several clusters of Golden wax caps were spotted in the mown grass area (C). There is access to the higher area from another entrance which I did not have a chance to visit.

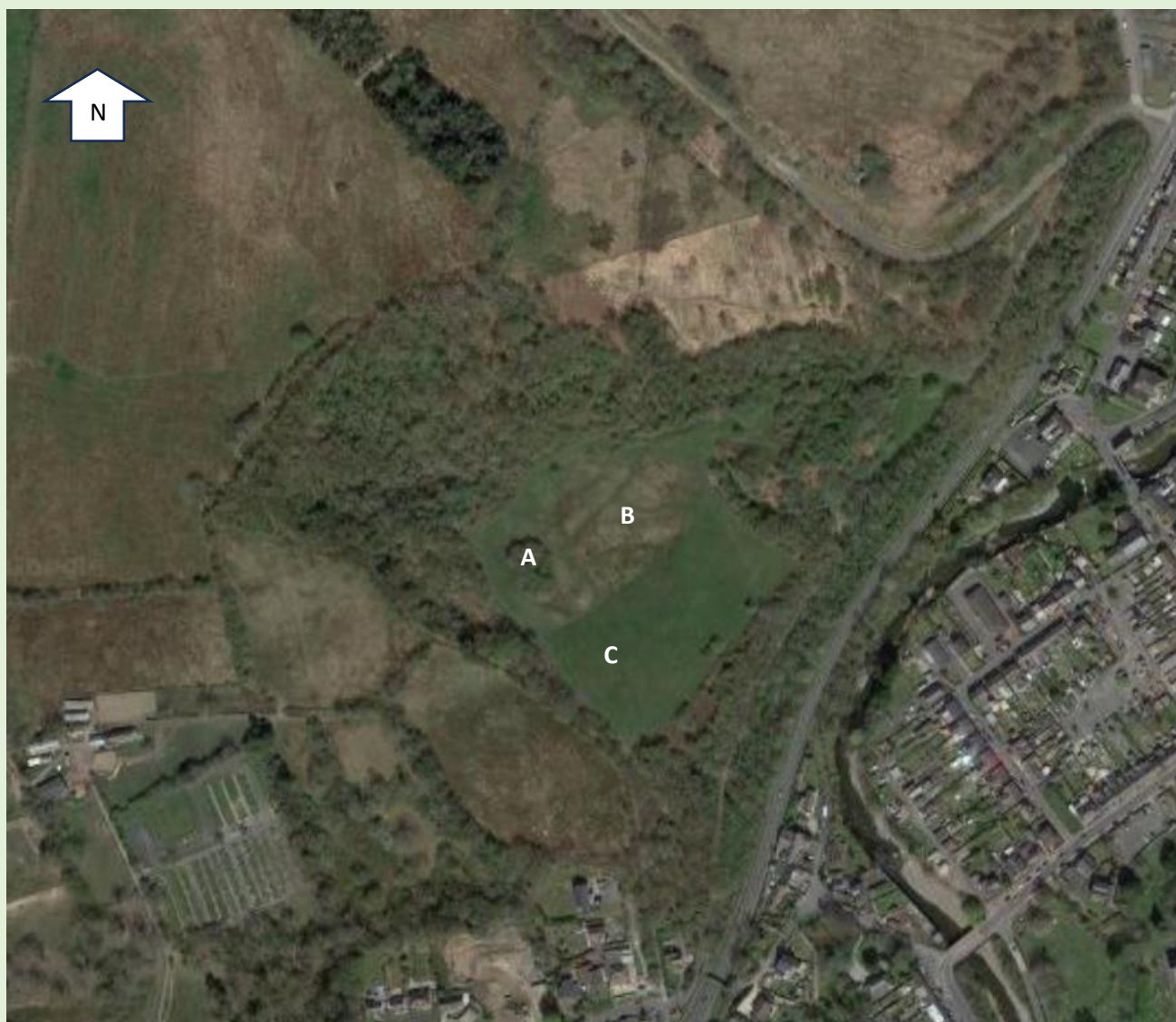


Figure 4 - Aerial image of Coronation Park (Bing maps 2023)

The current management of large areas of wildflower meadow have been successful. The photos I was shown show good levels of plant biodiversity. Signage (it's for them) and collecting the arisings in September each year will help to reduce the nutrients in the soil and increase plant species diversity each year. I would advise speaking to the contractor about whether this is a service they would be able to provide.

The pond area could be restored by removing some of the willow and sediment. This could create a focal point to the site as well as vital habitat for small mammals, invertebrates, birds, pollinators,

reptiles and amphibians. This could also help attenuate some of the surface water lower down the site without affecting the marshy grassland characteristics of the meadow areas above.

A further visit would be needed to assess the potential for a Local Places for nature project at this site. Local places for Nature (LPfN) funding could provide machinery to carry out cut & collect management, planting, pond restoration, boardwalks and paths, signage, revenue for a coordinator and events and other costs. This funding would develop a destination for nature that should be utilised by the community to learn and experience nature on their doorstep. This can be discussed in more detail following receipt of this report.

Phase 1 Survey March 2023

The suggestions in this report fit well with the findings of the Phase 1 survey carried out in March 2023 by INCC. The extension of wildflower meadow areas and the establishment of a pond could help develop the Marshy grassland areas and further improve the open grassland that exists. Cutting and collecting in the early Autumn is vital to preserve these developing habitats. Local Places for nature may be able to provide funding to allow grazing on the northern side referenced in the report but this would need to be explored further. Further visits and a full habitat management plan would be needed to inform a future LPfN project.

Site 3 – Cemetery

This site could benefit from cut and collect management of areas A and B shown on figure 5. This could be complimented by regular cutting of the edges and use of signage to show that specific management for biodiversity is taking place. This would balance out the regularly cutting of the grave and memorial areas. The yet unused section marked D could also be managed as wildflower meadow in the same way. It is worth noting that wildflower meadow burial sites are gaining in popularity, and this may be a beneficial feature for burials. Site A could become a garden for peace and reflection with the addition of a feature tree in the centre, such as a Rowan tree which is steeped in Welsh mythology and culture.



Figure 5 - Aerial image of cemetery (Bing maps 2023)

General information

I would advise that signage is used on site as a communication tool to both the residents and any contractors that may attempt to cut the land. Signage for the areas left un-mown during the summer at all three sites can be produced using the 'It's for them' stakeholder toolkit. This can be downloaded here: <https://we.tl/t-0Lh5fA9Mms>

The sites fall within Cwm-twrch (W01001899) LSOA, it ranks 667/1909 for overall deprivation. The full profile can be seen below and here:

[WIMD - Cwm-twrch \(gov.wales\)](#) (Coronation park and the Cemetery)

Diamond Park falls within the Ynyscedwyn (W01000502) LSOA, it ranks 596/1909 for physical environment deprivation. The full profile can be seen below and here: [WIMD - Ynyscedwyn \(gov.wales\)](#)

Ystradgynlais town centre falls within the Ystradgynlais 1 (W01000504) LSOA, it ranks 117/1909 for overall deprivation making it the most deprived ward in Powys: [WIMD - Ystradgynlais 1 \(gov.wales\)](#)

These urban deprivation statistics make Ystradgynlais a prime candidate for LPfN funding through either Heritage fund or Keep Wales Tidy schemes. The ward is also a key objective for the Powys Local Nature partnership, and I would recommend that the Town Council works with Ovw and the LNP coordinator to develop projects to benefit biodiversity and the community in Ystradgynlais.

The sites visited could benefit from actions taken to improve diversity, connectivity, condition, and ecosystem resilience. These improvements would help Ystradgynlais TC fulfil their requirements under Section 6 of the Environment Act (2016) as well as create a valuable local place for nature, important wildlife corridors and protect and promote the heritage of the site.

The sites are all 'on the doorstep', close to public services such as shops, schools, churches, and community centres. The sites would meet the urban deprivation criteria for funding through the Local Places for nature scheme. Ystradgynlais TC could apply for capital funding for £10,000 to £100,000 to promote enhance and restore vital biodiversity in the park and create a 'Local Place for Nature'. This would benefit the residents of the area and create opportunities for local people and community groups to get involved with nature. To apply for this funding there would need to be evidence of community engagement and potential volunteer involvement. Community groups and local volunteers would be expected to be involved in the installation and maintenance of the site. The site could be used for community events such as citizen science, harvest festivals, bulb planting, woodland crafts, and forest skills. The funding would expect the volunteers to be drawn from a wide range of people with emphasis on disadvantaged communities such as low income, mental health charities, ethnic minority groups and additional learning needs etc... Required elements of a LPfN project: (You do not need all of these to qualify.)

- Increase wildflower planting.
- Increase pollinators.
- Increase meadow areas on sloping land.
- Increase tree planting.
- Reduce use of pesticides
- Change of mowing practices
- Improve access to drinking water
- Increase food growing opportunities.

Plus increasing participation for a wider range of people to get involved with nature.

Useful links

The focus of any funded project through the Local Places for nature scheme must be increasing biodiversity and access to nature for the public in particular allowing a wider range of people to access nature. Please see further detailed guidance here: [Local Places for Nature | The National Lottery Heritage Fund](#)

Please note that funding for Local Places for Nature is confirmed until March 2025 and that there are 2 deadlines remaining in which to submit applications: March 2024 and July 2024

Keep Wales Tidy Garden packages: Find out more here: [Local Places for Nature - Keep Wales Tidy](#)

For smaller projects the Powys Local Nature Partnership (LNP) is currently offering small grants to help Councils meet their Section 6 duties. Contact Ezra Tattershall to find out more and apply: ezra.tattershall@powys.gov.uk

Lots of useful information can be found in the post conference resource pack which can be downloaded here: <https://we.tl/t-7XTgl4n288> This includes recommended planting list for pollinators and Bee friendly schemes.

It's for them Stakeholder toolkit: <https://we.tl/t-0Lh5fA9Mms>

Case studies of successful Local Places for Nature projects: <https://we.tl/t-NslioQQitK>

It would be useful if the sites could be surveyed, or the local record centre checked for any important species or habitat. Your local record centre is: [BIS for Powys & Brecon Beacons National Park | NBN Atlas](#)

Powys Local Nature Partnership (LNP): [Wales Biodiversity Partnership - Powys \(biodiversitywales.org.uk\)](https://biodiversitywales.org.uk)

Other funding links

Plant a dense forest on an area the size of a tennis court: [Coetiroedd Bach: Tiny Forests in Wales | The National Lottery Heritage Fund](#)

Create a community woodland and join the national Forest of Wales status scheme: [The Woodland Investment Grant | The National Lottery Heritage Fund](#)

The National Lottery Climate action fund - You can find out more about what sort of projects are eligible here: <https://www.tnlcommunityfund.org.uk/funding/programmes/climate-action-fund-programme>

For more information, help and advice please contact me:
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BUDGET MONITORING REPORT
1 April To 31 December 2023**

<u>BUDGET 2023/24</u>	<u>EXPEND To 31/12/23</u>
Parks/ Open Sp - £117,700	£ 43,609
Gen Admin - £121,000	£ 73,400
Gorof Cem - £ 16,800	£ 5,800
General Grants - £ 10,000	£ 10,000
Bowling Green - £ 5,000	£ 5,000
Public Conv - £ 7,000	£ 7,000
Yst Comm Cent - £ 20,000	£ 20,000
Warm Spaces - £ 5,000	£ 0
Paths Ward Bud - £ 46,400	£ 15,699
*Welfare Halls - £ 76,000	£ 56,000
Council Prop	
/Insurance - £ 29,160	£ 14,270
Bus/Cap Reser - £ 65,000	£ 0
VAT Payments - -	£ 12,116
<u>Total</u> - <u>£ 519,060</u>	<u>£ 262,894</u>

Note : Income (excluding Opening Balance) received over the period 1 April to 30 June included:

VAT Refund 2022/23	-	£ 19,007
Precept 3 Installments incl 31/12/23	-	£ 334,000
Misc Income (Burial Charges, Reimbursements, Wayleave)	-	£ 7,196

Total income over period = **£ 360,203**

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**Planning matters to be considered by the Town Council for the month
of January 2024**

1.0 Applications granted consent

From information available on the Powys County Council website, no applications the Town Council has been consulted upon have been granted approval.

2.0 Applications refused consent

From information available on the Powys County Council website, no applications the Town Council has been consulted upon have been refused approval.

3.0 Applications for consideration

From information forwarded by Powys County Council the Town Council has been consulted upon and are requested to give consideration to the following applications:-

23/1868/HH	Mr A Llewellyn 10 Heol Eglwys Ystradgynlais SA9 1EY	Proposed part single / part double storey rear extension
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Resolved ***No Observation***

23/1854/HH	Mr C Hopkins 13B Station Road Ystradgynlais SA9 1NT	Erection of single storey rear extension and alteration of existing metal railings to a rendered wall
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Resolved ***No Observation***

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23/1804/HH	Mr A Stevenson 62 Heol Tawe Abercrave SA9 1XR	Installation of a free-standing Monobloc Air Source Heat Pump together with internal works
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Resolved ***No Observation***

23/1899/REM	Mr S England Land adj. 50 Heol Twrch, Lower Cwmtwrch, SA9 2TE	Section 73 application to vary conditions 1 and 2 attached to planning approval 20/1892/REM to allow an extension of time in which to submit the Reserved Matters
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Resolved ***No Observation***

4.0 Miscellaneous

No matter to report