



Ordinary Meeting of the Council held at The Welfare, Ystradgynlais on Thursday 1st December 2022 at 6.30 p.m.

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

177. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies were received from Cllr G Burdett.

178. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

None declared.

179. MINUTES

Resolved that

a) the Minutes of the Ordinary meeting of the Town Council on the 10th November 2022 be confirmed as an accurate record and signed by the Chairman subject to the following amendment: - that Minute 171g reflect Cllr N Craddock's suggestion to install high level alarms to culvert screens indicating blockages.

b) the Minutes of the Extraordinary meeting of the Town Council on the 24th November 2022 be confirmed as an accurate record and signed by the Chairman subject to the following amendments: -

i) that the location of the meeting be amended from the Welfare Hall, Ystradgynlais to the correct location at the Welfare Hall, Abercrave.

- ii) that a street name proposal for the Old Penrhos School development site be amended from Heol Coombe to Heol John Coombe.
- c) that the Annual Ward Meeting Minutes as follows be confirmed as an accurate record and signed by the Chairman: -
 - i) Ystradgynlais Ward Meeting on the 17th of October 2022
 - ii) Ynyscedwyn Ward Meeting on the 20th of October 2022
 - iii) Abercrave Ward Meeting on the 8th of November 2022
 - iv) Cwmtwrch Ward Meeting on the 15th of November 2022

MATTERS ARISING

180. WEBSITE/IT GROUP

Further to Minute 151, Cllr Shrewsbury expressed disappointment that he had not been included in that Minute as having demonstrated an interest in participating in the IT Working Group. It was discussed that normal practice for working groups and committees was to nominate one member of each Ward.

Resolved that Cllr Shrewsbury be invited to the next meeting of the group at which its' membership be confirmed.

181. WELFARE HALL BOUNDARY WALL

Further to Minute 69, the Clerk advised that a second estimate for the repair work to the boundary wall was still awaited. Position noted.

182. FILMING/RECORDING AT TOWN COUNCIL MEETINGS

Further to Minute 154, the Clerk advised the Council that he had sought further guidance as to the legal interpretation of the relevant part of Standing Order 4 reading "Photographing, recording, broadcasting or transmitting the proceedings of a meeting by any means is not permitted without the Council's prior written consent". The response received was that the Council should consider external requests to record the meeting on a case-by-case basis.

The matter was discussed by the Council, and it was agreed that further investigation was needed into the level of public interest regarding the broadcasting of the meetings.

Resolved that the I.T. Working Group investigate the level of public interest regarding the broadcasting of the meetings as well as ascertaining the resources required for this.

183. TRAINING PLAN

Further to Minute 155, the Council was advised that a meeting of the Management Sub Committee had been agreed for the 19th of December 2022 to consider the draft Training Plan.

Resolved to note the position and that Cllr Horrell be invited to attend the meeting.

184. ADVERTISING BANNERS AT GORSEDD PARK

Further to Minute 153, the Council was advised that the banners had been removed for the Remembrance observances.

Cllr Craddock expressed concern for the stability of the banner frame during inclement weather and suggested that where an appropriate permanent location for the frame was agreed, that foundation slots be installed.

Resolved that the Chairman arrange a site meeting with the organisation and the Town Councils site inspector to discuss a suitable alternative location and safety aspects of the advertising banner.

185. PEACE MEMORIAL AT GORSEDD PARK

Further to Minute 171e, the Council was advised that the Peace Memorial had not in fact been refurbished. Cllr Shrewsbury acknowledged this to be correct and informed the Council that he is affected by a condition affecting his eyesight and that his initial perception previously declared in that Minute, was that the work had appeared to him to have been completed.

A Powys council representative had since been contacted and reassurance given by them that this work was to be completed in the near future.
Position noted.

186. WARD BUDGET SCHEDULES 2023/24

Further to the Annual Ward Meeting Minutes as approved in Minute 179 at this meeting, the Clerk advised that contracted work schedule costings had not been consistently increased in line with inflation since 2019. The Clerk recommended that the Council approve a standardised increase to the contracted works for all Wards from the costings held for 2019/20 in line with the Consumer Price Index from September 2022 of 10.1%.

Resolved to approve the Clerks recommendation and that all Ward contracted works be increased by the CPI as detailed above.

187. COST OF LIVING RELIEF FUND

Further to Minute 175 the Council considered the formal applications and financial details supplied by organisations in relation to the Cost-of-Living Relief Fund.

Members were keen to ensure that the fund would enable organisations to provide additional services to those normally offered. In order to ensure the fund was made accessible to as many local organisations as possible, it was put to a series of votes as to the limit the Council should place on each application.

It was resolved that: -

a) That grants from the Town Council Cost of living relief fund be limited to up to £1,500 per application and that evidence from an applicant of extra services provided and utilised by the community by means of the fund, be provided prior to consideration of any further applications.

b) that financial assistance to applicants be awarded as follows: -

Abercrave Happy Helpers -	£1,300
Community Dreams -	£1,000
Ystradgynlais Volunteer Centre (Foodbank) -	£1,500
Ystradgynlais Welfare Hall -	£1,500

c) that during the interim period prior to the next Ordinary Meeting plenary powers be awarded to the Chair and Vice Chair to approve grants of up to £1,500 from the fund to local organisations, subject to receipt of formal application and financial details.

188. ONE VOICE WALES MODEL STANDING ORDERS 2018 (REVISED 2020)

The One Voice Wales model Standing Orders 2018 (revised 2020) had been circulated to the members and it was recommended by the Clerk that the current Town Councils Standing Orders be merged and adapted with the model by the Officers of the Council.

Resolved that the Town Councils Standing Orders be merged with the One Voice Wales Model and that a draft be produced for consideration by the Council.

189. CLIMATE CRISIS EMERGENCY PROPOSAL FROM CLLR SHREWSBURY

Cllr Shrewsbury and requested a Notice of motion be placed on the Agenda for this meeting as follows:

“Notice of motion:- YTC declares and affirms its support of the Welsh Government's declaration of a Climate Crisis emergency. YtC understands that the intensity and frequency of the climate crisis is reflected in local circumstances and has serious implications for our area. YtC resolves to establish a committee to consider how we may support the Welsh Government's declaration and to consider how we may help, support and campaign for its actions and aims throughout Ystradgynlais - proposed by Cllr Shrewsbury”

Members were concerned that there was insufficient information provided to pass such a motion and there were recommendations that representatives from local collieries and the National Farming Union be consulted to establish evidenced impacts of the industries upon the climate. The limitations of the Council in relation to its powers to address climate change were also discussed.

Cllr Shrewsbury stated that he wished to withdraw the item and requested to repropose a motion for the Ordinary Meeting in January. **Resolved** to agree this request.

CORRESPONDENCE

190. RESIDENT REQUEST FOR THIRD PARTY DOCUMENTS

A local resident had requested that the Council supply and publish copies of documents that had provided by the Ystradgynlais Community Centre concerning its request for financial assistance at the Ordinary Meeting on September the 1st 2022. The Officers highlighted GDPR concerns and the pressure on staff time redacting and publishing all documents considered at meetings. Cllr C Williams, a representative of the Community Centre, was consulted and it was agreed the resident could approach him to request the documents.

Resolved to respond to the resident to advise them that the constitution documents were available from the third party upon request.

191. COST OF LIVING PUBLIC HEALTH WALES WEBINAR INVITATION

An invitation to attend an information webinar on the 16th December led by Public Health Wales had been received and circulated to Members. This webinar would consider the impact that the cost-of-living crisis is already having, and would have going forwards, on people's health and wellbeing across Wales.

Resolved that any members interested could register to attend the webinar and to note the invitation.

192. YSTRADGYNLAIS & DISTRICT LANGUAGE & HERITAGE SOCIETY – INTERPRETATION PANEL AND PUBLICATION OF INFORMATION

Correspondence had been received from the Ystradgynlais Language and Heritage Society. The Society were advising the Council that a metal frame for an interpretation panel for Ynyscedwyn House had been delivered and it had been arranged for a contractor to reinstall this panel.

The Society also requested that now that the Council's IT /Website group had been re-established, that the Council consider placing

the Notable Persons pamphlets and copies of Y Daflen Newsletter on the Council's site as previously agreed.

Resolved: -

- a) to note the position concerning the interpretation panel
- b) that the IT working group consider the proposal regarding the publication of the documents produced by the Society.

193. YSTRADGYNLAIS WELFARE HALL – FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE REQUEST

A request had been received from the Welfare Hall for the third and final instalment for 2022-23 of pre-allocated financial assistance.

Resolved to release the final instalment of £13,000 to the Welfare Hall.

194. YSTRADGYNLAIS WELFARE HALL – PROJECTOR FUNDING REQUEST

The Welfare Hall had written to the Town Council to request further funding towards a recently purchased cinema projector. A previous request of £15,000 towards the projector had been discussed at the Meeting in May 2022 and it had been resolved in Minute 29, that the Town Council would agree in principle to provide funding of £10,000 and that the Welfare could request the other £5,000 from the Friends of the Welfare.

The Welfare were now requesting the additional £5,000 from the Town Council in order to retain the £5,000 from the Friends of the Welfare Hall for match funding for other projects.

Resolved to refuse the request.

195. WELSH COMMISSION

The Council had been consulted by The Commission for Welsh-speaking Communities which was keen to receive evidence about how Welsh-speaking communities could be strengthened.

Consultation questions and responses were invited by 13 January 2023.

Resolved that Cllr G Roberts and J Horrell be nominated to consider the consultation document and recommend a response from the Council.

196. FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE ALLOCATION REQUESTS FOR 2023/24

Correspondence had been received requesting that allocations be placed in the budget for the financial year 2023/24 from the following organisations:-

- Cwmtwrch Welfare Hall
- Tick Tock Bowling Club
- Ystradgynlais Amenities and Convenience Association – Amended Request from that received by the Council at Novembers Ordinary meeting

Resolved to note the requests and give further consideration to the applications at the Town Councils Budget meeting in January 2023.

197. PLANNING

Resolved: -

- a) to submit observations as detailed on Appendix 2.
- b) That current Planning Strategy for Powys particularly surrounding affordable housing and local infrastructure be placed on the Agenda for January 2023 for discussion

198. MEMBERS REPORTS

- a) Cllrs R Millington and M Evans informed the Council that Discover Ystradgynlais had organised a Christmas Fair which had proved to be very successful.
- b) Cllr M Shrewsbury advised that he had attended three training courses with One Voice Wales.
- c) Cllr M Shrewsbury advised the members that a meeting at Café Chameleon had been arranged for the 16th of December to ascertain

potential for reinstatement of a local Access Group and invited any interested Council Members to attend.

d) Cllr M Shrewsbury advised that noise issues affecting residents within the Ynyscedwyn Ward appeared to be improving.

e) Cllr N Craddock advised that he had resigned from the Conservative Party and would remain at the Town Council without affiliation as an independent member.

f) Cllr W Thomas complimented the Christmas illuminations in the Town Centre.

g) Cllr L Evans requested whether the Christmas illumination at the entrance to Lower Cwmtwrch could be inspected due to a fault in the display. The Clerk advised this had been requested but another request to repair or remove would be made to the contractor.

h) Cllr L Evans commented on a display cabinet donated by the Cwmtwrch British Legion which had previously agreed by the Council for installation at the Welfare Hall, Ystradgynlais. Cllr Evans expressed dismay at the cost to the Council of reglazing with safety glass as listed in the payments at the meeting but was glad to see the job had been completed and it was now ready to install.

i) Cllrs A Williams and J Horrell advised that a positive meeting with GCRE at the Nant Helen Opencast site had taken place and that a funding drive had been opened to assist with the restoration works at the site.

j) Cllr A Williams advised of the success of a Christmas Illuminations switching on event in the Abercrave Ward

k) Cllr J Horrell advised that Title plans for the Abercrave Riverside Walk area had been obtained from Land Registry in an effort to clarify ownership and liability. Investigations were ongoing.

l) Cllr M Donnelly updated the Council that he had attended a tour with a Member of the Senedd and representatives of the Ystradgynlais Language and Heritage Society as advised was to take place in the meeting on the 10th of November 2022. The Member was impressed with the work done by the Society as supported by the Town Council and an article detailing the tour had appeared in the Brecon and Radnor Express.

Meeting concluded at 9.15 pm

Appendix 1

PAYMENT OF ACCOUNTS

December 2022

HM Customs and Excise	NI Employers December	672.45
Powys C C/Stand Life	Pension Contributions Dec	1688.61
Viking Ltd	Computer Equip/ access/stationary	174.29
BT	Telephone Account	193.05
Ystrad Wel Hall	Grant Clover Project	1500.00
Tumble Forge	Repair Inter Panel Path 110a	230.00
T E Hughes	Instal Elect cables Xmas Lights	126.76
Clydach Glass	Safety Glass Legion Cabinet	160.00
Cwmtwrch Wel Hall	Grant 2 nd Installment	5,000.00
AbercraveWel Hall	Grant 2 nd Install	10,000.00
Ystrad Wel Hall	Grant	14,000.00
Matthew Thomas	General Maintenance work	12,020.00
Quids In	Winter planting YstradTown Centre	3,600.00
Quids In	Winter Planting Abercrave Ward	2,110.00
Quids In	Planters Diamond Park Ynysced ward	375.00
Quids In	Winter Planting Ynyscedwyn Ward	225.00
Quids In	Winter Plant Rugby club/Ynyscedwyn	495.00
Quids In	Winter Planting Cwmterch Ward	1,600.00
Ystrad Wel Hall	Office Services Oct 22 To March 23	456.36
One Voice Wales	Member Training	35.00
Community Dreams	Grant Warm Bank	1000.00
Aber Happy Helpers	Grant Warm Bank	1320.00
YstradWelfare Hall	Grant Warm Bank	1500.00
Ystrad Volunteer Cent	Grant Warm Bank	1500.00

Signed ----- Chairman

----- Vice Chairman

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**Planning matters to be considered by the Town Council for the month of
December 2022**

1.0 Applications granted consent

From information available on the Powys County Council website, the following applications the Town Council have been consulted upon have been granted approval.

22/1466/FUL	Mr C Thomas 17 Commercial Street Ystradgynlais SA9 1HD	Removal of pitched roof to rear annex and construction of single storey extension to provide three additional surgery`s, consultation room, reception and office
22/1363/FUL	Mr L Richardson Unit 2 Temperance Lane Ystradgynlais SA9 1JP	Change from A1 business to A3. To instate a kitchen in the back room
22/0658/FUL	Fieldbay Ltd Land at Yr Ysgol Ystradgynlais SA9 1LQ	Proposed development of 4 no. supporting living bungalows, 1 no. staff pod and associated works
22/1626/FUL	Mr & Mrs Hopkins Gwerngilfachau Farm Caehopkin SA9 1TP	Reinstatement of derelict dwelling, including demolition of small barn on north elevation, conversion and extension of one remaining barn and refurbishment
22/1636/HH	L Jones & C Lougher 16 Glannat Terrace Glanrhyd Ystradgynlais SA9 1BD	Erection of single and two-storey extension

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22/1607/FUL	Mrs L Bayliss 1 Temperance Lane Ystradgynlais SA9 1JP	Change of office space (B1) to a takeaway ice cream parlour
22/0957/FUL	Mr M Evans Plots 3 & 6 Woodlands Business Park Ystradgynlais SA9 1JW	Relocation of an existing business due to new domestic development on current site. Business is to include storage, plant hire and transport
22/0905/FUL	Mr C Williams Youth and Community Centre Hendreladus SA9 1SE	Replace existing Tennis Courts with a 3G All-weather Sports Pitch with extended area into adjacent sports field. Lighting and Fencing to be included in the extended area
22/0849/HH	Miss R Williams 19 Heol Twrch Lower Cwmtwrch SA9 2TD	Erection of a rear second-storey extension

2.0 Applications refused consent

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

3.0 Applications for consideration

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

22/1840/FUL	Mr G Colby 9 Plasycod Cwmgiedd SA9 1LR	Conversion and extension of a garage to form holiday accommodation
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Resolved No Observation

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22/1880/HH	Mr C Northey 15 College Row Ystradgynlais SA9 1BJ	Alterations and extension to existing dwelling
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Resolved ***No Observation***

22/1947/HH	M James & S Jones 17 Palleg Road Lower Cwmtwrch SA9 2QE	Erection of an extension and porch
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Resolved ***No Observation***

4.0 Miscellaneous

4.1. A pre-consultation Notice from Persimmon Homes was received on the 16th of November 2022- as follows: -

**PUBLICITY AND CONSULTATION BEFORE APPLYING FOR PLANNING
PERMISSION
Town and Country Planning (Development Management Procedure)(Wales)
Order 2012**

Development of 134 no. dwellings and associated landscaping and infrastructure works

Land at West of the former Penrhos School, Brecon Road, Ystradgynlais

Purpose of this notice:

This notice provides the opportunity to comment directly to the developer on a proposed development prior to the submission of a planning application to the local planning authority ("LPA"). Any subsequent planning application will be publicised by the relevant LPA; any comments provided in response to this notice will not prejudice your ability to make representations to the LPA on any related planning application. You should note that any comments submitted may be placed on the public file.

Persimmon Homes West Wales & Cledtry Ltd gives notice that it is intending to apply for planning permission for the proposed construction of 134 no. dwellings

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and associated landscaping and infrastructure works at Land at West of the former Penrhos School, Brecon Road, Ystradgynlais

You may inspect copies of:

- The proposed application
- The plans and
- Other supporting documents

Online at <https://sites.google.com/view/persimmonhomespenrhosphase2pac>

Computer facilities and a hard copy of the documents are available at Ystradgynlais Library, Temperance Lane, Ystradgynlais, Swansea SA9 1JJ. The identified library is open as follows: Monday (10am – 6pm), Tuesday (10am – 5pm), Wednesday (10am – 12.30pm), Thursday (10am – 5pm), Friday (10am – 2pm) and Saturday (10am – 12.30pm).

Anyone who wishes to make representations must write to the applicant at persimmonwwpac@gmail.com or Persimmon Homes West Wales, Dragon House, Parc Y Ddraig, Penllergaer Business Park, Penllergaer, Swansea SA4 9HJ by 14th December 2022.

Resolved to submit the following Observation: -

The Ystradgynlais Town Council wishes to submit the observation that it would be opposed to the development unless it could be shown that a consideration toward local affordable housing need would be properly investigated and that evaluation be undertaken of local infrastructure and services including sewers, power, schools, surgeries to ensure they would not be overburdened and compromised by such a development.