



**CYNGOR TREF  
YSTRADGYNLAIS  
TOWN COUNCIL**

**Ordinary Meeting of the Town Council held at the  
Ystradgynlais Welfare Hall on  
Thursday 10<sup>th</sup> April 2025 at 5:45p.m.**

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

**228. PRESENTATION CLLR WILLIAMS ON COMMUNITY  
STRATEGY**

Cllr Williams presented an engaging presentation on Community Strategy and how best to integrate and work effectively in the community over the coming years. Thoughts on leasing and running the council assets more effectively and to engage further grant applications from all sources available to access. The Council would look to arrange a further meeting on this matter in the coming months.

**229. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

Apologies for absence were received from Councillor M Allen.

**230. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

There were no declarations of interest.

### **231. MINUTES**

**Resolved** that the Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting on 6<sup>th</sup> March 2025 be confirmed as accurate records and signed by the Chairman.

### **MATTERS ARISING**

### **232. BANKING HUB**

Further to Minute 224 it was reported that a new banking hub is to be arranged in the local area. **Resolved** that once plans had been formalised they would be circulated and consulted on.

### **233. TOWN COUNCIL WEBSITE**

Further to minute 219 all Councillors were asked to look at the site and report back on inaccuracy with no response.

**Resolved to;**

- a) Chairman and Vice Chair to have plenary powers to have the site live asap.
- b) All Councillors are given until Monday 14<sup>th</sup> April at 9am to advise on format of the email address preference.
- c) Cllr Burdett to furnish us with photographs to use on the site next week obtained from the Chamber of Trade.
- d) Chairman along with Administration Manager to final edit the site ready to go live. Once live place the English version to Word to ascertain Word count and cost.
- e) Engage a Professional Welsh Translation service to translate once the Word document is ready.

### **234. PAYMENT OF ACCOUNTS**

**Resolved** that the accounts as detailed in Appendix 1 be paid.

**235. TO APPROVE RELEASE OF £15K GRANT TO YSTRADGYNLAIS COMMUNITY CENTRE**

A request was received by Ystradgynlais Community Centre to consider and approve the release of the first part of their grant for £15k to cover the maintenance required in the Disco Hall. Documentation and financial information in support of the application was received and considered.

**Resolved** to approve the release of the grant of £15k to cover the maintenance work required to be undertaken.

**236. CLOSED ITEMS – PUBLIC BODIES (ADMISSION TO MEETINGS ACT 1960).**

**The Town Council resolved that the public and press be excluded from the following items due to the confidentiality of the matters under consideration namely personnel matters relating to the Town Council Employees & General Legal Matters:-**

**a) STAFF RESTRUCTURING**

Following the meeting on 3<sup>rd</sup> April 2025 Paul Egan had furnished us with a detailed report on the Staffing Restructure. The report had been circulated to all Councillors for consideration and approval.

**Resolved** that the Council will use the following methods for advertising both jobs:-

- a) Engage Ad Warrior for online job board presence at a cost of £938 plus VAT per job advert (1x Clerk & 1x Facilities Manager)
- b) Engage SLCC Gold Package to advertise the Clerk role at a cost of £347 plus VAT every 4 weeks.
- c) Engage One Voice Wales expertise and assistance in advertising both roles at no cost as this is part of their recruitment and consultancy package.
- d) Temporary Administration Assistance to contact Paul Egan on the above to obtain the draft Job Adverts asap.

**b) ILLEGAL PARKING GWYSFRYN**

Correspondence from the Solicitor had been received and distributed to all Councillors for consideration and approval.

**Resolved** that

- a) The documents received from the Solicitor be drafted and agreed.
- b) Plans are in place for when the vehicles have been finally removed to ensure it does not reoccur.

**Meeting reopened to the public.**

**CORRESPONDENCE**

**237. YSTRADGYNLAIS MAGAZINE**

Correspondence had been received from the Editor of a New Ystradgynlais Magazine covering the area and wished to address the Council regarding a collaboration with the Town Council to engage the Community further on what we do and how we achieve.

**Resolved** to invite the Editor to the next meeting under Public Participation.

**238. PLANNING APPLICATIONS**

There were no planning observations made in respect of the applications received and considered by the Town Council.

**239. MEMBERS AND OFFICERS REPORTS**

**239.1** Cllr Shrewsbury reported:-

- a) Attended the latest training on Legislation and Purposes which was enlightening
- b) An allegation had been received at the Council regarding bullying which has since been redacted and no further issues.

**239.2** Cllr Horrell reported:-

- a) Attended the Biodiversity Plan training session
- b) Advised that the Ward held a drop in session with the community which was well attended. It was agreed that a Village Noticeboard be implemented once quotations and information had been received and presented to the full Council for consideration and approval.
- c) Path 58 has issues with being oversaturated and muddy which needs addressing. Cllr Horrell to contact main Council contractor to discuss and resolve.

**239.3** Cllr Burdett reported:-

- a) Agreed and echoed point b) that Cllr Horrell made.

**239.4** Cllr G Roberts reported that:

- a) Following the event at the Welfare Hall with Maesydderwen School regarding the Miners' Strike Anniversary the Q&A session went extremely well and Cllr Roberts wished to thank Cllr W Thomas and A Williams for their support and attendance.

**239.5** Cllr W Thomas reported that:-

- a) A new resident had moved into Gwysfryn and wished to ask for clarification on the legal access position so that Cllr Thomas could report back.
- b) A sponsored Walk is to be held Saturday 12<sup>th</sup> April from the New Tredegar Hotel in Cwmtwrch to raise money for incurable diseases.
- c) Speeding in Cwmtwrch is still an issue and requires the Town Council to engage with PCC to install LED speed signs the cost is approx. £13k.

**Motion** – To request that the Clerk/RFO looks at the budget to locate £13k plus associated costs to fund the required speeding signs or to release the funds from the reserves.

**Proposed** Cllr W Thomas 2<sup>nd</sup> – Cllr J Morgan

**All agreed**

**239.6** Cllr Millington reported that the VE Day Celebrations are soon and that a Flag licence is required now to run bunting across the road in the town. The cost is for £125 per year which covers all events and needs to be arranged immediately and in place before the next meeting.

- 239.7** Cllr Donnelly reported that a resident has enquired whether a Noticeboard could be placed in the town.
- 239.8** Cllr C Williams reported that there is a PPA Agreement for Solar funding available that uses Town Council Land for placing the panels onto and feedback the energy/revenue to the Town Council.
- 239.9** Cllr L Evans reported:-
- a)** That the current members of Discover Ystradgynlais has dwindled and having to run on a much smaller scale now until they obtain new members. There is a meeting arranged with the Chamber of Trade to see if a collaboration could be achieved.  
**Resolved** that a Mike Jessop would attend the next Council Meeting to address the Town Council with a presentation.
  - b)** There is a VE Day Parade on Saturday 3<sup>rd</sup> May planned but due to the cost of £500 for road closure permit and assistance by the police this is not happening but a service will be held in St Cynogs Church and a light buffet in the Constitutional Club.
  - c)** The next Ordinary Meetings will be held on 8<sup>th</sup> May and 12<sup>th</sup> June 2025.
  - d)** Brass plaques on the wall in the Lesser Hall are missing  
**Resolved** Cllr Millington and Cllr Roberts to locate.
  - e)** A request for small groups i.e. Discover Ystradgynlais to use the storage containers on the Welfare Hall site to store items for the community events should the need arise

**The Meeting concluded at 8:45pm.**

## Appendix 1

### **PAYMENT OF ACCOUNTS**

**10 April 2025**

|                         |                                           |            |
|-------------------------|-------------------------------------------|------------|
| HM Customs and Excise   | NI Employers Contrib Apr                  | To Be Calc |
| Powys C C/Stand Life    | Employer Pension Contributions            | To Be Calc |
| THS Ltd                 | Repairs Windows etc Ystrad Wel Hall       | 490.00     |
| OVW                     | Annual Subs 2025/26                       | 1,726.00   |
| Welsh Water             | Water Rates Gorof Cemetery                | 168.25     |
| P.C.C.                  | H & Safety Inspections Oct to March       | 2,059.20   |
| P.C.C.                  | Grass Cutting Maint Parks £2024/25        | 4,189.00   |
| Office Expenses         | Postage Jan to March 25                   | 12.39      |
| Ystrad Wel Hall         | Office Services/ Tech Support Meets       | 396.00     |
| Ystrad Wel Hall         | St Davids Day Event march 1 <sup>st</sup> | 60.00      |
| Ystrad Community Cen.   | Grant 1 <sup>st</sup> Installment         | 15,000.00  |
| Roger Castle Undertaker | Burial Overpayment                        | 130.00     |

Note :- Above payments exclude VAT

Signed ----- Chairman

----- Vice Chairman

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**Planning matters to be considered by the Town Council for the  
month of April 2025**

**1.0 Applications granted consent**

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

|             |                                                              |                                                                                                                                     |
|-------------|--------------------------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| 25/0271/NMA | Plot Adj 2 Tany y Graig Cottages, Caerlan, Abercrave SA9 1TA | Non material amendment to planning approval 23/0560/FUL raising the garden level of approved dwelling.                              |
| 25/0219/DIS | Ysgol Gymraeg Dyffryn Y Glowyr, Swansea SA9 2PT              | Discharge Condition 7 of planning approval 19/1793/FUL                                                                              |
| 25/0113/HH  | 9 Tanygarth, Abercrave SA9 1XJ                               | Installation of an Air Source Heat Pump                                                                                             |
| 25/0073/DIS | 29 Pelican Street Ystradgynlais SA9 1LG                      | Discharge of conditions 4 & 5 of planning approval 24/0505/HH                                                                       |
| 25/0068/HH  | Pennant, 12 Tanywaun, Pen-Rhos Ystradgynlais SA9 1QY         | Proposed single storey rear extension                                                                                               |
| 24/1836/HH  | 83 Gorof Road, Lower Cwmtwrch SA9 1DS                        | Proposed single storey rear extension                                                                                               |
| 24/0909/HH  | 2 Bank Cottages, Ystradgynlais SA9 1RY                       | Conversion of outbuilding and erection of a 2 storey extension to provide additional accommodation together with associated parking |

*From information forwarded y Bannau Brycheiniog National Park Authority, the following application the Town Council has been consulted upon have been granted approval.*

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## 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.*

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*From information forwarded y Bannau Brycheiniog National Park Authority, the following application the Town Council has been consulted upon have been refused approval.*

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## 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:-*

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| 25/0277/HH  | Mr Peter Cross<br>5 Pelican Street, Ystradgynlais<br>SA9 1LG                                   | Erection of single storey rear extension, realigning of existing roof and removal of chimney<br><b>No Observations</b>            |
| 25/0363/FUL | Mr J White<br>Land to the Rear Of 89 Heol Twrch<br>Lower Cwmtwrch Swansea Powys<br>SA9 2TE     | Erection of detached dwelling and garage, extension to existing dwelling and the creation of new access<br><b>No Observations</b> |
| 25/0402/FUL | Laura Stanfield<br>Ebenezer Capel Yr Annibynwyr<br>Heol Gwys Upper Cwmtwrch<br>Swansea SA9 2XG | Conversion of existing Chapel into a residential dwelling and widening vehicular access<br><b>No Observations</b>                 |
| 25/0416/FUL | Mr Wayne Jones<br>1 Astoria Place Derwen Road<br>Ystradgynlais SA9 1HW                         | Change of use from dwellinghouse (C3) to Children's Home (C2)<br><b>No Observations</b>                                           |

## 4.0 Miscellaneous

No matter to report