



**CYNGOR TREF
YSTRADGYNLAIS
TOWN COUNCIL**

**Ordinary Meeting of the Town Council held at the
Ystradgynlais Welfare Hall on
Thursday 8th January at 6.15pm**

Present: Councillor A Williams, Presided

**Councillors M Shrewsbury, J Horrell, J Rigby, G Burdett, L Evans, C
Nickels, G Davies, G Roberts, M Evans & M Donnelly
On Zoom: Councillor J Morgan**

Attended: B Morgan (Clerk)

Members of the public - Two

219. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors C Williams, R Millington, W Thomas, M Allen & also from Mr P Dennis (Facilities Manager).

220. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no declarations of interest.

221. REPORT FROM RFO

Due to unforeseen circumstances the financial reports had not been forwarded. It was proposed by Cllr A Williams that an Extraordinary

meeting to discuss the budget and finances was scheduled. It was **resolved** that the Clerk would call a meeting before the end of January 2026.

222. REPORT FROM COUNTY COUNCILLORS

There were no Councillors from Powys County Council in attendance. It was **resolved** that they would be invited to the February meeting and given the dates for forthcoming meetings.

223. REPORT FROM CLLR PETE ROBERTS REGARDING CANOLFAN

Cllr P Roberts did not attend the meeting due to there being lack of progress over the festive period and staffing issues but sent a report to be shared with the Town Council. The report stated that there was a third organisation interested in being involved in the Canolfan building. It was **resolved** that the Clerk would invite Cllr P Roberts to the Town Council meeting in February, whether virtually or in-person.

224. MINUTES

Ordinary Meeting 11th December

Cllr G Roberts noted that he had given his apologies for the meeting in December.

Cllr G Davies noted the incorrect spelling of Ms Plumb's name.

Resolved that the Minutes of the above meetings with the corrections, be confirmed as accurate records and signed by the Chairperson.

MATTERS ARISING

225. PAYMENT OF CAPITAL FUNDING TO YSTRADGYNLAIS WELFARE HALL

Further to Minute 185, Mr W Roberts had written to request that the remainder of the capital grant allocation for Ystradgynlais Welfare Hall

of £13,000 was released. If the funding was not used to attract match funding then it was to be used for building and Town Council inventory equipment. It was **resolved** that the £13,000 was released.

226. PAYMENT FOR FENCE IN GURNOS PARK

It was **resolved** that the money for the fence at Gurnos Park, detailed in an invoice from Glantawe Landscapes, should come out of the grant that was allocated for Gurnos Tenants and Residents Association in the budget 2025/26 of £10,000. It was **resolved** that the invoice should be paid and the money deducted from the total grant.

227. YOUTH MEMBERSHIP

Further to Minute 198, the Clerk reported that after looking into this further it was two representatives that could sit on the Town Council who would not have voting rights. The representatives had to be between the ages of 15 and 26 years old and live in the Ystradgynlais area. Cllr A Williams stated that he believed it was a good idea that the views of young people were heard and all Councillors present agreed. It was **resolved** that the Clerk would continue looking into having youth representation and that the local secondary schools would be contacted.

228. CODE OF CONDUCT TRAINING

Further to Minute 200, the Clerk informed Members that Powys County Council had confirmed the training was to be sent out in January and the Town Council would be invoiced for the cost of £60.00.

229. NAMING OF PENRHOS DEVELOPMENT

Further to Minute 207, the Clerk informed the Council that Powys County Council had agreed to name the development Cae Coombe. It was **resolved** that the Clerk would write to the family of Mr Coombe to inform them.

230. REGIONAL ENERGY STRATEGIC PLANS (RESP)

Further to Minute 209, it was **resolved** that the link for the next online forum regarding RESP, on February 10th, would be forwarded by the Clerk to Cllrs J Horrell and M Shrewsbury.

231. COUNTY PLANNING, TAXI LICENSING AND RIGHTS OF WAY COMMITTEE MEETING

Further to Minute 213, Cllr R Millington and J Horrell virtually attended the above meeting on December 18th 2025 regarding the planned development in Penrhos. A report was produced regarding the meetings outcomes. A decision had been deferred until further information had been sought from the Education Department regarding the impact of the development. It was **resolved** that the Clerk would look for further information about future meetings and whether a Town Council representative could attend. It was **resolved** that the Clerk would look at whether further comments regarding this development could be submitted.

232. PAYMENT OF ACCOUNTS

Resolved that the accounts detailed in Appendix 1 be paid.

233. BIODIVERSITY ACTION PLAN VIRTUAL WORKSHOP

Following the publication of the Section 6 report (as per Minute 203), the Clerk informed the Council that a Biodiversity Action Plan had to be produced detailing plans for the next three years. A webinar, organised by One Voice Wales, was due to take place on January 21st and it was **resolved** that anyone interested in attending should contact the Clerk.

234. ONE VOICE WALES AND PLANNING AID WALES WEBINAR

A webinar organised by One Voice Wales and Planning Aid Wales entitled “Improving Local Places” is arranged for March 19th 2026 at a cost of £53 per person and was to be delivered via Teams. It was **resolved** that any nominations for attendees would be forwarded to the Clerk.

235. EMPLOYMENT OF A HANDYPERSON

It was **resolved** that the issue of employing a handyman for the Town Council would be revisited in the Spring of 2026.

236. ONE VOICE WALES MOTION TO INCREASE MEMBERSHIP FEES FOR 2026/27 BY UP TO 4%

Cllr J Horrell was nominated, as per Minute 206, to attend the One Voice Wales AGM on January 21st. It was **resolved** for Cllr J Horrell to vote in favour of the proposed motion to increase fees for 2026/27 by up to 4%.

237. TRAINING PLAN

The Management Committee had met before the Ordinary Meeting on January 8th and therefore any amendments to the training plan had only just been suggested. It was **resolved** the recommended training plan from the Management Committee be looked at in the meeting in February.

CORRESPONDENCE

238. REQUEST FOR AN EVENT AT DIAMOND PARK

A request had been received to hold a handfasting ceremony at Diamond Park in 2026. It was **resolved** that consent would be given to the applicant on the understanding that the park was a shared space often with free running dogs, that there would not be a need for carparking and there would be no tents or marquees erected. It was **resolved** that the Clerk would contact the applicant.

239. CROSS-BORDER HEALTHCARE

The Clerk from Llandrindod Wells Town Council had made contact regarding the intended collaboration regarding cross-border healthcare and issues regarding Powys residents and NHS provision. It was **resolved** that the Clerk would reply asking if this was regarding cross-nations (i.e. Wales and England) and whether it applied to residents in Ystradgynlais.

240. FOOTPATH BY MAESYDDERWEN

A resident had enquired about the maintenance of a footpath running along the side of their house. It was **resolved** that Mr P Dennis and the Ynyscedwyn Ward Councillors would go and meet with them and inspect the path to look at a way forward.

241. TEMPORARY ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT

Cllr A Williams thanked Ms N Plumb for her work whilst she was temporary administrative assistant and drew the Council's attention the work she had done not only on the website but in all matters pertaining to the Council.

242. MEMBERS AND OFFICERS REPORTS

242.1 P Dennis (Facilities Manager) sent a written report which was noted. It stated that the work on beech tree on FP110 had been completed. An estimate for work on the emergency lightning in Ystradgynlais Welfare Hall had been received. It was **resolved** that the work was given authorisation to begin.

242.2 B Morgan (Clerk) reported that:-

a) there would be a litter pick on January 21st at 10.30am with everyone meeting at Tesco Ystradgynlais.

b) the ILCA qualification had been completed and the Clerk was now looking to start the FILCA at a cost of approx. £120. Training had been looked at for VisionICT and website maintenance. The cost would be £75 plus vat. It was **resolved** that both could be paid.

242.3 Cllr M Shrewsbury noted that it was 100 years since the General Strike in 2026.

242.4 Cllr J Horrell had received a query from a concerned resident regarding the land adjacent to Ysgol Golwyg-y-Cwm being for sale and the impact it would have on leisure for local people. The Clerk had looked into it and Cllr H Williams (PCC) had replied to say that it had been listed online and there were no comments so he confirmed the land was for sale.

242.5 Cllr J Rigby reported that Cwmtwrch Ward were trying to assist the residents with their concerns regarding cars speeding through

the Ward. There had been discussion regarding speeding strips and it was stated that the Council would be kept up to date.

242.6 Cllr L Evans wanted to enquire when the Christmas lights throughout the Wards were being taken down. Cllr L Evans also reported that the tree on Heol Gleien was still overhanging the road and asked the Clerk to enquire about when it was going to be dealt with by Powys CC.

242.7 Cllr G Davies wanted to remind the Council that when the road adjacent to CME was used by worker then the owners of CME needed to be notified.

242.8 Cllr G Roberts noted that clarification regarding the ownership of the Ironworks in Ynyscedwyn needed to be sought. It was **resolved** the Clerk would look into it.

242.9 Cllr M Evans suggested that Stephan Butcher was contacted regarding the renovation of the raised beds by the Ynyscedwyn Ironworks.

242.10 Cllr M Donnelly reported that himself and the Clerk had met with Jo Lancey from Powys CC and other officers who had been favourable about the proposed location of a digital notice board by the town centre toilets. Funding now needed to be looked into.

242.11 Cllr A Williams wanted to take the opportunity to thank Ms N Plump for all her hard work for the Town Council and the rest of the Cllrs agreed.

243. PLANNING APPLICATIONS

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

244. 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 confidentiality of the matters under consideration

The Chair proposed an addition to the agenda with a discussion surrounding the ending of the contract of the temporary administrative assistant on 31st December 2025. This followed a meeting that was held between the Chair, the Clerk, the temporary administrative assistant and representatives on January 6th. The decision was based on the democratically approved adoption of the new staff structure

(option C) in the extraordinary meeting on 10 April 2024 (see Minute 313). All present agreed the proposed terms, and authorisation was given to make the necessary payroll and administrative arrangements

The meeting concluded at 8.15pm

Appendix 1

PAYMENT OF ACCOUNTS **8 January 2026**

HM Customs and Excise	NI Employers Contrib January	1,018.85
Powys C C	Employer Pension Contrib January	1,932.02
Civic Systemes Ltd	Asset Management Monthly Payment Jan	234.00
PCC	Election Cwmtwrch April	3,042.90
Cllr Millington	Exp Dyfed Powys Police visit Open door	30.60
Ystrad Wel hall	Capital grant payment	13,000.00
Ivorfire Safety Ser Ltd	Fire Risk Assess – The Welfare Ystrad	275.00
PD Flagpole Consultant	Refurbish Flagpoles Cenotaph	600.00
Dyfed Alarms	Welfare Hall Ystrad Call Out	40.00
Ystrad Hall	Office Services/ Hybrid Meeting Oct /Dec	486.00
OVW	Cllr Burdett Training Module 18	42.00
OVW	Clerk Training Module 9	42.00
Glantawe Landscapes	Grass Cutting and Gurnos Fence	2861.00
Powys CC	Park and Open Spaces Inspection 2025	3,897.62
SLCC	Annual Membership	379.00
LITE	Abercraf Christmas Lights 2025	1,790.00
SLCC	FILCA for Clerk	168.00
UK Debt Management	Gorof Cemetery Loan Repay	1,924.30

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 January 2026**

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.

25/1550/HH	Mrs Jones 85 Heol Giedd Cwmgiedd Ystradgynlais Powys SA9 1LS	Rear extension and alterations
25/1609/DIS	Bethlehem Capel Yr Annibynwyr Caerlan Abercrave Powys	Discharge of condition 8 of planning approval 25/0475/FUL
25/1550/HH	85 Heol Giedd Cwmgiedd Ystradgynlais Powys SA9 1LS	Rear extension and alterations

2.0 Applications refused consent

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

25/1278/FUL	Yr Ysgol Heol Giedd Ystradgynlais SA9 1LQ	Erection of four extensions to provide additional accommodation and associated works
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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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25/1722/HH	Mr James Gibbs 1 Llundain Fach, Brecon Road Ystradgynlais SA9 1ST	Erection of extension, works to roof and replacement dormas No Observations
25/1545/HH	Mr Andrew Hopkins 68 Wind Road Ystradgynlais SA9 1AH	Demolition of existing rear extension and erection of new single story rear extension No Observations

4.0 Miscellaneous

25/1842/TPO - Works to 62 trees subject of a Tree Preservation Order – Paul Dennis, Ystradgynlais Town Council. Adjacent to Footpath 110.

23/0019/FUL – Development of 153 dwellings and associated landscaping – Land West of the Former Penrhos School, Brecon Road, Ystradgynlais. County Planning, Taxi Licensing and Rights of Way Committee Meeting held on December 18th 2025. Deferred until further notice.