

LLANELLI TOWN COUNCIL

Annual Report 2019-20



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1. Introduction – Cllr John E Jones J.P. – Llanelli Town Mayor 2019-20

It is my pleasure to present the Llanelli Town Council Annual Report for 2019-20. This year's Annual Report outlines the activities and services of the Town Council during the 2019-20 financial year.

My Mayoral Year of 2019-20 has been a very busy period for the Town Council with the Council continuing to build upon its important role in our Community. Activity in the last number of weeks were necessarily affected by the COVID-19 crisis. The crisis continues to have a severe impact upon the Llanelli area and the whole Country and my thoughts are with every family who has been affected during these distressing times.



The Town Council's position at the heart of Llanelli Community has been cemented during the year by the signing of the asset transfer of 3 additional play areas at Clos yr Ysgol, Nightingale Park and Morfa Park from Carmarthenshire County Council. I was particularly pleased to see much needed improvements being made to Morfa Park as a result of this decision.



I was delighted to have been invited to attend so many events across the Community including the Christmas Carnival, numerous concerts and awards ceremonies and to have visited residents at care homes and Prince Phillip Hospital.

Of course, one of the more solemn moments was the Remembrance Sunday Service in the Town Hall Grounds where many serving and retired service men and women came to pay their respects to fallen comrades. Attendance at the ceremony is increasing every year. Also, I was present during the Royal British Legion Llanelli Branch organised Armed Forces Day in June when a procession of serving military marched through the town centre.

One of the many highlights was the 'Meet the Mayor' event where pupils from many of our schools visited myself in the Council Chamber to learn about my role and that of the Council more widely.



At the end of June, I welcomed the Agen Town Mayor, Jean Dionis Du Sejour, from our Twin Town of Agen in France in order to celebrate the 30th Anniversary of our twinning link. The visit coincided with the Annual 80s Festival and events to mark Armed Forces Day. The French delegation were particularly touched by the ceremonies arranged. During August, I was invited to represent the Town at Agen's annual Pruneau Show which has shown once again the strength of the relationship fostered between our two towns.



I have been honoured to be able to invite many different organisations to the Parlour during the year to thank them for their service and work in the Community. This has included Armed Forces personnel, veterans, health care volunteers, Community Groups and representatives of our local sporting organisations.



At the beginning of March, the Selwyn Samuel Centre hosted the prestigious British Isles Indoor Bowls Championships. This was a great honour for the Town with teams from the home Nations of the United Kingdom and the Channel Islands competing.



Whilst it has been my honour to represent the Council at in excess of 250 mayoral activities, I have also had the opportunity to raise money for my chosen Mayoral Charities, Ty Bryngwyn Hospice, Llanelli Hospital Breast Care and the Wales Air Ambulance.

My year as Town Mayor has reinforced my belief that Llanelli is a very special place filled with wonderful people and I am certain that the Town will recover strongly following these very distressing times that we are currently experiencing.

Cllr John E Jones J.P.
Town Mayor

2. Annual Review - Cllr Shahana Najmi, Leader of Llanelli Town Council



The Covid-19 crisis continues to impact upon Llanelli and my thoughts are with those who may have lost loved ones during these very distressing times. I look forward to this terrible period coming to an end and our Community recovering fully together.

I have great confidence in this recovery having seen Llanelli pull together to support those most in need during this period with enormous voluntary efforts being made to ensure that food, medicine and other vital supplies reach our residents that have been self-isolating. I would wish to note the Town Council's thanks to you all.

I am pleased to be able to provide an overview of the work undertaken by Llanelli Town Council in 2019-20 as part of our annual report. The Town Council has continued to ensure that all its activities and policies take account of the Well-being of Future Generations Act 2016. The Town Council has adopted the 7 key goals and 5 ways of working set out by the Act which continues to inform our community work. This annual report details the Town Council activities in relation to the 7 key goals.

Llanelli Town Council continues to provide a wide variety of services to the people of Llanelli. In order to make this possible I have been delighted to continue with our tradition of partnership working to enable the most efficient use of resources for the benefit of our Town.

The Council has completed the asset transfer of the Parks at Clos yr Ysgol, Nightingale Court and Morfa Park. The Town Council is committed to maintaining and improving all its facilities with extensive works completed at Crown, Havelock and Peoples' Parks in the 2019-20 year. The Town Council continues to work in partnership with Llanelli Rural Council and Carmarthenshire County Council to maintain these facilities. Work is now planned to upgrade our Community Centre facilities during 2020-21.

The Council also continues to work with the Business Improvement District, Ymlaen Llanelli, supporting the 80's Festival Weekend, the Food Festival and the annual Reindeer Parade. These events bring a large number of people into the Town Centre for what are very popular activities.



Our 7 Community Centres, Selwyn Samuel Centre and Stebonheath Park are as ever extensively used by local organisations and our sporting clubs. Each one of these examples shows the Town Council's willingness to think and work in a proactive, progressive and practical way for the benefit of its communities.

The Town Council continues to be very proud to be part of a unique partnership through the Parc Howard Collaboration Group. This Joint Working Group with the County Council funds and manages Parc Howard, ensuring the facility is improved and remains in public ownership.

Working in our Community continues to be central to the ethos of the Council with our dedicated Community Development Service being an exemplar across Wales. We are currently working in partnership with several other agencies supporting community projects such as Llanelli Community Partnership, Tenovus Cancer Choir, Unloved Heritage project and People Speak up.



In August we also held our first Town Council 'Open Day', showcasing the work of the Council at the Town Council Offices. This event was attended by a wide range of groups and individuals.



While 2019-20 has been a busy year it has been curtailed due to the COVID-19 outbreak and I look forward with great anticipation to this crisis coming to an end with many plans in place for 2020-21 as the Town Council looks to further cement its central role in the Llanelli Community and moves forward with implementation of further services that can be provided to our residents.

Best wishes

Cllr Shahana Najmi J.P.
Town Council Leader

3. Llanelli Town Council Structure and Governance

May 2017, saw the election of the current Llanelli Town Council with 22 member elected for the first time as the Town Council was expanded from the previous 20 members. Members elected were:

Llanelli Town Council Members 2019-20

Cllr M.D. Cranham (Deputy Town Mayor)

Cllr S.A. Curry

Cllr D.Ll. Darkin

Cllr S.I. Davies

Cllr T. Davies

Cllr J.S. Edmunds

Cllr L.A. Edmunds

Cllr M.P. Edmunds

Cllr C. Griffiths

Cllr S.J. Griffiths

Cllr J.P. Jenkins

Cllr J.E. Jones J.P. (Town Mayor)

Cllr W.J. Lemon

Cllr A.S.J. McPherson

Cllr S. Najmi J.P. (Leader of the Council)

Cllr J.G. Prosser

Cllr C.A. Reed

Cllr S. Rees

Cllr B.A.L. Roberts

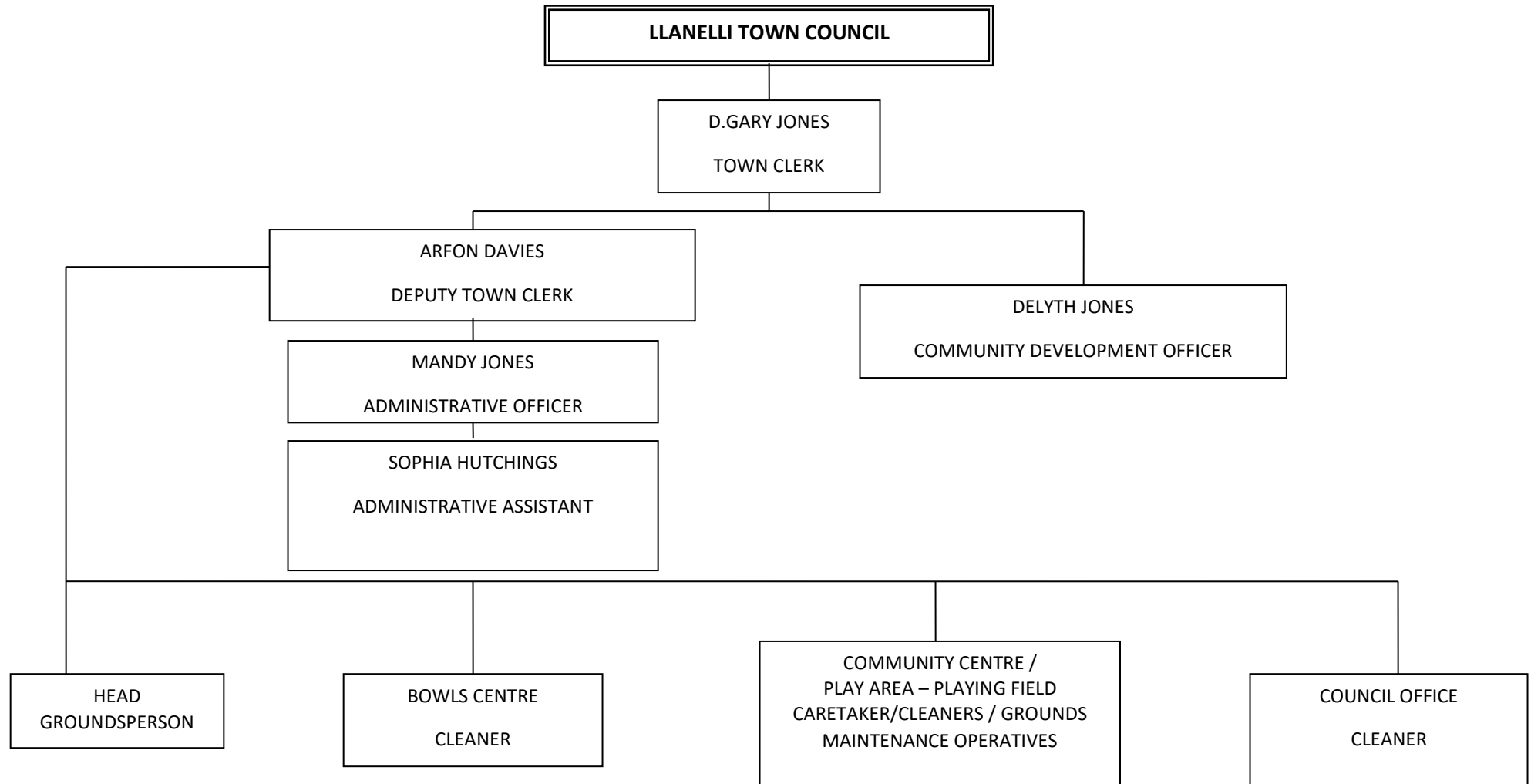
Cllr W.E. Skinner

Cllr. P.T. Warlow

Cllr J. Williams

Llanelli Town Council employs a group of dedicated officers and staff to support the actions and policies agreed by the Town Council.

Llanelli Town Council Staffing Structure – 2019-20



4. The Services We Deliver

Recreation and Sport

The Town Council provides excellent facilities at Stebonheath Park, home to Llanelli Town Football Club and West Wales Raiders Rugby League, and at the Selwyn Samuel Indoor Bowls Centre. The Town Council also own Crown Park, Havelock Park, Penyfan Park and Peoples' Park with our portfolio being further enhanced by the Asset Transfer of Clos yr Ysgol, Nightingale Court and Morfa Parks during 2019-20. Morfa Park benefitted from a full refurbishment of the Skate and Play Area following a S106 Funding Award. Sub-leases with the local sports clubs and organisations were also completed, giving them a degree of ownership over the facilities they use. The Council continues to work with the County Council to maintain Penygaer Playing Fields and through the Town Council's financial contribution and membership of the Parc Howard Collaboration Group works in partnership with the County Council to manage Parc Howard, ensuring the facility is improved and remains in public ownership.



Events and Promotions

During the first weeks of March, the Selwyn Samuel Centre hosted the prestigious British Isles Indoor Bowls Championships with teams from all the home Nations of the United Kingdom and the Channel Islands coming to Llanelli to compete in this annual event.

The Town Council funds the provision and maintenance of the Hanging Baskets in the Town Centre, providing a blaze of colour throughout the summer months. The Council works closely with the Llanelli Business Improvement District (Ymlaen Llanelli) to support a number of events arranged during the year which currently include the 80's Music Festival, Food Festival and Reindeer Parade. The Council also works with the County Council and Llanelli Rural Council to arrange and fund the Annual Christmas

Carnival. The Town Council works with Community Organisations and Groups in events and project across the Town such as Llanelli Voices, People Speak Up and Unloved Heritage.



Llanelli Cemetery

Llanelli Town Council jointly owns Box Cemetery with Llanelli Rural Council and through this partnership and our role on the Llanelli Joint Burial Advisory Committee continue to fund the cemetery.

Community Support

The Council owns and manages seven community centres providing subsidised facilities for use by the public of all ages.



Glenalla Community Centre



Llanerch Community Centre

Additionally, it advises and assists community groups on a wide range of issues and provides grants and sponsorship to support the work of many local clubs, societies and organisations. Our Community Development Officer continues to work with many organisations delivering projects such as Unloved Heritage and Dementia Friendly Communities.



Footpaths and Lighting

The Town Council continues to inspect and maintain the town's public footpaths on behalf of the County Council as well as funding the energy and maintenance costs of the lighting on these pathways.

Llanelli Town Mayor

The Llanelli Town Mayor is the Civic Head of the Council and the first citizen of Llanelli. The Town Mayor is supported by a Secretary and the Town Council Staff. They attend a huge number of varying functions, events and meetings during their year of office engaging with our Community.

Cultural and Heritage

Llanelli Town Council owns Llanelly House which it has leased to CHRT on a long lease. The Town Council and the County Council continue to provide financial support to the House to ensure that the Grade I listed building is maintained to the high standards already being set enabling it to be a significant asset to the town centre and its visitors. The Town Councils involvement in the Parc Howard Collaboration Group continues to

ensure the Grade 1 listed museum building remains in public ownership and available to the whole Community. The Town Council also is a key partner, providing funding towards the great places project that will significantly change the way that the heritage of Llanelli is presented and understood, creating a sense of place over the forthcoming 3 years. The project has seen a number of projects taking place, a photography project and a history group.

The very successful Unloved Heritage programme has been and will continue to be supported by the Town Council creating opportunities for young people to become involved in the heritage of their Community. During 2019-20, the scheme was able to arrange a visit to our Twin Town of Agen, France for the project, during the stay the group looked at the heritage, buildings, history, art centre and local schools in Agen.

5. Financial Information

	Budget & Actual Comparison Net	Budget £	Actual £			
	Cultural & Heritage	61,460	56,489	4,971		
	Recreation & Sport	388,319	443,156	-54,837		
	Community Centres	113,008	99,022	13,986		
	Cemetery, Cremation & Mortuary	64,431	64,431	0		
	Community Support (including Markets)	130,196	130,792	-596		
	Footpaths & Lighting	15,420	10,830	4,590		
	Events & Promotions	25,339	24,456	883		
	Llanelli Town Estate	(100,000)	(100,000)	0		
	Direct Services Costs	698,173	729,176	-31,003		
	Corporate Management	42,328	43,184	-856		
	Democratic & Civic	190,428	177,860	12,568		
	Democratic, Management and Civic Costs	232,756	221,044	11,712		
	Interest & Investment Income	(760)	(2,171)	1,411		
	Capital Expenditure	278,098	278,098	0		
	Transfers to/(from) other reserves	(132,720)	-132,721	1		
	Reversal of Statutory Adjustments	(149,091)	(149,091)	0		
	Surplus to/(Deficit from) General Reserve	(16,456)	(34,335)	17,879		
	Precept on County Council	910,000	910,000	0		
	Analysis					
£4,971	Cultural & Heritage					
	Only £55k required from £60k budget	£5,000				
-£54,837	Recreation & Sport					
	Allotments & Gardens		£19,000			
	Parc Howard	£6,000				
	Repairs and Renewals	£3,800				
	Transfer from Reserves	£6,000				
	Amenity Areas	£2,000				
	Stebonheath Park		-£12,000			
	Equipment Maintenance	-£2,800				
	Repairs and Renewals	-£3,000				
	Ground improvements	-£5,500				
	Crown Park		-£23,000			
	Transfer to Earmarked Reserve	-£10,000				
	Play Equipment	-£4,250				
	Amenity Areas	-£5,200				
	Paddling Pool	-£3,700				
	People's Park		-£22,000			
	Transfer to Earmarked Reserve	-£10,000				
	Changing Rooms Costs	-£9,600				
	Amenity Areas	-£4,800				
	Penyfan Park		-£15,000			
	Changing Rooms Costs	-£5,000				
	Amenity Areas	-£5,800				
	Transfer to Earmarked Reserve	-£3,675				
	Penygaer Playing Fields		-£7,000			
	Amenity Areas	-£6,200				
	New Play Areas		£4,670			
£13,986	Community Centres					
	Glenalla Community Centre		£6,000			
	Transfer to Earmarked Reserve	£4,000				
	Miscellaneous Expenditure	£1,000				
	Lakefield Community Centre		£2,000			
	Transfer to Earmarked Reserve	£2,000				
	Llanerch Community Centre		£2,000			
	Transfer to Earmarked Reserve	£2,000				
	St. Barnabas Community Centre		£3,000			
	Miscellaneous Expenditure	£1,000				
£4,590	Footpaths and Lighting					
£12,568	Democratic & Civic					
	Training	£1,000				
	Publications	£2,000				
	Mayoral Car Hire	£6,900				
	Allowances	£2,600				

6. The Strategic Context – What’s happening across Wales?

The Well-being of Future Generations Act launched in 2015 and the Carmarthenshire Well-Being Plan 2018-2023 '*the Carmarthenshire We Want*' set out the priorities and themes for Wales and Carmarthenshire for the coming years. Llanelli Town Council has been working in this way for a number of years and is committed to continuing the implementation of the themes which are taken into consideration when developing all Llanelli Town Council future work programmes.

7. How will Community and Town Councils get involved?

The Act places a duty on certain Community and Town Councils in Wales to take all reasonable steps towards meeting the local objectives included in their local well-being plan. A Community or Town Council is subject to that duty only if its gross income or expenditure was at least £200,000 for each of the three financial years preceding the year in which the local well-being plan is published.

8. The Carmarthenshire Public Services Board and the Carmarthenshire Well-Being Plan

During 2019-20, Llanelli Town Council has continued to be instrumental in working with the Carmarthenshire Public Services Board (PSB) to develop the outcomes of the Carmarthenshire Well-being plan: The Carmarthenshire We Want 2018-2023 published in early 2018.

<http://www.thecarmarthenshirewewant.wales/media/8331/carmarthenshire-well-being-plan-final-may-2018.pdf>

Town Council members and Officers meet regularly with the PSB developing the plan and working to provide an agreed reporting mechanism for Town and Community Councils in order to meet the requirements of the Act. Community and Town Council are now full members of the board with a representative of the sector invited to each meeting.

Following the provision of the first annual reports for 2018-19, the reporting mechanism has been updated for 2019-20 to improve the way we report to the PSB against priorities set out in the 'Carmarthenshire We Want 2018-2023'.

The 'Carmarthenshire We Want' sets out Short, Medium and Long-Term goals and targets in the following areas of work



Healthy Habits

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



Strong Connections

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



Early Intervention

People have the right help at the right time; as and when they need it.



Prosperous People and Places

Maximise opportunities for people and places in both urban and rural parts of our county.

All Town and Community Councils are encouraged to use the 5 sustainable development principles as set out in the Act:

- **Long Term** - The importance of balancing short-term needs with the need to safeguard the ability to also meet long-term needs.
- **Prevention** - How acting to prevent problems occurring or getting worse may help public bodies meet their objectives.
- **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.
- **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.
- **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.

THE WALES WE WANT

Our common purpose – the seven well-being goals for Wales

1	2	3	4	5	6	7
A Prosperous Wales	A Resilient Wales	A Healthier Wales	A More Equal Wales	A Wales of Cohesive Communities	A Wales of Vibrant Culture and Thriving Welsh Language	Globally Responsible Wales

The way in which we will measure progress

9. How the Town Council has embedded the Future Generations Act in its activities, structures and policies.

Llanelli Town Council has embedded the core principles of the Future Generations Act and the Carmarthenshire We Want. These can be detailed in three specific areas:

(a) Structures

The Town Council has implemented reporting structures that ensures its successful delivery of the requirements set out in the Act. Direct reporting mechanisms are in place and Members are fully consulted on the development of activities:

- Well-Being of Future Generations Working Group.
- Monthly, Six-monthly and Annual Reporting to the Council’s Building and Finance Committee.
- Annual Reporting to the Full Town Council at year end.
- Annual Reporting to the Carmarthenshire Public Service Board which in turn reports to the Welsh Government.

(b) Policy and Procedures

All new Town Council Policies and Procedures are measured against the Well-being goals to ensure that all actions undertaken by the Council are working towards these agreed short, medium and long term targets.

(c) Activities

The Town Council is required to show how it is delivering against the identified strategic goals.

All Town Council activities are shaped by Community Need. These are developed by working closely with the Community to ensure that the services provided by the Council are meeting Community requirements.

Annual work programmes, detailing the Town Council's proposed Community Activities, are developed and approved by the Town Council. This work programme is kept under constant review and is flexible enough to enable changes as and when the Community requires change. These areas of work are measured against the 7 key national goals and 4 local targets. (Please see annex 1)

The Town Council is required to show how it is delivering against the identified strategic goals.

10. Review of Town Council Activity in the Llanelli Community 2019-20

Llanelli Town Council works closely with residents within our Community providing a wide range of services within the Town. A review of how the Town Council has performed against the agreed targets for 2019-20 are set out in Annex 1.

(a) Healthy Habits

(i) COVID-19

The COVID-19 crisis has had a very serious impact upon Llanelli residents and the wider Llanelli Community. Llanelli Town Council members were widely involved with the volunteer effort across the Town supporting those residents who are self-isolating through Foodbank and Food Distribution centres. The Town Council has worked closely with other agencies including Carmarthenshire County Council and Carmarthenshire Association of Voluntary Services Llanelli Community Partnership and others in relation to these efforts across Llanelli.

The Town Council in Partnership with Llanelli Community Partnership obtained funding from the National Lottery, Community Foundation Wales and National Emergencies Trust to create the Llanelli COVID-19 Support Scheme that provided badly needed food and hygiene products to Foodbanks, Food Distribution Centres and Homeless Soup Kitchens across Llanelli. Additionally Town Council staff provided support with delivery of medicines from pharmacies around the Council Area.

All Town Council buildings and enclosed play areas were closed during the enforced lockdown with limited services continuing as per Local and National Guidelines. The Town Council also provided the Selwyn Samuel Indoor Bowls Centre rent free to Hywel Dda University Health Board in order to provide additional beds for secondary care.

To date these restrictions have not been lifted.

(ii) Cancer Projects

Llanelli Town Council has continued to work on a project with Tenovus Cancer Care and People Speak Up, following consultation with members of the Llanelli and Carmarthen Tenovus Choirs, to create a story telling project for those living with Cancer.

The project worked with individuals who are often overlooked or hidden, as a community of interest, bringing families and others closer together who have walked a similar journey in their experience of cancer.

The project delivered a stage production called 'Sing My Story, Tell My Story' held at Ffwrnes Theatre, Llanelli with 3 showings in July 2018. The Choir performed the production at an NHS conference in July 2019. The 2 Tenovus Choirs continue to meet weekly and have 120 people that attend, singing at regular Community events, raising charity funds, and providing friendship networks. 2019 has seen the development of the new weekly Cancer Café, directly supporting those living with Cancer.



PSU PEOPLE SPEAK UP

WE ARE MACMILLAN. CANCER SUPPORT

Caffi Cancer / Cancer Café

Am ddim / Free
Gofod ac amser creadigol i bobl sy'n byw gyda neu'n cael eu heffethio gan cancer, i ddod at ei gilydd a chael llais

A creative space and time for people that are living with or affected by Cancer, to come together and have a voice

'Lle i ddiar rhag popeth sy'n mynd ymlaen, man lle dw i'n cael fy nerbyn ac yn gallu rhyddhau emosïynau'
'An escape from everything going on, a place where I feel accepted to let out my emotions'

'Man lle gallai siarad a ma pobol yn gwrandao.'
'A place where I can just talk and be listened to...'

1.30-2.00 Fortnightly sessions. Sesiynau pob pythefnos
Theatre Ffwrnes, Llanelli: Starts 14th January. Dechrau 14 Ionawr
Nurture Centre, Carmarthen: Starts 28th January. Dechrau 28 Ionawr

Am fwy o wybodaeth: info@peoplespeakup.co.uk
For more info: info@peoplespeakup.co.uk
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(iii) Dementia

The Town Council continues with its innovative work in the area of dementia. In 2018-19, the Town Council completed adjustments at its Community Centres making them Dementia and Age Friendly venues. The Town Council is also working on the development of an advice pack called the 'toilet paper pack' which provides simple advice on making business and public venues more dementia friendly. Town Council Officers have trained several individuals in Llanelli to become Dementia Friends. Working alongside People Speak Up and others we have been able to support an intergenerational with young people connecting to those living in dementia care homes, sharing stories, art and poetry.

(iv) Mayoral Visits

During the Christmas period, the Mayoral Party visit Care Homes across Llanelli and Prince Phillip Hospital meeting residents and patients and thanking staff for their hard work and commitment throughout the year. These visits are always appreciated by the residents and staff.

(v) Park and Play Area Improvements

The Town Council continues to invest in the play areas in the Community through the support of Carmarthenshire County Council's S106 Scheme. New skate and play equipment have been installed at Morfa Park and Crown Park. These developments will continue in 2020-2021.

(b) Early Intervention

(i) Nurturing Programme

Ysgol Penrhos

Working in partnership with Ysgol Penrhos, CYCA and Carmarthenshire County Council Children Services, a weeklong activity and food programme was trialled during the October half term holidays in 2019. Funding from Welsh Government and Llanelli Town Council was secured with 30 pupils and siblings joining the sessions to learn about the value of food, teamwork, and play. Breakfast and lunch were provided, with the Town Council supporting a take home food pack.

Youth Activity Programme

Through the summer of 2019, working alongside People Speak Up and Carmarthenshire Youth Service the Town Council supported a number of activities, sand art, art and poetry. The Llanelli Voices project saw a number of activities taking part over a 3-month period, with on average 100 young and older people taking part.



Llanelli Voices
An Inter-generational Spoken Word & Visual Arts Exhibition.
A celebration of bringing our community together!
Curated by Michele Laugharne Perrott

The poster features a vibrant graffiti-style title '#LLANELLI VOICES!' at the top. Below the title is a grid of seven photographs: a young person painting, a woman and an elderly woman talking, a woman working at a table, a woman sitting in a red chair, a woman and an elderly woman smiling, a large sand art piece on a beach with 'LLANELLI VOICES!' written on it, and a child painting a colorful circular artwork.

Opening 11am Fri 30th Aug - Thurs 31st Oct

Oriel Ffwrnes Gallery
Ffwrnes, Park Street, Llanelli. SA15 3YE
www.theatrusirgar.co.uk 0345 226 3510

Logos for sponsors: Cynghor Gŵylfaelod Cymru, Cynghor Sir Gâr, Cynghor Sir Gâr Carmarthenshire, Cynghor Tref - Town Council, and PSU (People Speak Up).

(ii) Unloved Heritage

Dyfed Archaeological Trust (DAT) are working in Llanelli on the Unloved Heritage project. Unloved Heritage; Llanelli focuses on the rapid industrial growth of the 18th and 19th centuries. Young people are investigating how the area declined during the second half of the 20th century and how this led to the abandonment, dereliction and demolition of large numbers of industrial buildings.

Through art, photography and a whole range of other methods the project explores how the recent large-scale out-of-town development has impacted upon the town centre. The young people take part in a variety of different activities and have benefitted from a wide range of experiences – from learning archaeological skills to holding their own art exhibitions and gaining an Arts Award. Llanelli Town Council is a core partner of the project with Carmarthenshire Youth Service, Carmarthenshire Libraries, and the Fusion project. Unloved Heritage; Llanelli has helped young people to understand and value the rich historic past that surrounds them.

The project was highly commended at the One Voice Wales Innovative Practice Awards in 2019.



(iii) Tyisha Working Group

The Town Council is a partner of the Tyisha Working Group which is looking at possible improvements within the Tyisha Community taking account of the social and other issues experienced by residents. A detailed action plan has been developed with an extensive project identified for implementation by the County Council and key partners. An early project to be completed during 2020-21 will be the development of a new play area at the green space adjacent to Anne Street. Once in place the area will be asset transferred to the Town Council to be managed.



(iv) Toy Box Appeal

Every year the County Council undertakes a Toy Box appeal for disadvantaged families and individuals across the County. The Town Council continues to support this appeal in Llanelli by working with a number of organisations, supplying the 'toy boxes' and 'well-being' packs.



(c) Strong Connections

(i) Llanelli Community Partnership

Llanelli Community Partnership has been in place for 5 years. The Town Council and Rural Council support the working of the Partnership. During 2019-20 a detailed working programme was developed and arranged a number of successful events, including Pride 2019, Multicultural day 2019, Christmas get together, Christmas cooking session and a 5-week free cooking summer course. The partnership has supported a number of smaller Community Groups such as Pride, Young People Mental health project and they have supported the Emergency Planning group.

(ii) Strategic Working with the Public Services Board

The Town Council has worked closely with the Public Services Board throughout the year to develop reporting mechanisms for Town and Community Councils in relation to activities undertaken for the Well-Being of Future Generations Act and the 'Carmarthenshire We Want'. These arrangements are seen as an exemplar across Wales and are being adopted in many other areas.

(iii) Community and Town Council Development Officer Networks

Town Council Officers have been instrumental in developing a number of Community Officer Network Groups in order to pool resources and to work on areas of commonality across the Town Council area. These include the:

- Town and Community Council Community Development Officer Working Group.
- Town Centre Community Development Officer Working Group.
- Town and Community Council Development Officer Working Group with the Carmarthenshire Public Services Board.

These Networks were important in the dissemination of information and support across our Communities during the COVID-19 crisis in support of Welsh Government, County Council and Voluntary efforts.

(iv) Meet the Mayor

As part of our contribution to helping young people understand local democracy and citizenship in Llanelli, the Town Mayor invites primary schools in Llanelli to visit the Town Council Chamber for the 'Meet the Mayor' project. 2019-20 saw over 160 youngsters visit the parlour.



(v) Christmas Carnival

Llanelli Town Council works in Partnership with Llanelli Rural Council and Carmarthenshire County Council to arrange the Annual Christmas Carnival which continues to grow in popularity each year.

(vi) Prosperous People and Places

(i) Parc Howard Collaboration Group

In 2019-20 Llanelli Town Council and Carmarthenshire County Council continued its partnership in managing Parc Howard and Llanelli Museum through the Parc Howard Collaboration Group. Through its financial contribution and membership of the Group, the Councils manage Parc Howard, ensuring the facility is improved and remains in public ownership. During the year extensive improvements were carried out for the drainage system of the main park playing field.

(ii) Tall Ships

For many years, the Town Council has funded a number of 'births' with the Tall Ships Youth Trust based in Portsmouth to provide opportunities for up to four individuals from the Llanelli Town Area on an annual basis to attend Tall Ship Voyages. This provides these individuals with unique opportunities to learn new skills and to gain valuable life experiences.

(iii) Mayoral Evenings

Throughout the Town Mayor's term of office, a number of Community Organisations are invited to the Mayor's Parlour for official receptions. These provide the Mayor with an opportunity to thank local organisation for their work in the Community whilst also enabling networking between organisations working in areas of commonality or with similar goals. Events in 2019-20 included:

- Mayoral Charities Evening
- Armed Forces Evening
- British Isles Indoor Bowls Committee
- Health Services and Charities Evening
- Sporting Clubs and Associations Evening
- Cancer Networking Projects Evening
- Multicultural Evening
- Disability and Dementia Groups Evening
- Various Religious Groups Afternoon Tea
- Llanelli Pride Committee



(iv) Mayoral Charities

Every year the Town Mayor nominates Charities that benefit from a donation of £1,000 from the Town Council. In addition to this, the Town Mayor hosts many fundraising events in order to add to this fund. This year the Charities were:

- Ty Bryngwyn Hospice
- Llanelli Hospital Breast Care
- Wales Air Ambulance

(v) Community Projects

The Llanelli Town Council Community Development Service works in partnership with a number of other agencies supporting community projects such as Llanelli Community Partnership, People Speak Up, Fusion, the Crafty Seniors group, Unloved Heritage project and Ty Golau as well as being a key partner in a multi-agency environmental enhancement project called 'Pride In Our Patch'.

February 2020 saw the Great Young People of Carmarthenshire Youth conference being held, working alongside Policing Commissioner Dafydd Llewellyn. The conference reinforced the message that young peoples' voice must continued to be heard. It was also an opportunity to shape and define youth led services along with a youth covenant agreement moving forward. The day was well attended with 120 young people and organisations in attendance.



(vi) Partnership Working with Ymlaen Llanelli

Llanelli Town Council works closely with Ymlaen Llanelli Business Improvement District providing officer support to the BID and match funding 3 planned events arranged during the year. In 2019-20 these included the:

- Food Festival
- Reindeer Parade
- 80s Festival/ Armed Forces Day

In addition to these, the BID arranges a number of other highly successful events in Llanelli Town Centre bringing large numbers of people into the Town.

- Dinosaur Day
- Superhero Day
- Harry Potter Day

(vii) Community Funding Support

The Town Council continues to provide financial assistance to local Community Organisations and Charities to support their activities in the Community. These requests continue to grow year on year.

(viii) Twinning

2019-20 was another busy year in the activities undertaken between Llanelli and our Twin Town of Agen. 2019 marked the 30th anniversary of the signing of the original Twinning Covenant in 1989. The Agen Town Mayor, Jean Dionis Du Sejour, visited the Town in June and representatives of both Councils and the Llanelli & District Twinning Association signed a declaration for the continued development of the twinning link.



In August the Town Mayor was a guest of Agen at their annual Pruneau Show.



(11) Llanelli Town Council 2020-21 Action Plan

This report provides a flavour of the activities carried out by the Town Council during 2019-20. The Town Council will continue to develop its activities and services throughout 2020-21 and the Community Activity and Development Work Programme for the year has been approved by the Town Council and is attached at Annex 2.

The Town Council would wish to place on record its thanks to all its key partners in the delivery of its services such as Carmarthenshire County Council, Llanelli Rural Council and all the Community Organisations and Llanelli residents who have supported the delivery of our work.