

LLANELLI TOWN COUNCIL

ORDINARY MEETING

12th January 2022

In accordance with the provisions of Schedule 12 of the Local Government Act 1972 and Section 47 of the Local Government and Elections (Wales) Act 2021 the **ORDINARY MEETING** of **LLANELLI TOWN COUNCIL** was held **REMOTELY** and at The Old Vicarage, Town Hall Square, Llanelli, on Monday, 12th January 2022 at 6.00 p.m.

PRESENT: Councillor M.D. Cranham, J.P. (Town Mayor)

Councillors

Bigyn Ward

J.S. Edmunds
L.A. Edmunds
C.A. Reed
W.E. Skinner

Elli Ward

D.Ll. Darkin
J.P. Jenkins (Leader of
the Council)
N.J. Pearce

Glanymor Ward

J.E. Jones, J.P.
J.G. Prosser
S.L. Rees (Deputy Town Mayor)
B.A.L. Roberts

Lliedi Ward

C. Griffiths
S.J. Griffiths
S. Najmi
P.T. Warlow

Tyisha Ward

S.A. Curry
T. Davies
A.S.J. McPherson

APOLOGIES: Councillors M.P. Edmunds and J. Williams.

58. MAYORAL ANNOUNCEMENT

The Town Mayor (Councillor M.D. Cranham, J.P.) referred to the recent passing of Councillor Winston Lemon which had been acknowledged in previous meetings but, as this was the first Full Council since his untimely demise members observed a minute's silence as a token of respect.

59. LLANELLI PARISH CHURCH

The Town Mayor (Councillor M.D. Cranham) welcomed Hywel Houghton Jones, a representative of the United Benefice of Bro Lliedi in the absence of the Reverend Canon Huw Mosford, and asked Mr. Houghton Jones to give his presentation on the proposed improvement works to the Parish Church.

Mr. Houghton Jones began his presentation by outlining the planned improvement works which incorporated three areas of work:

- improving the entrance on the west side of the Church through provision of a disabled ramp;
- creating two toilets within the tower area, one disabled and one unisex;
- the creation of a community room suitable for up to 40 people in the vestry area which would be accessible via a portable ramp when required.

The total cost of the improvement works was estimated to be £360,000 including VAT, however the VAT was recoverable, bringing the total project cost down to just under £300,000. The Church of Wales have allocated a grant of £162,000 and further grant sourcing of £90,000 had been obtained leaving a shortfall of £44,000 currently being raise through other avenues.

Mr. Houghton Jones pointed out that unless these improvement works were completed there was a chance that the Church would close as the local Diocese had said they would no longer be able to supplement the Church's expenditure.

Members were also informed that the Parish Church was steeped in history, and it was felt that it would increase the footfall into the town centre, complementing Llanelly House and the Library. It was also explained that the Church was part of the John Wesley pilgrimage route which if advertised appropriately could bring tourism to the Town, benefitting the Church and wider Community with use made of the improved facilities proposed.

The Church has received the support of Carmarthenshire County Council, Llanelli Rural Council, Nia Griffith, M.P. and Lee Watters, M.S., along with 120 letters of support. Reference was made to the Town Council's previous decision to only note the Church's request for support, and this was felt to have had a detrimental effect on their search for additional funding towards the project.

Members, together with a member of the public who was in attendance, asked several questions, which included whether there was a need for the Community Room and whether provision had been made to ensure the Room would conform to current legislation. Mr. Houghton Jones provided responses and additional information on all the issues raised and confirmed that a ramp would be provided to enable disabled access to the Community Room and other areas of the church.

The Town Mayor (Councillor M.D. Cranham J.P.) thanked Mr. Houghton Jones for his presentation after which it was

RESOLVED – that consideration to the Church’s request for support be deferred until the February 2022 Council meeting.

60. VERIFICATION AND CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

RESOLVED – that the following minutes of the Town Council, its committees, and joint committees (prints of which having been previously circulated to members) be taken as read, and the same are hereby verified, received and confirmed respectively: -

Llanelli Town Council	1 st December 2021
Planning, Licensing and Consultation Committee	13 th December 2021
Building and Finance Committee	13 th December 2021

61. COMMUNITY SUPPORT PROGRAMME

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT OFFICER’S REPORT

Further to Minute No. 51(1) of the Committee meeting held on 1st December 2021, consideration was given to the written report of the Community Development Officer (copies having been previously circulated to members). The report dealt with the following:

(1) UPDATES AND ACTIVITIES

The Town Council continues to support projects that can be delivered safely within the Covid guidelines for Wales, updated information on these are as follows:

Community

- **Llanelli Community Partnership** – December saw the Community Partnership deliver a food parcel project for homeless communities, a Christmas card school project and a community sing along, all were well received. The Community Partnership is due to meet at the end of January online.
- **Carmarthenshire Toy Box appeal and Christmas Tree project 2022** - delivered by Carmarthenshire Youth Service during 2021 the Toy Box Appeal was well received and supported several families in Llanelli. Following feedback and supported by the BID in Llanelli Town Centre a recycled Christmas tree project for 2022 has been quietly launched. The project is seeking 40 recycled artificial Christmas trees that can be donated to families for Christmas 2022, the project will run alongside the Christmas Toy Appeal 2022 project.

- **Leave Only Pawprints Project**- On Friday 7th January in Peoples' Park, Crown Park, Penyfan Park and Penygaer Playing Fields, community groups and Town Council wards members met to learn more about the project and to use chalk spray to mark key messages in the parks, the hash tag for the project is the national hash tag #BagitBinit.

The project looks to support the keys messages of the national *Leave Only Pawprints* project with Keep Wales Tidy. In December 2021 a session was held with Old Road school as part of the Connect 2021 Citizenship project working with the primary schools in Llanelli. Further sessions will be held with the remaining 5 primary schools in Llanelli in the coming months. The project will work alongside the Carmarthenshire County Council Enforcement team.

Youth Projects

- **The Young Trader Project with Coedcae School** – The project was nominated for the Youth Excellence Awards 2021 under Partnership working. The project was short listed to the last 3 in Wales and recognised for its achievements of partnership working and opportunities for the young people <https://youtu.be/VmDJzOXS4IY> . Partner organisations were Carmarthenshire County Council Youth and Support Service, Dyfed Archaeological Trust, Llanelli Town Council and Coedcae School.
- **Connect 2021** – 2022 sees the Connect 2021 project continuing and taking part in the *Leave Only Pawprints* dog fouling project, a Junior Traders project working closely with Carmarthenshire County Council Market team and the Agen / Llanelli school link up project, all are due to take place in early 2022.
- **Junior Market Traders project** - Following the successful young traders event held on the 20th November in the Town Centre which saw a number of food producers and young traders coming together. The planned Junior Market project will be working with the Connect 2021 project and Llanelli Community Partnership to deliver in the Spring of 2022, the project is funded by the National Lottery Wales.

RESOLVED – that the information be noted

This meets goals 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6 and 7 of The Wellbeing of Future Generation Act 2015.

(2) LLANELLI PHARMABEE PROJECT

The Llanelli Pharmabee project is a partnership between Penrhos and Pentip schools, Pentre Awel, Llanelli Town Council, Llanelli Community Partnership, Connect 2021, Fusion, the National Botanical Gardens of Wales and Cardiff University. Whilst in its early stage of planning a honeybee hive is now in place in Penrhos school with beekeeper volunteer managers and training currently underway. The bees are expected

to arrive in late February. The creation of new green spaces planting areas and a Bee Highway in and around the Penrhos and Pentip schools in Llanelli has been identified.

The project will see opportunities for a planned educational trip to the National Botanical Gardens of Wales, a community film on the project and educational resources. Further information will follow.

RESOLVED – that the information be noted

This meets goals 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6 and 7 of The Wellbeing of Future Generation Act 2015.

(3) THE QUEENS PLATINUM JUBILEE PROJECT

Further information has been received in relation to Her Majesty the Queen's Platinum Jubilee celebrations on the weekend of 2nd - 5th June 2022. It is anticipated that the Queen's Platinum Jubilee Beacons will be a major part of the celebrations with additional expected activities to include the Town Criers Proclamation, Buglers undertaking the Bugle Call 'Majesty', and choirs to sing the 'Song of the Commonwealth' on the 2nd June along with a community lunch on the 5th June. Further information will follow as Community activities are finalised.

RESOLVED – that the information be noted

This meets goals 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6 and 7 of The Wellbeing of Future Generation Act 2015.

(4) COMMUNICATION

For the latest information for Llanelli and community updates in Carmarthenshire the following web addresses can still be accessed please see below:

<http://newsroom.carmarthenshire.gov.wales>

<http://connectcarmarthenshire.org.uk>

<http://www.cavs.org.uk>

www.dewis.wales

Direct referrals can still be made to Delta Wellbeing or Carmarthenshire County Council Contact Centre on 01267 234567 or Delta Wellbeing the contact number 03003332222.

Funding – The Community Development Officer, when necessary, sends out funding information to Members via email. Funding support can also be given via Emma Lazlo funding adviser for the Community Bureau at Carmarthenshire County Council.

RESOLVED – that the information be noted

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(5) DATES FOR DIARIES, COMMUNITY ACTIVITY EXAMPLES FOR JANUARY 2022

Due to COVID-19 some community activity continues online with face-to-face provision.

- Story Care and Share – Online gathering and connectivity project, 11.30am on Wednesday and 6.00pm on Friday night.

- Homeless provision being provided in Llanelli (however may be subject to change):
 - Ty Gwyn continue to support on a Saturday evening – 5.30pm – 7.00pm
 - Greenfield Baptist Church on a Wednesday
 - Sosban Soup Station are supporting on a Sunday night at Paddock Street Community Centre 5.30pm – 7.00pm.
- Multicultural Network every Tuesday from 10.30am-12.30om at EJS Cafe Vauxhall Rd Llanelli.
- Elevenes - Dementia drop-in group, Ffwrnes Fach 11.00am Friday morning.
- Young People Speak Up Ffwrnes Fach every Wednesday 5.00pm, a drop-in centre for young people 12-20 years of age.

62. MATTERS FOR INFORMATION

RESOLVED – that the undermentioned matters be noted (copies of which having previously been circulated to members):

- (1) One Voice Wales Carmarthen Area Committee Meeting held on 27th October 2021;
- (2) Welsh Government – Appropriate Sum Section 137 Expenditure Limit for 2022-23.

FURTHER RESOLVED - that the undermentioned matters be noted (copies of which having previously been circulated by email):

- (3) One Voice Wales Mid and West Wales Fire Service Presentation;
- (4) Welsh Government – Draft Budget 2022-23;
- (5) Welsh Government - Wales’ national milestones under the seven well-being goals, national well-being indicators and second edition of the Future Trends Report Wales;
- (6) Welsh Government – Reports on Councillor remuneration and citizen engagement in Wales;
- (7) Hywel Dda Community Health Council – December Newsletter.

The Meeting concluded at 6.45 p.m.