

YSTRADGYNLAIS TOWN COUNCIL



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The Well-being of Future Generations (Wales) Act 2015

The Local Government and Elections (Wales) Act 2021

1. Introduction

Ystradgynlais, the southern-most and second largest (by electorate) town in Powys, developed because of the coal and iron industries of the 19th century. These have now been replaced by a number of small industrial units the district. The community is located towards the upper reaches of the River Tawe and its tributaries the Rivers Twrch and Giedd. Habitation is concentrated along the course of the main river valleys in a ribbon development along the main routes followed by the A4067, A4068 and B4599.

Ystradgynlais provides a southern gateway to the Brecon Beacons National Park making the surrounding area a popular venue for outdoor enthusiasts. The town is the area's business, transport and cultural centre with a busy shopping centre where the Welsh language is in common use.

The Town Council has 16 elected councillors with two part time members of staff representing approx. 6,500 electors. The Council is divided into four wards:- Abercraf, Cwmtwrch, Ynyscedwyn and Ystradgynlais and has a current precept raised from Powys County Council of £304,000 (2022-23). The Chairman and Vice Chairman are elected annually in May.

The following documents are attached to this Annual Report and relate to the important details regarding the elected Council Members who serve the community, the Council's Committees and Sub-Committees and Key Contact information.

- (a) A list of Town Councillors, by Ward, is attached as Appendix 1.
- (b) Key contact information as Appendix 2
- (c) Details of the Town Council's Committees and sub- Committees as Appendix 3
- (d) Representatives on outside bodies as Appendix 4

2. Council's Current Responsibilities

The Council is responsible:

- to the local electorate for delivering a range of public services.
- for the provision and upkeep of local amenities.

- for representing the interests of individual members of the public and the wider community.
- for supporting/encouraging members of the community to improve the local environment and services within the community.
- for maintaining and enhancing the area's biodiversity and resilience of ecosystems.

The Town Council vision, as the closest level of government to the Community, is to provide a voice for the Community, representing the area at County and National level. The Council works closely with the Local County Council Ward Members to ensure that County Council, Police, Welsh Government and other authorities take account of the needs of the Community when making decisions that affect local residents. The Council uses the powers and resources available to it to proactively react to the needs of the Community and provide appropriate levels of relevant services to the community of Ystradgynlais.

3. Financial Information for 2022-2023

(a) Annual Income and Expenditure Budget

The Town Council sets its annual budget for the Financial Year 2022-23 in January 2022.

The Council's Financial Year extends from 1st April to the 31st March of the following year.

The Council's agreed budget estimates relating to expenditure, income and reserves are shown below.

Band D properties estimate is an annual Property Tax of **£103.46**

	Estimated Expenditure
Parks, Planning & open spaces	£ 93,700
General Administration	£ 114,500
Gorof Cemetery	£ 20,300
General & Section 137 Grants	£ 32,000
Ward budgets / Path Maintenance	£ 45,000
Community/Welfare Halls Grants	£ 71,000
Council Property Maintenance / Insurance	£ 18,500
Sub Total	£ 395,000
Reserves	<u>£ 80,000</u>
Total Estimated Expenditure 2022-23	£ 475,000

The above Total Estimated Expenditure of £475,000 for the 2022-23 financial year was achieved as;-

Projected Financial Balance as at 31 st March 2022	£ 56,000
Estimated Reserve as at 31 st March 2022	£ 95,000
Estimated income 2022-2023	£ 20,000
Total Estimated Income 2022-23	£ 171,000
 Agreed Precept Demand from Powys CC	 £ 304,000

(b) Audit Process for the year 2022-2023 accounts

The accounts for the financial year 2022-23 have been produced in draft form and will now be subject to both an internal and external audit process which is carried out in accordance with the Accounts and Audit (Wales) Regulations 2014.

Reports and correspondence relating to this audit process between the Town Council and the appointed Auditors will over the audit period be considered and discussed at various Council Meetings and minuted accordingly in the Council's records and website. The audit process normally takes an estimated six to nine months to complete.

4. Training Plan

The Council is currently involved in the preparation of its Training Plan based on the guidance of One Voice Wales and the Society of Local councils. The plan will enable all roles within the Council to be supported by its approach to training and development needs and will assist the Council in its delivery of quality services to its community. The plan will be reviewed every five years to ensure it remains fit for purpose and accounts for the changing needs of councillors. The Training Plan was adopted in the April 2023 meeting. The sum of £ 3,000 has been allocated in the 2023-24 budget for training courses.

5. What are the requirements of the Well-being Act?

The Act is about improving the social, economic, environmental and cultural wellbeing of Wales. It will make the public bodies listed in the Act think more about the long-term; work better with people and communities and each other; look to prevent problems; and take a more joined-up approach. This will help to create the Wales that people want to live in, now and in the future.

The Act places a duty on community and town councils to take all reasonable steps towards meeting the local objectives included in the local well-being plan that has effect in their areas.

If a community or town council is subject to the duty, it must publish a report annually detailing its progress in meeting the objectives contained in the local well-being plan.

The Act requires public services boards (**PSBs**) to involve community and town councils in the process of improving the well-being of their areas, regardless of whether the duty in section 40(1) of the Act applies to those councils. All community and town councils are classed as "other partners" of public services boards and must be consulted by those boards on the assessment of local well-being and subsequently on the local well-being plan. They will also have the opportunity of engaging with the public services board when invited to do so. The **Powys Public Service Board's Well-being Plan** concentrates on four areas: *Social, Economy, Environment* and *Culture*.

6. The Act sets seven well-being goals and gives a description of each of them.

Well-being goal	Description
A more prosperous Wales	An innovative, productive and low carbon society which recognises the limits of the global environment and therefore uses resources efficiently and proportionately (including acting on climate change); and which develops a skilled and well-educated population in an economy which generates wealth and provides employment opportunities, allowing people to take advantage of the wealth generated through securing decent work.
A resilient Wales	A nation which maintains and enhances a biodiverse natural environment with healthy functioning ecosystems that support social, economic and ecological resilience and the capacity to adapt to change (for example climate change).
A healthier Wales	A society in which people's physical and mental well-being is maximised and in which choices and behaviours that benefit future health are understood.
A more equal Wales	A society that enables people to fulfil their potential no matter what their background or circumstances (including their socio-economic background and circumstances).
A Wales of cohesive communities	Attractive, viable, safe and well-connected communities.
A Wales of vibrant culture and thriving Welsh language	A society that promotes and protects culture, heritage, and the Welsh language, and which encourages people to participate in the arts, and sports and recreation.
A globally responsible Wales	A nation which, when doing anything to improve the economic, social, environmental and cultural well-being of Wales, takes account of whether doing such a thing may make a positive contribution to global well-being.

7. The Council's response to the seven Requirements/Goals

Powys PSB Plan

y = completed
O = ongoing

Well-being goal	Council's response	Social	Economy	Env'ment.	Culture	2022-23	2023-24
A more prosperous Wales	<p>The Town Council makes budget provision for Community improvement activities such as</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Festive Christmas lights in each of the four council wards • Provision of bunting for use by local groups and decoration of the town centre and satellite villages. • The Town Council continues its work in upgrading its current web site. • <i>Town Investment Plan regarding Ystradgynlais</i> . The Plan prepared by consultant employed by PCC is almost complete and is to be made available for public consultation. The Town Council role was to gather information regarding the needs of local businesses. The process began in March 2020 • The Town Council has representatives on the Governing bodies of local Primary schools and Maesydderwen Comprehensive school and appoints representatives on local voluntary and charitable organisations. See Appendix 4 • Electric vehicle charging points installed at the Heol Eglwys Car Park by Powys CC and at the Old Tredegar Arms, Upper Cwmtwrch • Provision of Wi-Fi for the Ystradgynlais Town Centre area and Community Centre has been approved. A joint project with PCC 	O	O			O	O
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			O			Y	

A resilient Wales	Council's response	Social	Economy	Env'ment	Culture	2022-23	2023-24
	<p>The Town Council has responsibility for the maintenance and upkeep of</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Gorof Cemetery. Grass is mown following a regular programme. Hedges surrounding the cemetery are maintained in good order. Timber and pruned branches from surrounding trees are stacked in the cemetery's expansion plot providing natural habitats for birds, reptiles and small mammals found in the area. The use of pesticides/herbicides is not encouraged except on invasive species such as knotweed. Drainage work has been implemented at the cemetery to prevent flooding onto neighbouring land. The first cut of grass is done as late as possible in order to support early pollinators. In October 2021 the Council commissioned a report regarding Ash Dieback on a number of trees in the district to prioritise recommendations for relevant trees with infestation in particular on footpath 110 (Wind Rd towards A4067). Required work to commence in 2022-23 in this long term project. Further areas may require work and will be addressed as and when finance becomes available. Children's Playground at <i>Swn y Nant</i>, Cwmtwrch , Playground at <i>Caerbont</i>, Playground at Abercraf The Skate Board Park lease at Ystradgynlais Community Centre has been transferred to the Ystradgynlais Community Centre at Penrhos. The current lease was surrendered by the Town Council in the Summer of 2022 There is a regular maintenance programme of grass cutting and tree maintenance during late spring and summer only allowing natural plant, birds and insect life to develop during the remainder of the year. 			<p>O</p> <p>Y</p> <p>O</p> <p>O</p> <p>O</p>		<p>O</p> <p>O</p> <p>O</p> <p>O</p> <p>O</p> <p>Y</p>	<p>O</p> <p>O</p> <p>O</p> <p>O</p> <p>O</p> <p>O</p>

A resilient Wales (continued)	Council's response	Social	Economy	En 'ment	Culture	2022-23	2023-24
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The Town Council will always consider biodiversity and associated environmental issues in its projects and annual maintenance programmes. Work in an attempt to eradicate Invasive species (Himalayan Balsam) in the Diamond Park and adjacent land along Footpath 8 has been undertaken <p>From April 2021 to date drainage work has been undertaken at Coronation Park with a view to continue this work on an annual basis to alleviate possible flooding in the area in 2023-24</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> To address and reduce anti-social issues in the Diamond and Coronation Parks new signage has been erected to outline ownership and permissible activities. The Council has worked in liaison with Dyfed Powys Police regarding this matter. The Council agreed to a request from the Wildlife Trust to undertake a habitat survey at the Diamond and Coronation Parks. Results of the survey are awaited. 	O		O O O		O O Y O	O O
A healthier Wales	<p>The Town Council owns and maintains four Parks/Open spaces near the town centre. These areas are well used by visitors and members of the community.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Coronation Park covering an area of approx. 13 hectares. The development of this Park commenced in 1980s and is ongoing. <p>The grass and hedges are maintained following a regular programme.</p>	O Y		O Y	Y	O O	O O

A healthier Wales (continued)	Council's response	Social	Economy	Env'ment	Cullture	2022-23	2023-24
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • District War Memorial at Gorsedd Park. Planting of appropriate shrubs/flowers in the immediate area. Refurbishment work was completed in 2017 and additional work in providing floodlighting of the memorial. 	○		○	Y	○	○
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Diamond Park covering an area of approx. 14 hectares. Development of this Park on former colliery sites began in 2005. Its facilities have been regularly enhanced eg with the installation of a commemorative bench, based on the mining theme, flower planters art the main entrance alongside one of its many footpaths. Path maintenance and improvement work continues. 			Y	Y		
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Daniel Protheroe Memorial Park covering an area of approx. 0.125 hectares. Refurbished the hard landscape as a joint project with the <i>Ystradgynlais District Heritage & Language Society</i>.. Appropriate shrubs and planting have been completed and maintained by <i>Blodau</i> a local volunteer group. 	○		○		○	○
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Council intends researching for parcels of land which it owns as well as areas owned by PCC for potential use for allotments. 	○	○	○	○	○	○
	<p>The Town Council maintains these open spaces to a high standard and they provide quiet, contemplating areas close to the town centre and have been appreciated and well used by the members of the community.</p>	○		○		○	○
	<p>The Town Council provides and maintains annually a number of benches in and around the town as well as a series of Heritage Panels erected by the <i>Ystradgynlais District Heritage & Language Society</i></p>	○		○		○	○

A healthier Wales (continued)	Council's response	Social	Economy	Env'ment	Culture	2022-23	2023-24
	<p>Public footpaths. The Town Council maintains to a high standard a network of public footpaths in the area which are well used and appreciated by the members of the community. Regular on- going maintenance of the footpaths in the care of the Town Council is undertaken</p>	O		O		Y	
	<p>A Memorial Tree to be planted in the grassed area between the children's playgroud and Ystradgynlais Hospital, Glanrhyd in memory of members of the community who sadly passed away as a result of the Covid Pandemic. (A specimen purple beech) planted in May 2023</p>	O				Y	
	<p>Sports facilities.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Town Council owns the Tick Tock Bowls Club which is available for use by members of the community. The lease for which has been extend for a period of 25 years from December 2021. The Town Council grants an annual payment of £5k to the Bowls Committee covering maintenance costs etc. • Recreation Ground. The Town Council along with Powys County Council and representatives of local sports clubs have completed negotiating an extension of the lease on this sports field for the benefit of the community. The Town Council has agreed to make a major financial contribution of £25,000 towards a new 50 year lease costing £100,000.00 for this area of land. Charitable status has been obtained for the Group tasked to manage the Recreational Grounds. • The Skate Board Park lease at Ystradgynlais Community Centre has been transferred to the Ystradgynlais Community Centre at Penrhos The Town Council will continue to support this Facility 	O		O		O	O
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A more equal Wales	Council's response	Social	Economy	Env'ment	Culture	2022-23	2023-24
	<p>The Town Council has representatives on the following local organisations promoting well-being and volunteering opportunities. See Appendix 4</p>	○	○		○	○	○
	<p>Cost of Living Crisis</p>	Y	Y			Y	
	<p>The Town Council has facilitated a meeting with local groups who were in a position to assist within the community and to identify the role that the Town Council would play in this initiative.</p> <p>As a result a £10,000 Cost of Living Relief Fund was made available to local charitable and voluntary groups (re COLC) in the Town Council's area. Grants of up to £1500 were made available. To date the groups to benefit are: <i>Abercrave Happy Helpers</i> (£1300); <i>Community Dreams</i> (£1000); <i>Ystradgynlais Volunteer Centre Food Bank</i> (£1500); <i>Ystradgynlais Welfare Hall</i> (£1500, St Cynog's Church Hall (600?)) <i>Friends of Ystradgynlais Library</i> also received £600 from the Fund as part of the 'Warm Spaces' initiative set up by Powys CC</p>						
A Wales of cohesive Communities	Council's response	Social	Economy	Env'ment	Culture	2022-23	2023-24
	<p>The Town Council supports the enhancement of the town centre and its satellite communities.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Financially supporting the work of volunteer groups by contributing finance to provide floral displays along kerbside and strategic areas in the community and bilingual heritage interpretation panels outlining the area's rich cultural and industrial heritage. Speed restrictions. Regular consultations with the police service regarding reported speeding incidents through Cwmtwrch along the A4068. Town Centre toilets. A grant is paid annually (£3,000) to the Town Amenities Society to maintain the town centre toilets. 	○	○	○		○	○
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A Wales of cohesive Communities (continued)	Council's response	Social	Economy	Env'ment	Culture	2022-23	2023-24
A Wales of vibrant culture and thriving Welsh language.	Council's response <p>The Town Council generously supports financially the activities at three Welfare Halls and a Community Centre.:-</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ystradgynlais Welfare Hall (<i>The Welfare</i>) which it owns • Abercraf Welfare Hall and Cwmtwrch Welfare Hall by providing operational grants to the Management Committees • Ystradgynlais Community Centre by the provision of grant support • The <i>Welfare</i> has increased its activities program during the past year. It is now open to the public and outside organisations. <p>Members of the Council assist the organisers of the annual St David's Day Celebrations by marshalling the pupils from all local schools whilst parading from St Cynog's Church to the Welfare Hall. The first parade for a number of years due to COVID restrictions.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Town Council has contributed £10,000 towards the purchase of a new film projector for the Ystradgynlais Welfare Hall <p>The Town Council is supportive of the work of local volunteer groups</p>						
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Grants totalling £1000 were awarded to communities for events to commemorate Queen Elizabeth's Platinum Jubilee: Discover Ystradgynlais, Ystradgynlais Community Centre, Swyn y Nant estate • <i>Friends of Diamond Park</i>. The Town council are in discussion with members of this voluntary group to discuss a possible biodiversity management plan for the Diamond Park proposed by the Friends of the Diamond park.. The group wishes to carry out activities at the Park including a biodiversity survey, litter picking and invasive species removal together with proposed changes in the maintenance programme currently used at thePark. . 						

A Wales of vibrant culture and thriving Welsh language. (continued)	Council's response	Social	Economy	Env'ment	Culture	2022-23	2023-24
	<p>which provide cultural events, exhibitions and enhancement features to the community. Financial assistance has been provided to the following groups :-</p>	O		O			
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Ystradgynlais District Heritage & Language Society</i> to provide bilingual interpretation panels alongside public footpaths to illustrate the area's local heritage and provision of associated bilingual information pamphlets. 	O				O	O
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Blodau Ystradgynlais</i> to provide floral decoration in the town centre and surrounding areas of the town centre. 	O		O		O	O
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Abercraf Regeneration Group</i> which as one of its activities has planted flowers along the Abercraf By-pass and placed flower troughs at various points in the Abercraf Ward. 	O		O		O	O
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Cwmtwrch Regeneration Group</i> where flower containers have been placed at various points along the A4068 passing through the Cwmtwrch Ward. 	O	O	O		O	O
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Discover Ystradgynlais</i>. The group of volunteers is funded to provide summer and winter events in the town centre, Ystradgynlais Welfare Hall and the Gorsedd Park. 	O		O			
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Electric power has been provided in the Gorsedd Park to illuminate the Christmas Decorations, Community Christmas tree etc. in the park. Bunting & banners provided to decoration of the town provided. 	Y				Y	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • New and upgrading of Christmas Light arrangements provided for Ystradgynlais Town Centre and new lights purchased for Cwmtwrch & Abercraf Wards. 		Y		Y	Y	

A Wales of vibrant culture and thriving Welsh language. (continued)	Council's response Annual maintenance will be provided by the Town Council <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The Town Council annually maintains the town clock located in the town centre. The Town Council supports local community groups and organisations by providing an annual grants programme to support the organisations' activities. See Appendix 5 The Town Council has erecting two flagpoles at the Welfare Hall Ystradgynlais enabling the flying of flags for celebration and awareness raising for the benefit of the community. The three flagpoles at the Gorsedd Park, adjacent to the District War Memorial, to be reserved for military and national flags only 	Social	Economy	Env'ment	Culture	2022-23	2023-24
A globally responsible Wales	Council's response <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The Town Council supports the work of the <i>Welfare</i>, Ystradgynlais as a cultural centre for performances by international arts and cultural collaboration groups. The Town Council contributes grant aid to local choirs and youth groups that have organised overseas concert/ educational visits. The Town Council is associated with its sister community at Clark's Summit, Pennsylvania U.S.A. Students from North Carolina, USA will be staying in the community between mid May and mid June 2023 The Council wishes to work towards improving its efforts to operate in a Green and environmentally friendly way and to encourage its suppliers to act likewise. It intends establishing a Working Group dealing with Climate and Environmental matters 	Social	Economy	Env'ment	Culture	2022-23	2023-24

APPENDIX 1 YSTRADGYNLAIS TOWN COUNCILLORS 2022-2023 and contact details

Abercraf Ward		
Cllr Justin Horrell	07825111786	Plaid Cymru
Cllr. Adrian Williams	07816758813	Labour Party
Cllr. Georgia Burdett	07725911468	Plaid Cymru
Cwmtwrch & Gurnos Ward		
Cllr. Leighton Evans	07866435715	No political affiliation
Cllr. Josh Morgan		Labour Party
Cllr. Nigel Craddock	07423015723	Independent
Cllr. Wayne Thomas	01639 831261	Labour Party
Ystradgynlais Ward		
Cllr. Meurig Evans	01639849983	No political affiliation
Cllr. Michael Allen	07541833515	No political affiliation
Cllr. Carl Williams	07958365676	No political affiliation
Cllr. Martin Donnelly	07984640181	No political affiliation
Cllr. Richard P.G. Millington	07780667209	No political affiliation
Ynyscedwyn Ward		
Cllr. Cenydd Nickels	01639 842181	Plaid Cymru
Cllr. Geraint Roberts	07790046019	Plaid Cymru
Cllr. Martyn Shrewsbury	07592330467	Labour Party
Cllr. Graham A. Davies	01639 845596	No political affiliation

APPENDIX 2 Key Contact Information 2022-23

1. Chairman of the Council Cllr. Martin Donnelly Email: mfdonnelly@sky.com Mob: 07984640181
2. Vice Chairman of the Council Cllr. Graham A. Davies Email: cllrgadavies@gmail.com Tel: 01639 845596
3. Clerk & Responsible Finance Officer Mr. Brian Rees Email: ystradtowncouncil@btinternet.com
Tel: 01639 845269 Mob:07984497084
4. Deputy Clerk Mrs. Jane Conroy Email: deputyclerk.ystradtowncouncil@gmail.com Mob 07726431255

APPENDIX 3 Appointment of Committees

(a) Planning Committee

1. A planning Committee be established to include all Council Members with plenary powers to decide on observations to be submitted to the Powys County council on planning applications.
2. Meetings of the Planning Committee to be convened as and when necessary, during each month so that observations are submitted to Powys County Council within the prescribed period and reports of the meetings be submitted to the next suitable meeting of the Council.
3. In the event of Members present at any meeting of the Planning Committee not being unanimous on the observations to be submitted, or when the application is of an important nature, then the application shall be submitted for consideration to the next meeting of the Council.
4. The deputy Clerk be responsible for receiving planning applications from the Powys County Council, convening meetings of the Planning Committees, submitting observations to the County Council and report thereon to the next suitable meeting of the Council.

(b) Ward Committees

1. Ward Committees shall be established to include all Council ward members for the following Wards: -

Ystradgynlais Ward	5 Members
Ynyscedwyn Ward	4 Members
Cwmtwrch Ward	4 Members
Abercraf Ward	3 Members

2. Ward Committees shall have plenary powers under the Council's Small Contract Scheme for paths, parks, open spaces maintenance, improvement, and Ward projects.
 - (i) Determine work programs and estimated expenditure, and the submission thereof to the Council for approval in January of each year for the contract work to be undertaken in the next financial year.
 - (ii) Carry out the works by engaging contractors identified on the Council's approved list.
 - (iii) Allow any two of the Ward Members and the Clerk or Technical Adviser to issue, monitor and approve the contractor identified on the Council's approved list.
 - (iv) To inform the Council regarding the letting of a contract, the name of the contractor so that the Council can approve payment.

(c) Urgent Action

Resolved that the Chairman, Vice Chairman, and appropriate Ward Members, acting together be given plenary powers to deal with matters requiring urgent immediate action between the Council's Ordinary Meeting.

In addition, that where correspondence is received by the Town Clerk which is deemed to warrant investigation by the Chairman and Vice Chairman, then the Ward members to which the correspondence relates would be contacted in order to provide a report to the next Ordinary Meeting of the Council in relation to the content of the correspondence.

(d) Management Sub Committee

Resolved that:-

- (a) The Membership of the Management Sub Committee shall consist of the Chairman of the Council and four Council Members, one from each Ward. Appointment on the Sub Committee to be confirmed at the Annual Meeting of the Council held normally in May of every Municipal Year.
- (b) The Chairman of the Sub Committee shall be appointed annually each year at the first meeting of the Management Sub Committee following the Councils Annual Meeting.
- (c) A quorum for any meeting of the Sub Committee shall be at least four Council Members. Should the appointed Council Member be unavailable for any reason to attend a meeting of the Sub Committee then the Ward Chairman or in his/her absence the Ward Vice Chairman be authorized to appoint a substitute within the Ward to attend the said meeting.
- (d) Each Member of the Sub Committee shall have one vote apart from the Chairman who in addition to his/her normal vote shall also have a casting vote in a situation where there is an equal number of votes on an issue.
- (e) The main purpose of the Sub Committee will be to assist the council in the discharge of its services to the community and to deal with relevant financial and staffing issues.
- (f) The power of the Sub Committee will be limited in that no direct decisions are taken on the issues addressed and it will be the responsibility of the Sub Committee to make recommendations to the Council on all issues. The Sub Committee will also undertake a monitoring role on behalf of the Council on certain functions as required such as project management, financial control issues relating to the Council's accounts.
- (g) Examples of other areas of work that the Council may discharge to the Sub Committee will include: -
Personnel/Training, Health and Safety, Project Monitoring, Accounts Monitoring, Welfare Hall matters.
The above list is not exhaustive, and the Council may from time to time allocate other specific work to the Sub Committee as deemed appropriate.
- (h) In addition to the Chairman of the Council Cllr Martin Donnelly the Ward appointed Members on this Sub Committee for the Municipal Year 2022 23 are Cllrs. R. Millington, G. A. Davies, N. Craddock and A. Williams.

APPENDIX 4 Representatives on Outside bodies

The Town Council is represented on the following outside bodies by the members as listed.

One Voice Wales	Cllrs. G. Davies & M. Evans
Ystradgynlais Welfare & Community Hall	Cllrs. M.Allen & R. Millington
Ystradgynlais Volunteer Service	Cllr. M. Shrewsbury
Tick Tock Community Bowls	Cllrs. G. Davies & C. Nickels
Open Cast Liaison Committee	Cllr. M. Evans
Ystradgynlais Focus on Health Committee	Cllr. M. Donnelly
Discover Ystradgynlais	Cllr. L. Evans
Recreational Ground Steering Committee	Cllrs. W. Thomas & G. Roberts
Nant Helen Open Cast liaison	Cllrs M. Evans
Nant Helen Restoration Committee	Cllrs. M. Eans & A. Williams
Abercraf Welfare Hall	Cllr. A. Williams
Cwmtwrch Welfare Hall	Cllr.L. Evans & J. Morgan
Brecon Disabled Access Group	Cllr M Shrewsbury
Ystradgynlais Community Centre	Cllr. M. Allen
Governor Ysgol y Cribarth	Cllr. J. Horrell
GovernorYsgol Bro Tawe	Cllr. M. Shrewsbury
Ysgol Dyffryn y Glowyr	Tawe Uchaf Council Representative
Ysgol Golwg y Cwm	Tawe Uchaf Council Representative

APPENDIX 5 Grants awarded to local Organizations & Societies 2022-2023

(a) General Grants

1st Ynyscedwyn Scout Group	£400
Blodau	£300
Community Dreams	£500
Cor Dathlu Cwmtawe Male Choir	£300
Cor Y Gyrlais	£500
Glantawe Theatre Company	£500
Joseph Herman Art Foundation	£500
Penrhos Allotments	£500
Tawe Pickleball Club	£250
Tawe Voices	£500
Thursday Club	£250
Welsh OAP's	£300
Ystradgynlais Amenities and Conveniences Assoc.	£500
Ystradgynlais Community Car Scheme	£500
Ystradgynlais District Language & Heritage Society	£500
Ystradgynlais Girl Guides	£500
Ystradgynlais Hard of Hearing	£400
Ystradgynlais Ladies Bowls	£100
Ystradgynlais RFC Mini/Jrs	£400
Ainon Chapel Sisterhood	£300

Discover Ystradgynlais	£500
Abercraf Happy Helpers	£500
CAB (IT Equipment)	£500
Starry Valleys Family	£300

(b) Warm Spaces Grants

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Community Dreams	£1,000
Abercrave Happy Helpers	£1300
Ystradgynlais Welfare Hall	£1500
Friends of Ystradgynlais Library	£ 600
St Cynog's Church	£ 600
Ystradgynlais Volunteer Centre	£1500

(c) Jubilee Grants

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Discover Ystradgynlais	£ 433.81
Ystradgynlais Community Centre	£ 433.81
Cwmtwrch Welfare Hall	£ 132.38