

## LLANELLI TOWN COUNCIL

### ORDINARY MEETING

13<sup>th</sup> September 2021

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, 13<sup>th</sup> September 2021 at 6.00 p.m.

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

### Councillors

#### **Bigyn Ward**

C.A. Reed  
W.E. Skinner

#### **Elli Ward**

D.Ll. Darkin  
J.P. Jenkins  
N.J. Pearce

#### **Glanymor Ward**

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

#### **Lliedi Ward**

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

#### **Tyisha Ward**

S.A. Curry  
A.S.J. McPherson

**APOLOGIES:** Councillors J.S. Edmunds, L.A. Edmunds and T. Davies.

## 29. 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	19 <sup>th</sup> July 2021
Planning, Licensing and Consultation Committee	19 <sup>th</sup> July 2021
Building and Finance Committee	19 <sup>th</sup> July 2021

## 30. COMMUNITY SUPPORT PROGRAMME

### COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT OFFICER'S REPORT

Further to Minute No. 26 of the Committee meeting held on 19<sup>th</sup> July 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:

- **Play Works Holiday Project** – July 2021 saw the introduction of the *Play Works Holiday Project*, which provides a community-based play provision and Street Play in and around the streets of Llanelli. The project targeted areas that have been identified by Carmarthenshire County Council as requiring support focusing on those 0-25 years of age. The project launched on the green space area at Maes y Gors on 23<sup>rd</sup> July and finished with a celebration event that was attended by Llanelli Mayor Cllr Cranham on Saturday 28<sup>th</sup> August. The project saw back to basics community street play, creating a space to chat and play games and was open to all from the area.
- **Young Traders Project** - the National Market UK finals took place in Stratford Upon Avon on 28<sup>th</sup> August with Hannah Megan Jewellery representing both Llanelli and Wales. Following the success of the event partners are looking at the possibility of establishing a monthly youth trader market providing test trading days for young people with a business idea. The project continues to be supported by Carmarthenshire County Council Markets Department, Llanelli Town Council, the My Time Project, Coleg Sir Gar and Coedcae School.

Councillor J.P. Jenkins congratulated Hannah on behalf of the Council on reaching the finals and although she did not win wished her every success in her future endeavours.

## (2) LLANELLI MULTICULTURAL NETWORK BREAKING BARRIERS PROJECT - HERITAGE LOTTERY FUNDING

Llanelli Multicultural Network has been invited to submit a second-round funding application to the National Lottery Breaking Barriers scheme. The scheme is intended to help organisations working with excluded and disadvantaged communities to identify and remove barriers to community involvement in nature. The aim is to co-produce the programme for the future, to enable participation in nature, co-creating ideas, plans and projects that will create a local place for nature.

This funding is for:

- Organisations working with Black and minority ethnic, refugee, Gypsy, Roma and Traveller community groups;
- Those working with people in the 30% most deprived areas;
- Previous recipients of Local Places for Nature grants to move on to the next step of developing their places for nature in their community.

Llanelli Multicultural Network was formed in 2007 and are an umbrella organisation supporting people from BAME communities. They continue to work closely with specific community groups that include:

- Gurkha Nepalese Association
- Llanelli Polish School
- Polish Association
- Syria Sir Gar (supporting Syrian refugee families and now looking to support Afghan refugee families too)
- Llanelli Travelers Community
- LBGTQ+ Network Llanelli

The Network also works closely with organisations such as:

- Llanelli Town Council
- Llanelli Community Partnership
- St Pauls' Family Centre
- Llanelli Rural Council
- Carmarthenshire County Council
- CAVS

Llanelli Multicultural Network has a track record of delivering projects, events and activities. These have often been delivered in partnership with other organisations and groups. These events include the annual (pre-covid) Multicultural Shows, International Women's Day, Black History Month events and working with Syria Sir Gar to deliver welcome events etc for Syrian families and community members. Since 2010 they have run a weekly multicultural drop-in centre (pre pandemic, based in St Paul's Family Centre) run by volunteers offering free English classes help and support for people from BAME communities.

The proposed project is to act on an identified need to give people from the BAME communities in Llanelli an opportunity and pathway to connect with nature. The evidence has been gathered through our consultations with community members and representatives of sections of the BAME community and have recorded their comments regarding need.

**RESOLVED** – that the information be noted and the application made is supported.  
**This meets goals 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6 and 7 of The Wellbeing of Future Generation Act 2015.**

### (3) 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](http://www.dewis.wales)

Direct referrals can 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  
**This meets goals 1, 2, 3, 4, 5 and 6 of The Wellbeing of Future Generation Act 2015.**

### (4) MIND OUR FUTURE LLANELLI

The Lottery Funded Mind Our Future scheme is a £10 million grant programme to put young people in the lead so that they can imagine and create a more resilient and mentally healthy future for young people in Wales. Its focus and aims have been co-designed with the [young people in the lead team](#), a team of young people from across Wales.

The aims of the programme are to empower young people to:

- create and implement a vision for a more resilient and mentally healthy future for young people in their community.
- design and develop new solution-focussed approaches to young people's mental health and resilience, with a focus on:
  - addressing mental health inequalities that were highlighted and made worse by the COVID-19 pandemic;

- designing new ways to prevent mental health problems from developing or getting worse, and ensure young people get the right support at the right time, wherever they turn for help;
- strengthening young people's long-term access to resilience assets in their lives and communities;
- bringing lasting changes that increase the ability of systems and/or communities to build young people's resilience and tackle the root causes of mental health problems and adversity.

Who'll benefit from the funding?

- a specific age range of young people;
- young people who are in a specific location;
- young people who share a specific characteristic – for example, sexual orientation, ethnic background or experience of the care system.

Llanelli Town Council has supported the development of the first stage proposal for a project that puts young people in Llanelli at the forefront of developing interventions that will address their mental health support needs, as well as increasing their capacity for resilience in the face of adversity. It builds on the outcome of consultations held thus far with young people and their observations about current provision, as well as their experiences during the pandemic, and its impacts. Through these, young people have identified the need for enhanced services. Llanelli is therefore bidding to become one of 10 projects to be supported by the National Lottery over the next 5 years.

The project will complement, and be additional to, existing provision, and be guided by a vision of a future within which the mental well-being of young people is enhanced. Therefore, it will not provide a replication of, or substitution for any existing services. The project is intended to focus on the geographical area of the Llanelli Town Council wards.

It is envisaged that the project will focus on issues such as:

- developing early intervention support to reduce the likelihood of underlying issues resulting in a deterioration of young people's mental well-being;
- increasing the level and nature of support available to young people experiencing poor mental health;
- overcoming the disproportionate presence and impacts of poor mental health in certain sections of the community, including those worsened by the Covid-19 pandemic;
- improving young people's understanding of issues relating to mental well-being and providing them with the skills and understanding to developing their resilience in overcoming these;
- increasing the level of support within the wider community is available to young people, in order that they can access it when necessary.
- investigating creative approaches to resilience, empowerment and community engagement.

The project has developed a Partnership which consists of:

- The Centre for Building Social Action (CBSA)
- Connecting Youth, Children and Adults (CYCA)
- People Speak Up (PSU)
- Iechyd Dda (Hywel Dda UHB)
- Carmarthenshire County Council Youth Service
- Hywel Dda UHB Child and Adolescent Mental Health Services

These will be supplemented by other delivery partners as appropriate.

**Strategic** partners will include:

- Carmarthenshire County Council
- Hywel Dda UHB Primary Care Services
- Llanelli Town Council
- Hywel Dda UHB Child and Adolescent Mental Health Services

Further information will be presented to the Council as the bid is developed.

**RESOLVED** – that the information be noted

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

#### **(5) DATES FOR DIARIES, COMMUNITY ACTIVITY EXAMPLE FOR SEPTEMBER – OCTOBER 2021**

Due to COVID-19 some community activity continues online with limited face to face provision as lockdown measures are still in place.

- Swansea / Scarlets Kicks project, Peoples' Park every Friday night 5.00pm and Seaside's Kicks project at Ysgol Penrhos every Tuesday 5.00pm
- Llanelli Tenovus Choir – Daily online and telephone support.
- Story Care and Share – Online gathering and connectivity project, 11.30am on Wednesday and 6.00pm on Friday night.
- FAN - Family and Neighbour Group, online on a Monday 11.00am, Wednesday 2.00pm and Friday at 11.00am, offering friendship and support, reserve a place.
- 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 5.30pm – 7.00pm
- Llanelli Vintage Festival – Saturday 18th September
- Llanelli Food and Drink Festival 2021 – Saturday 16th October

### **31. PARC HOWARD**

#### **PARC HOWARD COLLABORATION GROUP**

Further to Minute No. 14 of the Town Council meeting held on 17<sup>th</sup> May 2021, members received for information copies of Notes of the Parc Howard Collaboration Group meeting held on 23<sup>rd</sup> July 2021 (copies having been previously circulated to members).

**RESOLVED** – that the information be noted.

### **32. MATTERS FOR INFORMATION**

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

- (1) Llanelli Task Force Sub Working Group – Minutes of meetings held on 13<sup>th</sup> July and 20<sup>th</sup> August 2021;

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

- (2) Code of Conduct Personal Interest questions;
- (3) One Voice Wales August News Bulletin;
- (4) Welsh Government Electoral Reform Newsletter July and August 2021;
- (5) Welsh Government Request for Honour Nominations;
- (6) Hywel Dda Community Health Council August and September Updates;
- (7) Natural Resources Wales Newsletter No. 1
- (8) Older People's Commissioner Newsletter September 2021.

### **33. PUBLIC BODIES (ADMISSION TO MEETING) ACT, 1960**

**RESOLVED** – that in view of the confidential nature of the business to be transacted the following matters be considered in private and that the power of exclusion of the public under Section 1(2) of the Public Bodies (Admission to Meetings) Act, 1960 be exercised.

### **34. YSBYTY ENFYS SELWYN SAMUEL CENTRE**

Further to Minute No. 13 of the Selwyn Samuel Centre Committee meeting held on 8<sup>th</sup> March 2021, members received an update in respect of the continuation of the field hospital at the Selwyn Samuel Centre until 31st March 2022.

Members were reminded that the centre had been placed into hibernation by the Hywel Dda University Health Board (HDUHB).

During this time the centre has been staffed and in a state of readiness so that the building can return to a field hospital should the need arise over the coming winter period.

Since its hibernation the centre has been providing a base for the HDUHB Community Clinical Professionals and front-line care in the treatment of lymphoedema patients. Additional use will be made in providing staff training for around 160 trainee healthcare support workers in readiness for the predicted winter impacts.

Officers are currently inspecting the council's furniture and equipment that had been placed into storage during the conversion of the centre to a field hospital to ensure that they are ready for use when the centre returns to the council at the end of March 2022.

**RESOLVED** – that the information be noted, and the actions taken be fully endorsed and approved.

### **35. ASSET TRANSFER OF PENYGAER PLAYING FIELDS AND LLANERCH FIELD**

Further to Minute No. 31 of the Building and Finance Committee meeting held on 9<sup>th</sup> September 2020, members received an update in respect of progress with the proposed Asset Transfer of Penygaer Playing Fields, changing rooms and Llanerch Playing Field.

Members were informed that officers had met with Carmarthenshire County Council officers on 9<sup>th</sup> August to discuss the issue. Following that meeting the County Council have now agreed the following:

- The asset transfer of both locations in a single lease can now move forward on the following basis:
  - 99 year lease to the Town Council on the same terms as those entered into for the other Town Council parks and playing fields;
  - A clause to be included that excludes the lease from the landlord and tenant act, to enable a 12 month notice period should either location be required for educational purposes (an end / sunset clause will be included for this arrangement to come to an end);
  - Responsibility for the water storage tanks at Llanerch field would remain with Carmarthenshire County Council;
  - Responsibility for the Penygaer car park would remain with Carmarthenshire County Council, with access rights for the Town Council included in the lease;
  - A sub lease with Penygaer Management Committee for the Penygaer Playing Field and changing rooms could be agreed under the same terms.
- The 2 x maintenance grant contribution to be provided to the Town Council in the sum of £58,902 is still available.



### Next Steps

- The County Council will now provide the Town Council with a draft lease that can be considered by the Town Council Legal Representative;
- The County Council will confirm if the previous improvement grant for sub lease holders is still available (previously £4,000);
- A visit will be arranged to assess the current condition of the 2 changing rooms facilities with the Town Council Consultant Architect in order to understand the works requirements to be funded by the 2 x maintenance grant.

### Current Maintenance arrangements

As matters progress, the current arrangements will remain in place with the County Council maintaining the Llanerch field and Penygaer Changing rooms and the Town Council carrying out grounds maintenance of the Penygaer Playing Fields.

**RESOLVED** – that the information be noted and the actions taken by officers be endorsed.

The Meeting concluded at 6.13 p.m.