

LLANELLI TOWN COUNCIL

ORDINARY MEETING

1st March 2023

At the **ORDINARY MEETING** of **LLANELLI TOWN COUNCIL** held remotely and at The Old Vicarage, Town Hall Square, Llanelli on Wednesday, 1st March 2023 at 6.00 p.m.

PRESENT: Councillor P.T. Warlow (Town Mayor) (Presiding)

Councillors

Bigyn Ward

M.D. Cranham J.P.
D.Ll. Darkin (Leader of
the Council)
J.R. Williams

Elli Ward

J.P. Jenkins
N.J. Pearce (Deputy
Town Mayor)

Glanymor Ward

A.A. Carter
L. Fenris
J.E. Jones, J.P.
S.L. Rees
B.A.L. Roberts

Lliedi Ward

A.R. Bragoli
S. Greaney
A. Lochrie

Tyisha Ward

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

APOLOGIES: Councillors S. Evans and D.J. Nicholas.

92. MEMBERS' DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

No declarations of interest were made.

93. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

Further to Minute No. 86 of the Town Council meeting held on 1st February 2023, the Town Mayor (Councillor P.T. Warlow) noted that no members of the public were in attendance at this meeting.

94. 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 February 2023	209 - 217
Planning, Licensing and Consultation Committee	6 th February 2023	218 - 220
Building and Finance Committee	6 th February 2023	221 - 227
Stebonheath Development Committee	7 th February 2023	228 - 230
Ex Town Mayor's Committee	16 th February 2023	231 - 232
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Joint Standing Committee on Estimates		

95. TOWN MAYOR-ELECT

Upon the Proposition of Councillor D.Ll. Darkin (Leader of the Council) and Seconded by Councillor A.S.J. McPherson, it was

RESOLVED – that Councillor N.J. Pearce be appointed Town Mayor-Elect for the ensuing municipal year 2023/2024.

96. COMMUNITY SUPPORT PROGRAMME

COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT AND UPDATE

Further to Minute No. 88 of the Town Council meeting of 1st February 2023, 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:

COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT AND UPDATE

(1) UPDATES AND ACTIVITIES

Community

Syria Open Day was held on the 20th February at Ffwrnes Fach, in Partnership with People Speak Up, Llanelli Town Council and Syria Sir Gar. The *get to know you* event was open to families from the Syrian community as part of the resettlement programme in Llanelli. The event was well attended and gave an opportunity for all to take part in activities such as arts and crafts, gaming and to engage with the Hywel Dda University Health Board Diversity Team.

2023 Town Centre Pancake Race – Was held on Tuesday 21st February, Shrove Tuesday. The event was well attended with the Town Council sporting a team of 4 that came third. All proceeds from the annual fund-raising event went to supporting Morgans Army.

St David's Day / Dydd Gwyl Dewi 2023 Activity - Menter Cwm Gwendraeth Elli organised a Town Centre Walk for St David's Day with local schools from the area taking part, starting in the Town Centre at 10.00am in Spring Gardens. The Crafty Seniors Group provided St David's Day knitted crafts for some of the business in the Town Centre and the Old Vicarage. Llanelli Community Partnership arranged a *Come Cook With Me* event held on the 28th February at Ty Gwyn Church in the Town Centre.

Syria Fund Raiser Event – The devastating earthquakes in Turkey and Syria impacted a number of families in Llanelli and Carmarthenshire with family links to the affected areas in Syria. Working with the Multicultural Network and Syria Sir Gar, a fund raising evening was to take place on March 4th at Wesleyan Community Centre at 7.00pm.

The event would be hosted by the Syrian families and have a Syrian buffet and music.

Breaking Barriers Group - As part of the Llanelli Multicultural Network LMCN "Connecting to Nature Project" LMCN and experienced partner organisations supported by the Town Council continued to deliver sessions that provided interesting experiences, helping to further explore the barriers to engagement and participation amongst multicultural communities.

Initial discussions were held at the Multicultural Drop-in Centre and gauged positive interest.

The events took the opportunity to talk about woods, forests etc and learning a range of English vocabulary.

The session was led by a highly experienced facilitator from Woodland Explorers with in-depth knowledge and understanding of the natural environment and engaged with people from a wide range of backgrounds. The activity included a walk in the woods, identifying and counting birds (to feed into a RSPB survey), creating a fire and cooking a basic meal on the open fire.

The feedback was also excellent, in terms of the activity, making new friends and the range of answers regarding the barriers to connecting to nature.

RESOLVED – That the information be noted.

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

(2) POLICY AND STRATEGIC MEETINGS

Dementia Awareness

A special free event screening of ‘The World Turned Upside Down’ was to take place at the Y Ffwrnes Llanelli on **Thursday 16th March at 10.30am – 1.00pm**. The new documentary was about dementia and communication. The event featured discussion of the film’s themes and a chance to share opinions. This event was a collaboration between the Health Board Community Project Manager, People Speak Up, Y Ffwrnes,, Llanelli Town Council, [IDEAL programme](#) and [CADR](#).

The original play drew on research evidence from the IDEAL programme (an Alzheimer’s Society Centre of Excellence studying how to improve the lives of people with mild-to-moderate dementia and their carers living in the community) and the real-life experience of a dedicated group of people with dementia and carers. As well as the performances, the film showed the rehearsal process, audience reactions and reflections from those involved in the project. Dr Catherine Charlwood (IDEAL’s Research Translation Manager) would be on hand to answer questions and share research opportunities.

Pentre Awel – Work had started on the Pentre Awel project at Delta Lakes with Officers continuing to meet with strategic Officers on the environment and community / social benefit for community strands of the project. Consultation events planned for February 2023 were being held in March 2023. Although delayed by a number of weeks, it was still expected that the Project would be completed by Spring 2024.

British Red Cross and Clear Springs - Meetings had been held with Clear Springs Coordinator for South Wales and the British Red Cross Resettlement Coordinator for Wales. The coordinator was able to attend the drop-in centre at EJs, supporting those that are resettling in Llanelli.

RESOLVED – That the information be noted.

Meeting goals 1, 2, 3, 4, 5 and 6 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:

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

<http://connectcarmarthenshire.org.uk>

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

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.

Information continues to be shared via email and on the Town Councils Facebook page on the cost of living support for communities in Llanelli.

RESOLVED – That the information be noted.

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

(4) DATES FOR DIARIES, COMMUNITY ACTIVITY EXAMPLES FOR MARCH 2023

Community activity-

- International Women’s Day - Ffwrnes Fach 10th March – 2.00pm to 6.00pm, all are welcome.
- 28th February, *Come Dine With Me* Welsh evening of food and fun, Ty Gwyn 5.30pm – 7.30pm.
- St David’s Day Town Centre Activities are taking place from 10.00am.
- Crafty Seniors Llanelli Library, Monday 10am – 12.00pm.
- Multicultural Network / Support for Ukraine, every Tuesday from 10.30am - 12.30pm at EJs.
- Young People Speak Up drop-in every Wednesday 5.00pm – 7.00pm - at the Ffwrnes Fach.
- Morfa Youth Drop-in – Thursday, Bwlch Community Centre 4.00pm – 6.00pm.
- Men in Conversation every Thursday, 10.00am to 3.00pm – 4.30pm at the Ffwrnes Fach.
- People Sing Up every Thursday 10.30am – 12.00pm at the Ffwrnes Fach.
- Story Care and Share – gathering and connectivity project, 11.00am every Wednesday at the Ffwrnes Fach.
- Elevenses dementia project 11.00am – 12.30pm Fridays at the Ffwrnes Fach.
- Neuro project fortnightly Fridays at the Ffwrnes Fach 1.30pm- 2.30pm.
- Llanelli Library warm hub Monday to Saturday 9.00am – 6.00pm.
- Homeless provision being provided in Llanelli (however may be subject to change):
 - Ty Gwyn continue to support on a Saturday evening as a warm hub– 5.30pm – 7.00pm.
 - Greenfield Baptist Church on a Wednesday.
 - Sosban Soup Station are supporting on a Sunday night as a food station but also as a food hub at Paddock Street Community Centre 5.30pm – 7.00pm.

RESOLVED - That the information be noted.

97. SPORT YOUTH AND ACTIVITY OFFICER REPORT

Further to Minute No. 89 of the Town Council meeting of 1st February 2023, consideration was given to the written report of the Sport, Youth and Activity Officer (copies having been previously circulated to members). The report dealt with the following:

Review of service provision in Llanelli, meetings, gaps and opportunities.

A review of sports delivery and activities was being undertaken. A programme of activity within the community was also being developed.

(1) Community & School Activities

- **Fun Football & Bowls Sessions** – The weekly sessions targeting children aged between 5-15 had been successful at the Cruyff Court, Peoples’ Park and the Selwyn Samuel Centre. The sessions (since starting in late January) at the Cruyff Court saw 50 young children whereas the Peoples’ Park session saw 10 children of all abilities and social background engaging becoming more active and taking part. The free bowls session saw 16 attend including a young child with mobility issues making use of the Town Council’s new wheelchair provision, creating a sustainable pathway for young bowlers and their families to take part in the sport, giving an opportunity to the Selwyn Samuel Centre to generate income and use at the facility.
- **Strade Sport Leader** – Working closely with Actif Sport and Leisure Team, an intervention project was being developed with Ysgol Strade’s Liaison Officer. 40 young people had been identified by the school who were disengaged in usual core subjects. The SYA Officer would deliver a day workshop for 40 aspiring young coaches aged 11-15 to become *Young Ambassadors* within the school and create sustainable change for the future generations. The long-term idea was to support the transition of primary feeder schools with young ambassadors gaining experience in event management.
- **The Good Shed Cycling Project** – As a result of a meeting with The Goods Shed, Carmarthenshire County Council Transport and Sport and Leisure Teams, a date of the 13th April had been confirmed for the Cycling project event. The event would be an educational opportunity for children and adults to become road safe while riding a bike but also for those who cannot ride a bike. Balance bikes would also be available for the youngest of attendee’s and be able to take advantage of the newly opened Goods shed café linking in with the local heritage scheme. The project would look to encourage usage of the new cycle network funded through the Active Travel plan. It is also anticipated that the Strade Sport Leaders would be able to support and shape the event.

- **Stebonheath School Event** – following approval by the Town Council Stebonheath Development Committee, Llanelli Town Council was working in partnership with local schools and Llanelli Town Reds Academy to create a festival of football on 20th April. Years 5&6 were to be targeted to attend. During the games on the day, external partners such as People Speak Up, Llanelli Leisure Centre and CYCA would all be invited to have a ‘stall’ or a space to promote other opportunities. Llanelli Reds would also be in attendance to help build relationships with schools that would lead to better recruitment within the area and allow opportunities through football.
- **Stebonheath Disability Event** – Llanelli Reds Disability Team, held monthly festivals within the West Wales Pan Disability Football League. Llanelli Reds had been the only team within the league never to hold their own festival. After identifying the desire for them to hold their own festival but without the financial means or skillset to run the event, a proposal for an event was approved by the Stebonheath Development Committee. On the 16th April 12.00-4.00pm over 100 disability footballers from Aberystwyth to Bridgend were hoped to attend the festival. The event would link in with the SYA Officer’s work on fortnightly football sessions within Heol Goffa with the aim for them to have a team within the tournament. The event would provide an opportunity for those interested to consider the formation of a Llanelli Town Reds Disability Side.
- **Skate, Cycle and Scooter Repair Workshop** – The workshops were being developed with the aid of Carmarthenshire County Council Transport team who were offering a support network of officers that could teach and help aid the repair of scooters, skateboards and bikes. The workshop was expected to take place at the PLTRA cabin in Penyfan on the 4th April. Local volunteer Hannah Dunne had set up a community cycling group in and around Llanelli, additionally the Dr Bike program would be in attendance along with Traffic Free Cycling, who would also use the event to promote the club and traffic free cycling. This project delivered against the core principles of the Active Travel Plan in Llanelli.

RESOLVED: That the information be noted.

(2) Activities Planned Short Term / Long Term

Sporting activities were being developed with planned short term and long-term working independently and in partnership with others as follows:

- Syria Sir Gar Football weekly session Wednesday’s 5.00pm - 6.00pm Cruyff Court in Penyfan;
- Toddlers Sessions Fortnightly for ages 1.00-4.00pm in Wesleyan and Paddock Street Community Centres;
- Strade Sports Leaders Training Day’s 17th & 21st March;
- International Women’s Day Event 10th March in the Ffwrnness Fach;

- Football sessions are held weekly Monday's 4.00pm – 5.00pm at the Cruyff Court in Penyfan & Wednesday's 4:00pm - 4:45pm at Peoples' Park;
- Weekly fun bowling sessions to be held at the Selwyn Samuel Centre open to all, Thursday's 4:00pm – 5:00pm;
- Penyfan Cycle/Skate/Scooter Repair Workshop 4th April 5:30 – 7:00pm in Penyfan Park;
- Learning To Ride project during the Easter Bank holiday at Llanelli Goods Shed 13th April 10:00am-4:00pm;
- Stebonheath Park Schools Football Festival 20th April;
- Stebonheath Park Disability Football Festival 16th April;
- Easter holidays sports activity programme on the 3rd, 12th and 14th April was currently being planned;
- Transforming Tyisha Spring Event on the 5th April 1.00pm-4.00pm in Anne Street Park.

RESOLVED - That the information be noted.

98. PENYFAN COMMUNITY FACILITY PROJECT

Further to Minute No. 33 of the Town Council meeting held on the 15th June 2022, consideration was given to the Town Clerk's report providing an update on work with the proposed project to create a Community Centre Facility at Penyfan Park.

The Town Council had now received the disappointing news that the application to the National Lottery, People and Places (Large) grant programme for a £500,000 grant towards the project was not successful at the Final Panel Stage. This was noted as a very disappointing outcome and followed a number of years of careful work to prepare as strong an application as possible.

A meeting had been held with the National Lottery Officer in order to obtain feedback on the application and it was apparent that the main concern raised was the need for further additional match funding in order to make the whole project possible. The currently envisaged works were costed at £1,400,000.

Discussions with the Lottery had previously been on the understanding that the Town Council was seeking a large commitment from National Lottery in order to 'unlock' funding from a number of additional grant funders for the overall project. However, the Town Council was informed that with a funding award panel meeting that was very much oversubscribed by applications against the total allocation available, the funding panel was unable to approve the funding on this occasion.

Further meetings were scheduled with the National Lottery and other funding bodies, consideration would be carried out in relation to possible options for the project which would include:

- Funding options;
- Scale of the proposed project.

A meeting would also be arranged with the Penyfan Community Facilities Working Group to make partners aware of the current position.

Additional reports would be provided to the Town Council in due course.

RESOLVED - That the Town Council notes the report and approves the further work proposed on the project. Thanks were expressed to Town Council Officers for their work on the project.

99. MATTERS FOR INFORMATION

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

- (1) One Voice Wales – Draft minutes of the Larger Councils Committee meeting held on the 12th October 2022.
- (2) Hywel Dda Community Health Council (Llais) – Survey on priorities for 2023-24.
- (3) Hywel Dda University Health Board – Community and Town Council Event on the 7th March 2023 in relation to the consultation on the new hospital site.
- (4) Hywel Dda Community Health Council (Llais) – Newsletter.
- (5) Menter Cwm Gwendraeth – Draft minutes of the Llanelli Area of Priority meeting held on the 2nd February 2023.
- (6) Tyisha Building Preservation Trust – Minutes of the meeting held on the 16th January 2023.
- (7) Welsh Government – Request for nominations for the Kings New Years Honours 2024.
- (8) One Voice Wales – Training events February – March.
- (9) One Voice Wales – Cyber awareness training presentation.

The Meeting concluded at 6.18 p.m.