



**CYNGOR TREF
YSTRADGYNLAIS
TOWN COUNCIL**

**Ordinary Meeting of the Town Council held at the
Ystradgynlais Welfare Hall on
Thursday 10th July 2025 at 6.15p.m.**

**Present : Councillor A Williams, Presided
Councillors M Allen, G Roberts, W Thomas, C Nickels, J Rigby, J
Horrell & G Burdett**

Zoom:- L Evans & B Rees (Clerk/RFO)

50. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors G Davies, C Williams, J Morgan, M Donnelly, M Evans, M Shrewsbury and R Millington.

51. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Cllr J Horrell declared an interest in the items relating to the Small Grants and Cribarth School.

52. MINUTES

Resolved that the Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting on 12th June 2025 be confirmed as accurate records and signed by the Chairman.

MATTERS ARISING

53. TOWN COUNCIL WEBSITE

Further to Minute 28 the website is still ongoing and awaiting the appointment of the new staff in order to resolve the final sections with the correct information and request the domain names.

54. MOBILE SPEED INDICATORS

Cllr W Thomas is awaiting a further meeting with all concerned to move the above matter forward.

55. INNOVATIVE PRACTICE CONFERENCE WEDNESDAY 2ND JULY 2025 REPRESENTATIVES

Cllr J Horrell & W Thomas attended the above meeting and will furnish us with a report for the September meeting for the Council.

56. AREA COMMITTEE MEETINGS & LARGER COUNCIL FORUM REPRESENTATIVES

Cllr J Horrell & W Thomas attended the above meeting and will furnish us with a report for the September meeting for the Council.

57. VEHICULAR ACCESS 1 YNYS TRE DEG, CWMTWRCH

Further to Minute 36 Cllr L Evans has requested a further Ward meeting on the matter, Cllr W Thomas has asked us to respond to the resident to acknowledge receipt of the correspondence.

Resolved that:-

- a) The Ward would request from the resident proof of vehicular access rights and any applicable licences to consider.
- b) Hold a further Ward meeting and report back
- c) Respond to the resident accordingly.

58. PAYMENT OF ACCOUNTS

Resolved that:-

- a) The accounts detailed in Appendix 1 be paid.
- b) Plenary powers be granted to the Chairman and Vice Chairman over the Summer Recess Period to:-
 - 1 Approve Payment of Accounts
 - 2 Forward any Planning application observations to the Powys County Council
 - 3 Deal with any employment matters relating to all employed staff members of the Town Council.
 - 4 Deal with any urgent matters brought to the attention of the Council

59. POWYS COUNTY COUNCIL COUNTRYSIDE VOLUNTEER PROGRAMME

The Town Council has received full information on a new countryside volunteer programme. **Resolved** that the Chair and Vice Chair would agree dates and locations to hold a meeting on the programme and report back.

60. BUDGET MONITORING REPORT 1 APRIL TO 30 JUNE 2025

The Town Council was furnished with the latest budget monitoring report for consideration, and it was **resolved** that :-

- a) To accept the contents of the report in its entirety
- b) To circulate the main contractor's invoice to all council members when received.

61. TO CONSIDER AND APPROVE THE SMALL GRANTS APPLICATIONS FOR 2025/26

The Town Council received a full breakdown of all applications for 2025/26 and considered each one as there is only a limited budget.

It was **Resolved** that:-

- a) Small Grants General awarded 2025/26

Small Grants 2025/26	Ref	Granted £
Ystradgynlais Ladies Bowls	G1	200
Cwmtwrch RFC	G2	400
Ystradgynlais Bowls Club	G3	400
Abercrave RFC	G4	400
Clwb Celf Ystradgynlais	G6	400
Glantawe Theatre Company	G7	400
1 st Ynyscedwyn Scout Group	G8	400
Ystradgynlais Girl Guiding	G9	400
Upper Tawe Ramblers	G10	400
Blodau Ystradgynlais	G11	200
Citizens Advice Powys	G13	400
Ystradgynlais District Heritage & Language Society	G16	400
Ystradgynlais Youth Centre	G19	400
Community Dreams	G21	400
Cor Y Gyrlais	G22	400
Cor Dathlu Cwmtawe	G23	400
Cariad Y Cwm Ladies Choir	G24	400

b) Small Grants Section 137 awarded 2025/26

Small Grants 2025/26	Ref	Granted £
Ystradgynlais Quilters	G5	400
Friends of Ystradgynlais Library	G14	400
Josef Herman	G15	400
Ystradgynlais Hard of Hearing Group	G17	400
Accessibility Powys	G18	350
Ystradgynlais Community Car Scheme	G20	400

c) The application for Ysgol Cribarth be rejected

Cllr M Allen left the meeting at 7.30pm

62. TO RECEIVE THE DRAFT ANNUAL AND WELLBEING REPORT FOR 2024/25 FOR APPROVAL

The Town Council received the draft Annual and Wellbeing report for consideration and to advise any amendments. **Resolved** that Cllr J Horrell would furnish the Clerk with amendments shortly for consideration.

Cllr R Millington joined the meeting at 7.40pm

63. TO CONSIDER AND APPROVE THE RELEASE OF GRANT FUND FOR TICK TOCK BOWLS GROUNDS.

The Town Council had a request and supporting documents circulated for consideration to release the grant funds for the Tick Tock Bowls Grounds and it was **resolved** that £10,000 would be released.

64. TO CONSIDER AND APPROVE THE RELEASE OF GRANT FUNDS FOR THE TOWN CENTRE CONVENIENCE FACILITIES

The Town Council had a request and supporting documents circulated for consideration to release the grant funds for the Town Centre Convenience facilities and it was **resolved** that £5,000 would be released.

65. CLOSED ITEM – PUBLIC BODIES (ADMISSION TO MEETINGS ACT 1960).

The Town Council resolved that the public and press be excluded from the following item due to the confidentiality of the matters under consideration namely Personnel matters relating to the Town Councils Employees & General Legal Matters.

UPDATE ON STAFF RESTRUCTURING MATTERS

The Chairman furnished the members with an update as follows:-

- There was an Extraordinary meeting on 24th June where a report from the Interview Panel was circulated and the prospective new positions were agreed by the full council. Cllr Millington took the minutes and circulated to all.
- A second Extraordinary Meeting was agreed for 1st July but as this was not legally publicly noted the meeting was cancelled until 8th July whereby the meeting agenda was sent to all and publicly displayed the meeting went ahead. The meeting was to discuss the Contract and Job description for accuracy. Cllr Millington took the minutes and circulated to all members.
- As both minutes had not been circulated to the Clerk/RFO or Temporary Admin Assistant these could not be included in the Ordinary Meeting of 10th July 2025 for ratifying as accurate.
- An Extraordinary Meeting was arranged for 16th July with the minutes from both meetings 24th June and 8th July would be sent to the Clerk/ Admin Assistant to be produced and circulated with the agenda.
- Cllr Millington addressed the Pension issue that requires information from Powys County Council as follows:-
 - What is the deficit in the scheme and how does the affect the Town Council?
 - What scheme/benefits are expected by the new staff?
 - Can we offer a personal pension or government (NEST Type) scheme?
 - Can the new staff join the LGPS?
 - How does the LGPS Scheme match the new staff members current scheme?
 - Have the calculations been covered in our budget for the pension contributions?
- Cllr Burdett has asked if the contracts can be sent to the candidates now to reassure them? It was highlighted that as the Clerk is still in post and the resignation letter has not been received, we cannot send any contracts out.
- The Clerk would acquire the relevant information on the Pension scheme from PCC and report back so that it would be ready for the next Extraordinary Meeting on 16th July to resolve all matters.

66. PLANNING APPLICATIONS

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

CORRESPONDENCE

67. YSGOL MAESYDDERWEN

The Town Council had received a letter directly from the school to personally thank them for the assistance and financial support regarding the Miners' Strike Events recently. The letter would be circulated to all members for their information.

68. GURNOS PARK

Cllr W Thomas reported that the fencing between the resident's property and the park requires attention and quotations have been received and circulated to the Ward and full council for consideration.

Resolved that the Ward would contact Glantawe Landscapes one of the approved contractors to complete the works with payment from the Councils assigned Budget.

Cllr L Evans left the meeting on zoom due to connectivity issues.

69. MINUTES OF MEETING CIRCULATION

The council have received an email from a resident requesting a copy of the minutes to be available in the Welfare Hall in lieu of the Website not being accessible currently.

Resolved that a copy of the approved minutes would be placed on the noticeboard in the Welfare Hall Ystradgynlais until the website has gone live.

70. MEMBERS AND OFFICERS REPORTS

70.1 Betsy Morgan the newly appointed Town Clerk introduced herself to the Town Council Members.

- 70.2** Cllr J Horrell reported that the Graffiti issue in the park would be cleaned and the matter addressed accordingly.
- 70.3** Cllr J Rigby highlighted the earlier issue of the minutes of the meeting being accessible to the public.
- 70.4** Cllr W Thomas reported:-
- a)** Speed indicators awaiting to arrange a further meeting and would report back to the Council.
 - b)** Unsafe tree in Gwysfryn needs attention asap. Ward to have an emergency meeting to resolve and to consult with the Clerk to have the necessary works carried out.
 - c)** Swn y Nant Park has had the new No Dog signs defaced and looking into resolving.
- 70.5** Cllr G Roberts reported the ditch in Glantawe needs attention and clearance and would consult the Councils main contractor once returned from annual leave to resolve. Cllr Roberts has requested a letter be sent to the resident concerned on the matter.
- 70.6** Cllr R Millington reported that: -
- a)** An application for futureproof costings has been sent into the Welsh Government to acquire funding for the Welfare Hall Ystradgynlais.
 - b)** Looking to compile a report for a refurbishment project at the Welfare Hall so that this is ready to send when future monies are available so we have a good chance of securing.
 - c)** To ask the Welfare Hall Manager to attend a meeting to that we can work together to achieve funding, resources and future proofing the Welfare Hall for the future.
- 70.7** The Clerk reported that the boiler in the Welfare Hall has been marked as condemned and need emergency attention. The work is scheduled to be commenced on 22nd July for a replacement boiler at a cost of approx. £7,500 which would be taken from the Capital and Expenditure Account.

Cllr W Thomas has requested that a report is produced and circulated to all members regarding the expenditure of the Welfare Hall to date.

Resolved that:-

- a) It was agreed to continue with the work and replace the boiler at £7,500.
- b) The newly appointed Facilities Manager have a pro-active maintenance program in place.

The Meeting concluded at 9:15pm

Appendix 1

PAYMENT OF ACCOUNTS

10th July 2025

HM Customs and Excise	NI Employers Contrib July	684.94
Powys C C/Stand Life	Employer Pension Contrib July	1,615.14
Zurich	Council Insurance	6,189.80
SSE Energy	Cenotaph/ Gorsedd Park Elec	256.11
One Voice Wales	Conference Fee Innovative Practice	134.00
HP Wales	Repairs Toilets Wel Hall	380.00
UK Debt Management	Loan Gorof Cemetery	1,961.75
Ystrad Wel Hall	Room Rentals/Office Serv Apr to June	1,051.00

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 July**

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.

NONE		
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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 granted approval.

NONE		
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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.

NONE		
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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.

NONE		
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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:-

25/0836/HH	Mr & Mrs Paul & Donna Evans 11 Heol Glantawe Ystradgynlais SA9 1ES	Erection of an extension <i>No Observations</i>
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25/0659/FUL	Mr & Mrs M & J Evans Land Off Former Haul Road Brynygroes Ystradgynlais SA9 1LE	Formation of commercial storage & light industrial yard compounds (13 no.) each with compound security fencing, access gates and a secure storage container <i>No Observations</i>
25/0760/HH	Mr & Mrs McHugh 40 Brecon Road Ystradgynlais SA9 1HE	Erection of extension, air source heat pump and garden outbuilding <i>No Observations</i>
25/0727/HH	Mr Gethin Jones 42 Maescynog Ystradgynlais SA9 1PB	Erection of extensions <i>No Observations</i>
25/0747/FUL	Cynthia Davis 6A Station Road Ystradgynlais SA9 1NT	Change of use of the first floor flat from residential to retail <i>No Observations</i>

4.0 Miscellaneous

No matter to report