

Annex A

Llanelli Town Council Town Annual Report to the Public Service Board

2018-2019 Civic Year

Introduction

<p>Outline of Council</p> <p>Indication of what could be included:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Number and names of councillors• Name of Mayor/Leader• Name of clerk and officers• Geographical area of Council• Number of residents represented• Any other relevant information	<p>Llanelli Town Council</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• 22 Council Members.• Town Mayor for 2018-19 Cllr David Darkin• Council Leader is Cllr Shahana Najmi• Council Clerk is D. Gary Jones• Town Council area is made up of 5 Electoral Wards, Bigyn, Elli, Glanymor, Lliedi and Tyisha (all 5 are designated as areas of deprivation).• Precept of £900,000 for 2018-19.• Serves a population of over 25,000.• Provide 7 Community Centres, 5 Playing Fields / Parks, Selwyn Samuel Indoor Bowls Centre and Conference Venue and Stebonheath Football Ground.• The Council funds a number of Community Groups and Activities.• The Council provides funding and support to activities at Parc Howard.• Employ 6 full staff (including a dedicated Community Development Officer) and a number of Part Time Caretakers / Cleaners/Litter Pickers.• The Town Council publishes an Annual Report of its activities (Annex A)
<p>What is the Council's Vision/Objectives?</p>	<p>The Council is committed to providing services and facilities which meet the needs of the people of Llanelli Town: it will also act as a voice for the communities it represents.</p>

The Council's mission statement is to serve the needs and aspirations of the town and the electors which it represents as fully, professionally and effectively as possible.

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 Town Council works to ensure that County Council, Police, Welsh Government and other authorities take account of the needs of our Community when making decisions that affect our residents. The Council uses the powers and resources available to it to proactively and quickly react to the needs of the Community and provide appropriate levels of relevant services to our Community.

<p>How has the Council embedded the five ways of working into its planning and working arrangements?</p> <p>What approach has the Council taken to embed the national well-being goals into its plans?</p>	<p>Long Term The importance of balancing short-term needs with the need to safeguard the ability to also meet long-term needs.</p>	<p>Llanelli Town Council is one of 7 Councils in Carmarthenshire and one of 59 in Wales that is subject to the duty, the Council has been pro-active in these areas of work and is committed to publishing a report detailing its progress in meeting the objectives set out in the Well-being Plan.</p> <p>Taking account on a National Level, the 7 key goals and 5 principle ways of working (stated alongside), the Town has embedded each of these aspects in its policies, activities and procedures. All new initiatives are assessed closely to ensure they are implemented in a way that takes the five ways of working and national goals into account.</p> <p>The Town Council is in a strong position in relation to these new requirements as it was an early adopter of the principle ways of working for Community Development and the 7 key goals. The Council also became part of the ‘early adopters’ scheme for the Well-being of Future Generations draft bill.</p> <p>The Llanelli Town Council Community Activity and Development Work Programme for 2018-19 is linked to these goals through assessing each work area against the local PSB well being assessment. (See Annex B).</p> <p>The Community Development service is driven by Community Activity and encourages all organisations at ground level to work within these principles. This</p>
	<p>Prevention How acting to prevent problems occurring or getting worse may help public bodies meet their objectives.</p>	
	<p>Integration Considering how the public body’s well-being objectives may impact upon each of the well-being goals, on their other objectives, or on the objectives of other public bodies.</p>	
	<p>Collaboration Acting in collaboration with any other person (or different parts of the body itself) that could help the body to meet its well-being objectives.</p>	
	<p>Involvement The importance of involving people with an interest in achieving the well-being goals, and ensuring that those people reflect the diversity of the area which the body serves.</p>	

		<p>included the Llanelli Community Partnership creating the ‘Llanelli we want’ way of working within our Community. Additionally the People Speak Up project has recently developed the Young People’s Voices activity programme ensuring young people’s voices are taken into account by the statutory organisations serving the Community. These work streams clearly demonstrate and reflect the 5 principle ways of working.</p> <p>In readiness for 2018-19, the Town Council provided training to all members on the Act. Members continues to be provided with support in relation to the Councils duties in this area. The Council established a Well-Being of Future Generations Working Group of Councillors in 2017. The Group met in June and November 2017 to actively participate in the needs assessment for the Carmarthenshire We Want 2018-2023 plan and met again in December 2018 to review progress against the Town Councils current plans. The Group worked with Officers during March and April 2019 to prepare for and draft this Town Council annual report.</p> <p>The Town Council has over the last three years provided an Annual Work Programme, which is presented to the Council’s Building and Finance Committee annually with a 6 monthly review provided of progress. The 2019-20 work programme has already been approved by the Town Council. The Town Council Community Development Officer provides monthly update reports</p>
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What approach has the Council taken to embed the four PSB well-being objectives into its plans?

Healthy Habits

People have a good quality of life, make healthy choices about their lives and environment.

Early Intervention

To make sure that people have the right help at the right time; as and when they need it.

Strong Connections

Strongly connected people, places and organisations that are able to adapt to change.

Prosperous People

To maximise opportunities for people and places in both urban and rural parts of our county. and Places

Llanelli Town Council is one of 7 Councils in Carmarthenshire and one of 59 in Wales that is subject to the duty, the Council has been pro-active in these areas of work and is committed to publishing a report detailing its progress in meeting the objectives set out in the Well-being Plan.

Taking account of the local PSB well-being objectives (stated alongside), the Town has embedded each of these aspects in its policies, activities and procedures. All new initiatives are assessed on their impact upon these objectives.

Llanelli Town Council have on a local basis, been active in the development of the PSB well-being assessment and the drafting of the Carmarthenshire We Want. Llanelli Town Councillors have attended work sessions during the assessment period.

Llanelli Town Council Officers have been instrumental in developing network working groups to assist with the development of the well-being assessment and reporting mechanisms.

The Town Council has continued to be in a strong position in relation to these new requirements as it was an early adopter of the principle ways of working for Community Development and the 7 key goals. The Council also became part of the 'early adopters' scheme for the Well-being of Future Generations draft bill.

The Llanelli Town Council Community Activity and Development Work Programme for 2018-19 is linked to these goals and targets with each work area assessed against which of the 7 goals and Carmarthenshire We Want well-being objectives they are actively working towards (See Annex B).

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Report of Steps Taken & Progress Made – See Annex B

Carmarthenshire PSB Well-being Objective	Steps to be taken by the Town/Community Council that contribute to the Well-being Objective	Progress <i>What have you done so far?</i> <i>How are you tracking progress?</i> <i>How effective have you been? (RAG Status)</i> <i>What is the improvement for different communities?</i>
Healthy Habits: People have a good quality of life, and make healthy choices about their lives and environment		
Early Intervention: To make sure that people have the right help at the right time; as and when they need it		
Strong Connections: Strongly connected people, places and organisations that are able to adapt to change		
Prosperous People and Places: To maximise opportunities for people and places in both urban and rural parts of our county		

Contribution to the National Well-being Goals – See Annex B

Other activity that the Town/Community Council is undertaking that contributes to the National Goals

National Goal	Local Activity
<p>A Prosperous Wales: An innovative, productive and low carbon society which recognises the limits of the Global environment and therefore uses resources efficiently and proportionately, 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.</p>	
<p>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.</p>	
<p>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</p>	
<p>A More Equal Wales: A society that enables people to fulfil their potential no matter what their background or circumstances</p>	
<p>A Wales of Cohesive Communities: Attractive, viable, safe and well-connected communities</p>	

National Goal	Local Activity
<p>A Wales of Vibrant Culture and Thriving Welsh Language: where we have lots of opportunities to do different things and where lots of people can speak Welsh</p>	
<p>A Globally Responsible Wales: where we look after the Environment and think about other people around the World</p>	

Implementing the Act

An opportunity to reflect on how things are going.

<p>What opportunities have the Council encountered and how have these been best utilised?</p>	<p>The Town Council has taken opportunities that have arisen in order to make positive change within our Community, examples include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Completion of asset transfer from the County Council of 4 Play Areas and Playing Fields • Working with partner organisations such as Police, Fire, County Council, Welsh Government on a project in Tyisha Ward looking to improve the community for all residents. • Working in partnership with Carmarthenshire County Council on the management of Parc Howard Museum and Grounds, ensuring the facility is improved for the whole community and kept in public ownership. • Working in partnership with Unloved Heritage, People Speak Up, Ty Golau and Llanelli Community Partnership are but a few, to provide opportunities and activities for hard to reach organisations and individuals. • Facilitating a number of forums on specific work areas including, Cancer Network, Dementia and Town Centre Officers Working Group. • Utilising Council Powers to fund around 80 Sporting and Community Groups, Organisation and events. • Working with and match funding the Llanelli Business Improvement District to arrange a series of around 10 Town Centre Events bringing first class entertainment to the Town Centre. • Working more closely with other Town and Community Councils who are subject to the act in order to develop reporting mechanisms and sharing of best practice. Local Council Community Development Officers have created a network group to enable further development and to support each other in these areas.
<p>Has the Council encountered any barriers and if so what actions have been/are being taken to overcome these?</p>	<p>Barriers experienced by the Town Council have included:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Delays with the asset transfer process meaning that the Town Council has not been able to implement the improvements we would wish to complete as quickly as anticipated. • Changes to funding bodies and structures across Wales • Lengthy nature of the consultation process relating to the Tyisha project. The full scale targeted approach to the ward has proved difficult for the Community to react to.

<p>What challenges has the Council faced and what measures have been put in place to overcome them?</p>	<p>Challenges experienced by the Council included:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The changing expectation of what the Town Council should be delivering within the Community. The Town Council was in a strong position to react to these continuing additional expectations with a core group of qualified, committed and experienced staff. • How these impacts will affect future Council decisions in relation to further responsibilities is difficult to predict.
<p>Are there any matters the PSB could support delivery/progress on?</p>	