



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

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

The Chairman welcomed Cllr Burdett who had been absent for the previous meeting at which Cllr Burdett's Declaration of Acceptance had been confirmed.

87. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

No apologies were declared.

88. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Cllr M Allen declared a personal interest in item 15 regarding a boundary wall at The Welfare, Ystradgynlais.

Cllr C Williams abstained from voting in item 11 (changed from 10 as detailed below) concerning the release of financial assistance to the Ystradgynlais Community Centre.

89. MINUTES

Resolved that the Minutes of the Councils meetings as follows be confirmed as an accurate record and signed by the Chairman: -

- a) The Ordinary Meeting on the 7th of July 2022
- b) the Management Sub Committee meeting on the 7th of July 2022
- c) The Management Sub Committee on the 26th of July 2022

90. COMPLAINTS POLICY

Resolved that the recommendation of the Management Sub-Committee's meeting of the 26th of July in relation to the above be agreed and adopted subject to minor amendments and a review as determined by the Town Council.

91. FREEDOM OF INFORMATION PUBLICATION SCHEME

The Freedom of Information Publication Scheme as proposed by the Management Sub Committee was considered by the members.

It was resolved : -

a) to approve the document subject to the following amendments or additions: -

- i)** that on page 3, the term “ a public authority” be changed to “the Town Council”
 - ii)** that the Draft Minutes from the previous meeting/s be published with the agenda for the following Ordinary meeting
 - iii)** that the Standing Orders and other available policies for the Town Council be published on the website
- b)** that the Town Council would publish on its website long standing interests for Councillors wishing to submit them. This would have no impact on the rolling register of interests declared for each meeting.

MATTERS ARISING

92. FILMING/RECORDING AT TOWN COUNCIL MEETINGS

Further to Minute 63, it was acknowledged that a discussion regarding filming and recording at Town Council Meetings had not been placed on the agenda as requested at the meeting on the 7th of July.

Resolved to ensure this was deferred to the Agenda for the Ordinary meeting in October.

93. COVID MEMORIAL TREE

Further to Minute 66, the Deputy Clerk confirmed that a Town Council contractor had been contacted to supply an Oak Tree for the agreed site next to the Ironworks at Ynyscedwyn. This was to be done during the cold season when the tree would be dormant and at the most appropriate time for planting. Position noted.

94. CORONATION PARK SIGNAGE

Further to Minute 67, Cllr M Allen confirmed that he was awaiting the return of the proposal and estimate from the sign manufacturer.

The ongoing issues at the Park were briefly addressed and it was noted that the Town Council had not yet met with a representative of the Police to discuss ways to address and manage the relevant issues at the Park.

It was resolved

a) to award plenary powers to Cllrs M Allen, M Evans and G Roberts to proceed with the purchase and installation of the signs with Chairman and Vice Chair approval.

b) that the Chairman contact the Police to formally invite a representative to a meeting of the Town Council.

95. COMMUNITY FLAGPOLES

Further to Minute 72 of the Councils meeting on the 7th of July reports were received in relation to this matter from Cllrs N Craddock, R Millington, W Thomas and the Clerk. Also, a letter was received from the local British Legion Branch who were of the opinion that only National and Military Flags should be flown as required at the Cenotaph. The matter was discussed, and various options considered.

Resolved that: -

a) the flagpoles at the War Memorial adjacent to the Gorsedd Park be reserved strictly for National and Military Flags only.

b) two flagpoles be purchased and installed in a suitable location at the Town Council's Offices at Ystradgynlais Miners Welfare and Community Hall. These flagpoles to be used for the purpose of celebration or awareness raising for the benefit of the community.

96. TICK TOCK COMMUNITY BOWLING GREEN - BOUNDARY WALL REPAIR

Resolved that further consideration be given to the above matter once estimates from the works have been received and considered by the Town Council.

97. CWMTWRCH WELFARE HALL – FINANCIAL AND MAINTENANCE WORK PROGRAMMES

Resolved that the recommendation of the Management Sub-Committee's meeting of the 26th of July in relation to a complaint received from Cllr Leighton Evans be agreed. Cllr Evans to be advised accordingly that no further action would be taken in relation to the complaint by the Town Council.

98. PAYMENT OF ACCOUNTS

Resolved that

a) the accounts detailed in Appendix 1 be agreed and paid.

b) the Town Council's bank statements and Accounting Ledger workbook be made available to all members.

99. FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE

Resolved to make the following financial assistance awards: -

Starry Valley Families	£300
Citizens Advice Bureau	£500
(to assist with room rental at The Welfare Hall, Ystradgynlais)	
Abercrave Happy Helpers	£500

100. YSTRADGYNLAIS COMMUNITY CENTRE REPRESENTATIVE

Cllr M Allen was proposed as a Town Council representative on the Ystradgynlais Community Centre Committee.

It was resolved that Cllr M Allen be appointed Town Council representative for the Community Centre Committee.

101. YSTRADGYNLAIS COMMUNITY CENTRE FUNDING

The Ystradgynlais Community Centre had provided up to date accounts and further information regarding future plans and intentions for the Centre. This information was considered by the Members.

Resolved to release the £10,000 financial assistance allocated in the Town Council Budget to the Ystradgynlais Community Centre.

Cllr C Williams abstained from voting during this item

102. BIODIVERSITY REPORT 2020/21

The Town Council was due to publish a Biodiversity Report as required every three years and a draft had been circulated to Members for approval.

Resolved to approve the Biodiversity Report 2021/22 for publication.

103. COST OF LIVING CRISES

Cllr M Shrewsbury had proposed a notice of motion as follows: -

- 1) to establish an emergency fund of £50,000 from our reserves to provide assistance in heating to members of our community.
- 2) to establish a committee to examine how financial support may be given to the hard-pressed people of the area.
- 3) to set up a campaign bringing groups and people together to bulk buy energy for others at a more reasonable price.

The Town Clerk advised that the Council did not have the legal power to provide financial assistance to individuals within the community. Also, no financial provision or administrative resources were available to fund or process this motion within the Town Councils budget provision for this financial year.

The proposal and the community need in relation to this matter were discussed at length by Council Members. A number of local volunteer and charitable organisations were identified operating within the community who may well be providing assistance to local residents in this regard.

An amendment to Cllr Shrewsbury's motion was proposed as follows: -

“that the Town Council Members facilitate a meeting of local groups who were in a position to assist within the community. Also, it needed to be identified what role the Town Council would be able to play in the initiative.

Resolved that on being put to the vote, the amendment to the motion carried and it was resolved accordingly.

104. ANNUAL MANAGEMENT RISK ASSESSMENT REVIEW 2022/23

The Council received and considered the detail of the following documentation in relation to the above matter:-

- a) Town Councils Insurance Policy/ Certificates and Schedules with Zurich Insurers.
- b) Risk Assessment Report for the Financial Year 2022/23.

c) Minor Works Contract Works - Risk Assessments Report 2022/23.

The Town Council reviewed the contents of the above documentation and agreed that it was satisfied that the potential risks the Council is exposed to during the financial year had been adequately identified and covered within the risk assessment reports. This exercise having been undertaken within the limited resources and expertise available to the Council.

In consideration of the Councils Insurance Schedule, it was agreed to increase the insurance cover with respect to the recently purchased Christmas lighting displays to a total valuation of £30,000. It was also confirmed that all insurance cover on the skateboard park at Penrhos be cancelled following the Town Councils decision to surrender the lease on the land at the request of the Powys County Council.

CORRESPONDENCE

105. CWMTWRCH HERITAGE DAY

The Town Council were advised that a Heritage Event was planned to take place at Cwmtwrch Welfare Hall during the first weekend in September with photographic displays and musical entertainments. Noted.

106. COMPLAINT AGAINST CLLR SHREWSBURY

A complaint had been received from a local resident against Cllr Shrewsbury concerning flyposting of political paraphernalia around the Ynyscedwyn Ward area.

Cllr Shrewsbury admitted to the Town Council that he had placed political stickers in support of a cause he supported.

It was resolved that the complaint be processed through the Complaints Procedure.

107. WELFARE HALL BOUNDARY WALL

The Clerk reported that following a meeting and inspection of the Town Councils ownership deeds with the appointed solicitor, it was ascertained that the documentation was silent on the ownership issue in relation to the boundary wall and the options going forward were :-

- a) engage a consultant surveyor to carry out a survey with a view to identifying ownership. Estimated Cost in the region of £2,500 ,or
- b) obtain estimates for the removal and rebuild of the existing Wall in conjunction with the other party

Resolved that option b) above be pursued in the first instant.

Cllr M Allen declared an interest in this item and left the meeting

108. PLANNING

Resolved to submit observations as detailed on Appendix 2.

109. COMPLAINTS/REQUEST RECEIVED FROM A MEMBER OF THE PUBLIC AND THE COUNCILS RESPONSES OVER THE PERIOD 16TH JUNE TO DATE

CLOSED ITEM

That due to the lateness of the hour, it was resolved to defer the above item for consideration to an Extraordinary Meeting of the Council to be arranged by the Chairman of the Council

110. MEMBERS REPORTS

- a) Cllr J Horrell advised that the training he had recently attended could have benefited from improvements but still advised that his attendance had been worth it.

- b)** Cllr G Burdett requested that the restoration at Nant Helen be placed on the Agenda for discussion at the Ordinary Meeting in October.
- c)** Cllr A Williams advised that both children's playgrounds in the Abercrave Ward needed repairs and that costings would be sought.
- d)** Cllr W Thomas requested an update regarding the unauthorised parking of a caravan and vehicles at the Gwys access. The Clerk would obtain the latest progress and report back.
- e)** Cllr L Evans reported that the pot for the Christmas Tree in Cwmtwrch Ward needed realigning.
- f)** Cllr M Shrewsbury informed the Council that he would be attending a meeting at the Volunteer Centre the following week and advised of a community garden that was located to the rear of the Ystradgynlais Volunteer Centre.
- g)** Cllr G Roberts informed the Council of plans for students from North Carolina, USA to be staying in the community during May/June 2023 and proposed that the Town Council organise a Welcoming ceremony for them.
- h)** Cllr G Roberts had met with the Friends of Diamond Park and discussed the presence of Himalayan Balsam and Knotweed and that it would cost up to £1,000 to carry out work to treat and reduce it through the Ward Budget.
- i)** Cllr M Evans informed the Council of concerns about a potential hazard being caused by vehicles parking at Cwmgiedd and that he would pass the information to Highways at Powys Council.
- j)** Cllr R Millington advised the Council that a previous agreement to hold at least one Ordinary Meetings per annum at the Halls in other Wards had not materialised and requested that this be arranged. This was agreed to be implemented moving forward.
- k)** Cllr M Donnelly informed the Council of reports of unhappy residents local to the Ystradgynlais Rugby Club, due to disturbances resulting from the Funfair being hosted there. Efforts to remediate the situation were ongoing.

Meeting concluded at 9.55 pm

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PAYMENT OF ACCOUNTS

Sept 2022

Powys C C/Stand Life	Pension Contributions Sept	1581 .75
Swalec	Gorsed Parl Elect Charge	80.68
HM Customs and Excise	Tax/NI September	500.07
One voice Wales	Annual Subscriptions	1438.00
Cllr M Shrewsbury	Councillor Allowance	120.00
Cllr J Horrell	Councillor Allowance	120.00
Cllr N Craddock	Councillor Allowance	120.00
Ystrad Welfare Hall	Office Services July to Sept	228.18
Viking Ltd	Computer consumables/stationery	301.52
Dorma uk	Welfare Hall Maintenance contract	504.00
One Voice Wales	Member Training Fee	35.00
Ystrad Comm Centre	Grant	10000.00
Green Grass	Maintenance Paths Abercrave	340.00
Thursday Club Ystrad	Grant	250.00
Starry Valley Family	Grant	300.00
Abercrave Happy Help	Grant	500.00
Citizens Advice bureau	Grant	500.00

Signed ----- Chairman

----- Vice Chairman

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**Planning matters to be considered by the Town Council for the month of
August/September 2022**

1.0 Applications granted consent

From information posted on the new Powys County Council web site the following applications have been granted approval.

22/0774/HH	Ms G Tranter 65 Gorof Road Lower Cwmtwrch SA9 1DX	Building of new extension and utility Room, en-suite and wet room. Renovations to existing building
22/0864/ADV	Ystradgynlais Volunteer Centre Wind Road Ystradgynlais SA9 1AF	Display of 2 non-illuminated signs
22/0851/DIS	Mr R Greaney Ysgol Penrhos Brecon Road Ystradgynlais	Application to discharge conditions 9 and 15 attached to planning permission 18/0663/OUT
22/0516/FUL	Bex Elliott Ystradgynlais Volunteer Centre Wind Road Ystradgynlais SA9 1AF	The proposed development is a change of use for part of the building to A3 community cafe
22/0376/HH	Mr & Mrs A Jones Maes Y Glan House Heol Glantawe Ystradgynlais SA9 1ES	Proposed rear first floor extension, rear kitchen extension and internal alterations
22/0294/HH	Miss S Williams 96 Bryneithyn Lower Cwmtwrch SA9 2PX	Double storey rear extension and side porch

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22/0283/RES	Mr R Greaney Penrhos Primary School Brecon Road Ystradgynlais SA9 1PX	Application for reserved matters following the approval of 18/0663/OUT for the erection of 42 dwellings and all associated works
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2.0 Applications refused consent

From information available on the Powys CC web site the following application has been refused consent.

22/0495/OUT	Mr S Bratton Heol St. Cynog Ystradgynlais	1 No. detached dormer bungalow with associated off street parking
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3.0 Applications for consideration

From information posted on the Powys County Council web site the following applications require consideration:-

22/1070/HH	Gilbey 7 Hawthorn Villas Ystradgynlais SA9 1HG	Erection of a detached two storey garage with study area in the roof
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Resolved No Observations

22/1045/FUL	Mr N Gould 20 Heol Twrch Lower Cwmtwrch SA9 2TD	Retrospective planning permission for a agricultural building for the storage of farm machinery, animal feed and the welfare of sheep together with hardstanding area
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Resolved No Observations

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22/0986/HH	Mr and Mrs Morris-Roberts 70 Cwmphil Road Lower Cwmtwrch SA9 2QA	Engineering works to provide for a new vehicular access, driveway and retaining walls with tiered patio and landscaped frontage
Resolved	No Observations	
22/1252/HH	Mr & Mrs Vella 29 Heol Tredeg Upper Cwmtwrch SA9 2XD	Change of use of domestic garage to annexe living accommodation
Resolved	No Observations	
22/0588/HH	Mr A Llewellyn 2 Bank Houses Tre-Fleming Abercrave SA9 1UY	Proposed first floor rear extension
Resolved	No Observations	
22/0957/FUL	Mr M Evans Plots 3 and 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, office and transport
Resolved	No Observations	
22/1032/FUL	Mr J White 5 Heol Rheolau Abercraf SA9 1TB	Change of use of garage to a hair salon including alterations involving replacement of garage door with bi-folding doors
Resolved	No Observations	

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4.0 Miscellaneous

From information posted on the Powys County Council web site the following applications have been WITHDRAWN:-

22/1082/DIS	Watree Homes Ltd Development Land at 21 Cwmpnil Road Lower Cwmtwrch Swansea SA9 1DE	Application to discharge condition 13 of planning approval 21/1987/FUL
19/0331/REM	Mr M Evans Site at Bryn Y Groes Farm Gurnos Swansea SA9 1LF	Section 73 application to vary condition 2 of planning consent P/2014/1133 to extend the time limit for submission of reserved matters