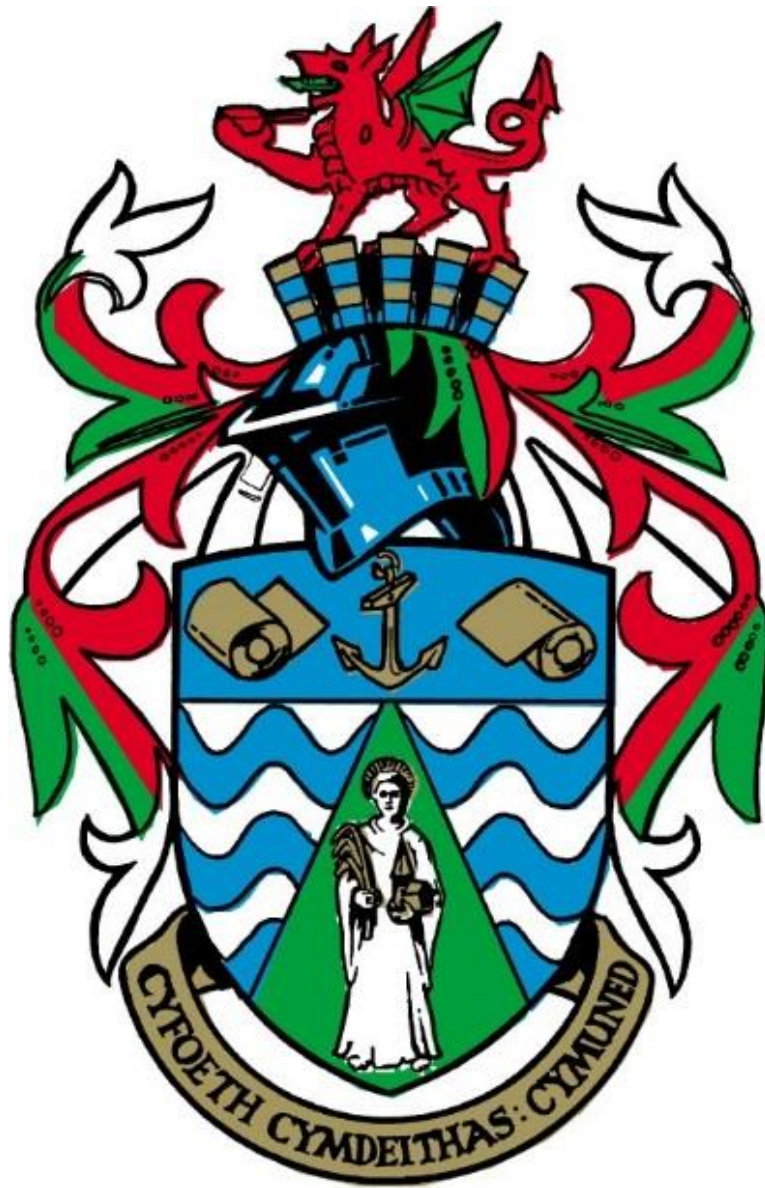


LLANELLI TOWN COUNCIL

Annual Report 2022-23



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1. Introduction – Cllr. Philip Warlow – Llanelli Town Mayor 2022-23



It is my pleasure to present the Llanelli Town Council Annual Report for 2022-23. This year's Annual Report outlines the activities and services of the Town Council during the 2022-23 financial and civic year.

During my term of office, the Council has continued to maintain and build upon its important role in our Community, and it's a role which I believe is still much appreciated by the people of Llanelli. I have been delighted to see developments at our Parks and Playing Fields during the year with the opening of the new Cruyff Court at Penyfan and the provision of upgraded Community and Changing Facilities at

Penygaer Playing Fields.

Over the past year the Town Council has lost two former Town Mayor's Janet Williams, who served as Town Mayor during 1997/98 and Dyfrig Thomas who served as Town Mayor in 2010/11, sadly we also lost Mrs Margaret Gimblett, Mayoress to Mike Gimblett in 1982/83.

The Town Council also tragically lost a dedicated and beloved colleague in Mandy Jones. Mandy served the Town Council for over 40 years and was a treasured friend to everyone who had the pleasure of meeting her. Her loss has impacted greatly on us all and our thoughts continue to be with the whole family.

During my Term of Office, the Town Council was pleased to be able to welcome back our friends from the Llanelli Indoor Bowls Club to their home at the Selwyn Samuel Centre following its use as a field hospital during the pandemic. I was greatly honoured to officially re-open the Facility with Bowls Club members in September.



In September, Llanelli Mourned the loss of Her Majesty the Queen and the Proclamation of the new Sovereign His Majesty King Charles III was read from the Town Hall steps to the people of Llanelli.



I was pleased to be able to support a number of projects in the Christmas period including the Christmas lights switch on in the Town Centre and a number of Community Christmas Trees across the Town.



My Christmas Card was designed by pupils of Penygaer School. A large number of entries were provided, and I was delighted with the quality of all the designs, finding a winning entry very difficult to choose. In the end the cards by Kate Howells (Year 1), Grace Hughes (Year 4), and Annaleise Bell (Year 5) were successful with each receiving shopping vouchers worth £15 along with a framed print of their design.



I was also able to reach an agreement with Father Christmas to be able to provide a post box for children's letters to be delivered to him from the Old Vicarage.

My year as Mayor has also involved a number of visits to those dedicated organisations providing valuable and appreciated services to the Community. I have had the pleasure of attending a great variety of events from Llanelli Pride to the Annual Town Centre Pancake Race.





For the 2022-23 year, my Mayoral Charities were, Tyisha Foodbank, Calon + and Llanelli Mind. Each of these excellent organisations received a £875 donation towards their service provision in Llanelli.

A real highlight of the year was the Meet the Mayor Project at the Old Vicarage which saw 6 primary schools and the Polish Language School visiting the Mayoral Parlour.

Over 150 pupils and teachers visited the Town Council Chamber during the three-day project. Pupils received information on the work of the Town Council, electoral arrangements, the importance of voting and had an opportunity to find out about the role of the Town Mayor. I was very pleased to answer their many interesting questions during these sessions.



I would wish to thank my fellow Town Councillors for the great honour bestowed on me to hold the role of Town Mayor for 2022-23 and to my Mayoress Janet and Deputy Mayor and Mayoress, Cllr Nick Pearce and Kate Pearce for their support through the year.

I would also want to take this final opportunity to express my sincere thanks and to pay tribute to all those residents of Llanelli who provide voluntary and other support to the

Town through their activities Organisations, Charities and Sporting Clubs, many of whom I have had the great pleasure of meeting during the last year.

Cllr Philip Warlow
Llanelli Town Mayor
2022-23



2. Annual Review - Cllr David Darkin, Leader of Llanelli Town Council 2022-23



I am pleased to be able to provide an overview of the work undertaken by Llanelli Town Council in 2022-23 as part of our annual report. The Council has continued to ensure that all its activities and policies take account of the Well-being of Future Generations Act 2015 and we have 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 these 7 key goals.

The 2022-23 year has been a busy one for the Members and Officers of Llanelli Town Council. Llanelli Town Council has continued to provide a wide variety of services to the people of Llanelli. This has only been possible through extensive partnership working and I would wish to thank all of our key partners for their dedication to the people of Llanelli.

During the 2022-23 year, the Town Council has continued to carry out improvements at our Facilities. This has included the creation of a Community Facility with kitchen at Penygaer Changing Rooms along with Llanelli's first Changing Places facility. This project was made possible through a Welsh Government Grant.

The Town Council has expanded its service provision during the year through employment of a dedicated Park Keeping Service which is already making a visible impact to the parks and playing fields managed by the Council. In addition, our Sports, Youth and Activity Service has been rolled out with a dedicated officer providing activities at varied locations such as the Cruyff Court in Penyfan and bowls sessions in the Selwyn Samuel Centre. Our officer Sion Thomas has also worked with partners providing activities for older residents such as the Elevenses' chair exercises.



The Town Council has also developed additional allotment gardens, creating its first 'starter plots' at Sunninghill Terrace, providing for an additional 3 allotments. Additionally and as a first step in a future programme of providing EV charging points and other energy efficiency projects, EV charging points were installed at the Selwyn Samuel Centre in partnership with the Dolen Teifi Community Transport project.

A wide-ranging tree planting and environmental project funded by the National Heritage Lottery Local Places for Nature Scheme has also seen improvements to Llanerch Field and Bryn Yard.



Town Council Community Centres all now benefit from free Wi-Fi provision and the Council was pleased to be able to support the Period Poverty Project at each centre. In the run up to Christmas we were again able to support the 2022 Carmarthenshire County Council Toy Box scheme, providing a £1,000 worth of toys for families requiring support during the Christmas period.



I would wish to record my thanks to all my fellow Councillors for their service to our Town and to the Town Council staff team for their dedication to their role on behalf of the Town Council.



The Town Council will continue to develop its service provision during 2023-24 with a wide range of plans and projects continuing to be developed and implemented during this Council Term as we work to ensure that Llanelli residents continue to be provided with the highest possible standard of facilities and services by your Town Council.

Best wishes

Cllr David Darkin, Town Council Leader

3. Llanelli Town Council Structure and Governance

The 22 members of Llanelli Town Council during the 2022-23 year were as follows:

Llanelli Town Council Members 2022-23

Cllr A.R. Bragoli

Cllr A.A. Carter

Cllr M.D. Cranham

Cllr S.A. Curry

Cllr D.Ll. Darkin (Leader of the Council)

Cllr T. Davies

Cllr J.R. Elliott

Cllr S. Evans

Cllr L. Fenris

Cllr S. Greaney

Cllr R. James

Cllr J.P. Jenkins

Cllr J.E. Jones J.P.

Cllr G. Lloyd

Cllr A. Lochrie

Cllr A.S.J. McPherson

Cllr N.J. Pearce (Deputy Town Mayor)

Cllr D.J. Nicholas

Cllr S. Rees

Cllr B.A.L. Roberts

Cllr. P.T. Warlow (Town Mayor)

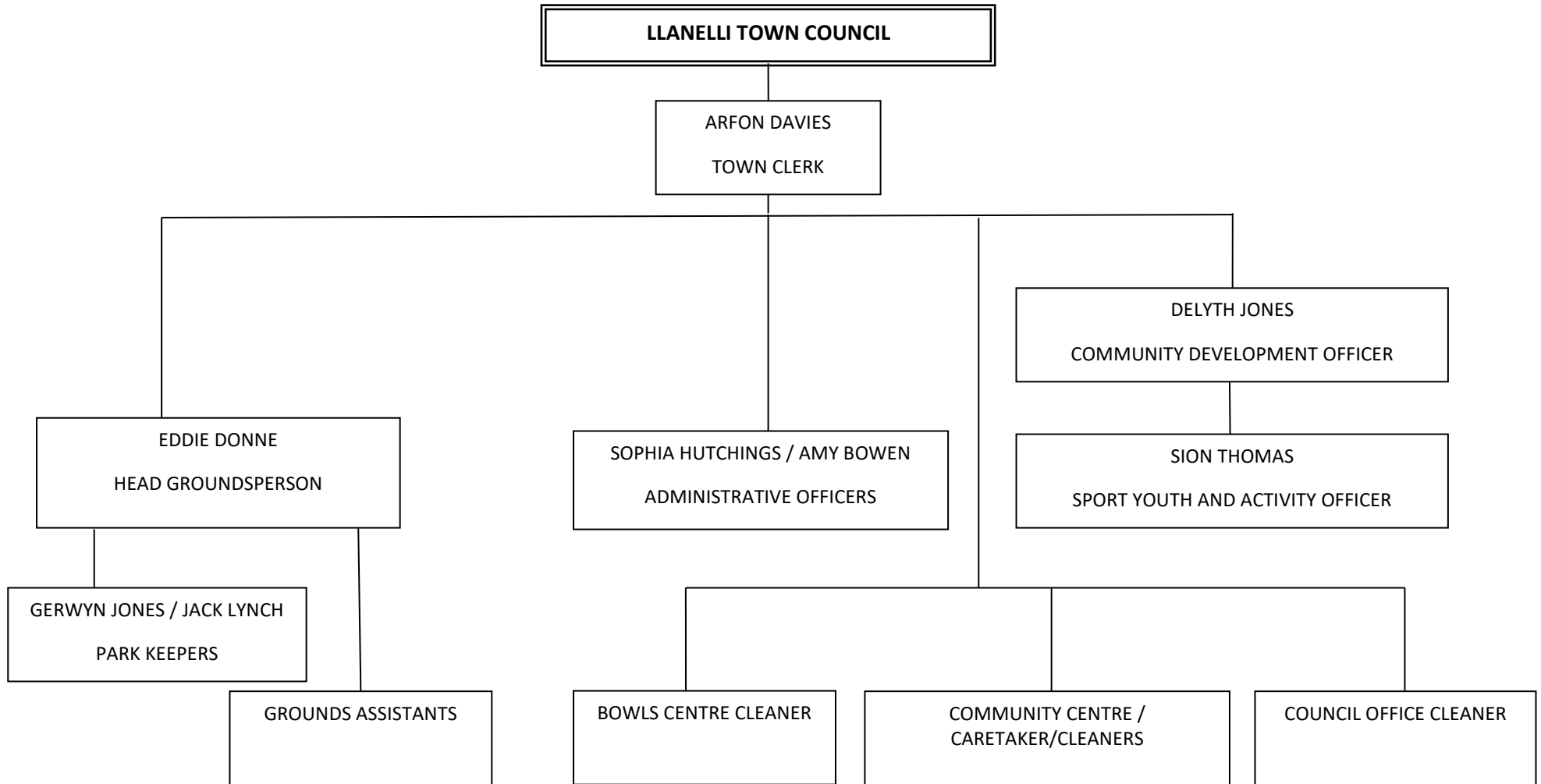
Cllr J.R. Williams

Council Meetings

During the 2022-23 Civic Year, 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, meetings of Llanelli Town Council continued to be held by a mixture of online and face to face means at the Old Vicarage, Town Hall Square.

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 – 2022-23



4. The Services We Deliver

Recreation and Sport

The Town Council provides excellent facilities at Stebonheath Park, home to Llanelli Town Football Club and at the Selwyn Samuel Indoor Bowls Centre. The Town Council also own Clos yr Ysgol Park, Crown Park, Havelock Park, Morfa Park, Llanerch Field, Nightingale Park, Penyfan Park, Penygaer Playing Fields and Peoples' Park. The Council continues through the financial contribution and membership of the Parc Howard Collaboration Group to work in partnership with the County Council to manage Parc Howard, ensuring the facility is improved and remains in public ownership.



During the 2022 summer period, the Town Council managed splash pads and paddling pools at Crown Park, Havelock Park, Parc Howard and Penyfan Park, these proved again to be very popular attractions throughout the period. Town Council managed facilities include the Cruyff Court at Penyfan Park, Skate Parks at Morfa Park and Peoples' Park and playing fields at Penygaer.



Cruyff Court, Penyfan

The Llanelli Town Council Sports Youth and Activity Service

The Llanelli Town Council Sports Youth and Activity Service provides for supervised activities across the Town Council managed Parks, Open Spaces and Community Centres. The service also works with Sporting Clubs and organisations across Llanelli to support the development of their services and to provide for additional activity opportunities for Llanelli residents.

This new service is developed by the Town Council a dedicated Sports, Youth and Activity Officer Sion Thomas.




Free
TODDLER CLASSES
CHILDREN AGED 1 - 4 YEARS OLD
30 MINUTE SESSIONS
Bean Bag Activities | Football | Athletics | Physical Literacy Skills

PADDOCK ST COMMUNITY HALL
11 - 11:30AM
WESLEYAN COMMUNITY HALL
2PM - 2:30PM
EMAIL TO BOOK
enquiries@llanellitowncouncil.gov.uk
PHONE TO BOOK
01554 779992

FRIDAY 3RD FEBRUARY
FRIDAY 17TH FEBRUARY
FRIDAY 3RD MARCH
FRIDAY 17TH MARCH
FRIDAY 7TH APRIL
FRIDAY 21ST APRIL
FRIDAY 19TH MAY

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Cynllunydd Cyngor Tref Llanelli
Mis Chwefror: Hanner Tymor

Dydd Llun 20
Sesiwn Chwareon Hwyl - 5+ oed - Maes Chware Pengygaer - 12yp i 1yp
Sesiwn Pel Droed - 5-15 oed - Crwt Cruyff Penylan - 5yp i 6yp

Dydd Mawrth 21
PSU celf tywod - Pob Oed - Doc y Gogledd - 1:30yp i 3:30yp
Sesiwn Pel Droed - 5-15 oed - Parc Y Dre - 4yp i 5yp

Dydd Mercher 22
Diwrnod Archarwr - Pob Oed - Canol Tref Llanelli - 12yp
Pobl ifanc Codi Llais - 11-18 oed - Ffwrnss Fach - 1yp i 5yp

Dydd Iau 23
Clwb Ieuencid - 8-18 oed - Clwb Ieuencid Bwlch - 4yp to 7yp
Sesiwn Bowls - 5-18 oed - Canolfan Selwyn Samuel - 4yp i 5yp

Dydd Gwener 24
Sesiwn Athletau - 4-18 oed - Parc y Goron - 2:30yp i 3:30yp

Saturday 25
People Speak Up - Chwareon Stryd - Maes Y Gors - 11yb-1yp

Nwy Wybodaeth
Sion@llanellitowncouncil.gov.uk
01554 779992

PSU
PEOPLE SPEAK UP

Events and Promotions 2022

Throughout the year, the Town Council continued to fund events and promotions that were held in partnership with Llanelli Business Improvement District and Carmarthenshire County Council including:

- Town Centre Food Festival
- 80s Festival
- Llanelli Non-Reindeer Parade

During the 2022 Summer Season, the Town Council continued to fund the provision and maintenance of the Hanging Baskets in the Town Centre, providing a blaze of colour throughout the summer months.

Additionally, in order to support our local businesses, the Town Council, Llanelli Business Improvement District and Carmarthenshire County Council have developed a UK Government Community Renewal Fund project providing for a Town Centre Ambassador and delivery scheme.

The Council looks forward to working closely with the Llanelli Business Improvement District (Ymlaen Llanelli) to further events in the coming year.

Community Support

The Council owns and manages seven community centres providing subsidised facilities for use by the public of all ages. During the year each Community Centre had a Wi-Fi provision installed for free use by the Community.

**ST BARNABAS
COMMUNITY CENTRE**

ARE YOU LOOKING FOR A ROOM OR
HALL TO HIRE?
YDYCH CHI'N CHWILIO AM YSTAFELL
NEU NEUADD I'W LLOGI?

Facilities Available /
Cyfleusterau Sydd Ar Gael:
Kitchen - Cegin
Hall - Neuadd
Toilets - Toiledau
Defibrillator - Diffbriliwr

Wifi Available
Wifi Ar Gael

Wj Fi

Suitable for:
Community Groups
Coffee Mornings
Meetings
Classes
Birthday Parties
Concerts
Capacity of 50-60

Yn addas ar gyfer:
Grwpiau Cymunedol
Boreau Coffi
Cyfarfodydd
Dosbarthiadau
Partïon Penblwydd
Cyngherddau
Cynhwysedd o 50-60

**TO ENQUIRE / I
YMHOLI:** ENQUIRIES@LLANELLITOWNCOUNCIL.GOV.UK
01554 774352

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Address/ Cyfeiriad:
Llewellyn Street, Llanelli,
SA15 1BD

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 Team continues to work with many

organisations delivering projects such as Connect, People Speak Up, Syria Sir Gar, Llanelli Community Partnership, Schools and The Multicultural Network.



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.

Work has been undertaken during the 2022-23 year to improve the lighting at Penyfan Park along with a footpath improvement project carried out by Carmarthenshire County Council.

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.

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 Council's involvement in the Parc Howard Collaboration Group continues to ensure the museum building remains in public ownership and available to the whole Community. The museum renovation project is nearing completion with the museum and café due to be opened soon.

The Town Council supports events throughout the year that celebrate the Welsh Language and Culture in partnership with Menter Cwm Gwendraeth Elli.

Connect Schools Project

In 2022/23, the very successful Connect schools project has gone from strength to strength throughout the year working in 6 primary Schools, Coedcae and the Polish School developing activities across the Town. The Council works in partnership with Llanelli Community Partnership to deliver the project which has included a wide range of activities from Environmental work to the successful Young Traders scheme.



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. The Town

Mayor attends a wide variety of events across the Town throughout the year and hosts a number of different organisations in the Mayor's Parlour to thank them for the work undertaken in Llanelli. This years' Mayoral Charities were, Tyisha Foodbank, Calon + and Llanelli Mind. Following a number of fund-raising events carried out in the year each received a £875 donation towards their service provision in Llanelli.



Grounds Maintenance / Park Keeping

2022 / 23 saw a new service being introduced for the parks and green space areas owned / under the guardianship of the Town Council. The Town Council employed a dedicated Park Keeping Service with Park Keepers, Gerwyn Jones and Jack Lynch. The Park Keeping service opens and closes each Llanelli Town Council play area every morning and evening and provide a visible presence with their Grounds Assistant colleagues across each Llanelli Town Council play area and green space.



Jack Lynch and Gerwyn Jones with Town Council Head Groundsman Eddie Donne

5. 2022-23 Financial Report and Accounts

Community and Town Councils in Wales Annual Return for the Year Ended 31 March 2023

Accounting statements 2022-23 for:

Name of body: Llanelli Town Council

	Year ending		Notes and guidance for compilers
	31 March 2022 (£)	31 March 2023 (£)	
Statement of income and expenditure/receipts and payments			
1. Balances brought forward	698,855	742,512	Total balances and reserves at the beginning of the year as recorded in the financial records. Must agree to line 7 of the previous year.
2. (+) Income from local taxation/levy	950,000	943,717	Total amount of income received/receivable in the year from local taxation (precept) or levy/contribution from principal bodies.
3. (+) Total other receipts	734,123	669,100	Total income or receipts recorded in the cashbook minus amounts included in line 2. Includes support, discretionary and revenue grants.
4. (-) Staff costs	-369,543	-398,251	Total expenditure or payments made to and on behalf of all employees. Include salaries and wages, taxable allowances, PAYE and NI (employees and employers), pension contributions and termination costs. Exclude reimbursement of out-of-pocket expenses.
5. (-) Loan interest/capital repayments	0	0	Total expenditure or payments of capital and interest made during the year on external borrowing (if any).
6. (-) Total other payments	-1,270,923	-1,368,634	Total expenditure or payments as recorded in the cashbook minus staff costs (line 4) and loan interest/capital repayments (line 5).
7. (=) Balances carried forward	742,512	588,444	Total balances and reserves at the end of the year. Must equal (1+2+3) – (4+5+6).
Statement of balances			
8. (+) Debtors	456,459	415,569	Income and expenditure accounts only: Enter the value of debts owed to the body at the year-end.
9. (+) Total cash and investments	546,858	284,677	All accounts: The sum of all current and deposit bank accounts, cash holdings and investments held <u>at</u> 31 March. This must agree with the reconciled cashbook balance as per the bank reconciliation.
10. (-) Creditors	-260,805	-111,802	Income and expenditure accounts only: Enter the value of monies owed by the body (except borrowing) at the year-end.
11. (=) Balances carried forward	742,512	588,444	Total balances should equal line 7 above: Enter the total of (8+9-10).
12. Total fixed assets and long-term assets	6,958,677	7,325,627	The asset and investment register value of all fixed assets and any other long-term assets held as <u>at</u> 31 March.
13. Total borrowing	0	0	The outstanding capital balance as <u>at</u> 31 March of all loans from third parties (including PWLB).

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. The act continues to provide a framework for Town Council activities and Llanelli Town Council is committed to continuing the implementation of the themes which are taken into consideration when developing all Llanelli Town Council future work programmes.

What is the Well-being of Future Generations Act for Wales?

<https://youtu.be/rFeOYlxJbmw>

The Local Government and Elections (Wales) Act 2021 was passed on 20th January 2021. The act provides for the establishment of a reformed legislative framework for local government elections, democracy, governance and performance.

The legislation impacts upon the community and town council sector in a number of ways:

- It gives eligible community councils, a general power of competence. Providing for enhanced ability to make expenditure in areas felt to benefit their communities.
- Makes accessing Council meetings from multiple locations using technology a permanent provision.
- Requiring the provision of opportunities for public participation at public council meetings.
- Requiring the preparation and publishing of annual reports.
- Requiring the preparation and publishing of a training plan to support training for councillors and council staff.

7. How will Community and Town Councils get involved?

The Well-being of Future Generations 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. The Town Council is therefore subject to the provision of the act.

Llanelli Town Council is implementing the requirements of the Local Government and Elections (Wales) Act 2021 in all its administrative arrangements and passed a resolution at the May 2023 Annual Meeting in accordance with Schedule 4, Part 1 of the 2021 Act confirming that it remains an eligible Competent Council under the act.

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

During 2022-23, 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 have continued to meet regularly online with the PSB developing the plan and working to provide an agreed reporting mechanism for Town and Community Councils to meet the requirements of the Act. Community and Town Council are 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 further updated for 2022-23 to improve the way we report to the PSB against priorities set out in the 'Carmarthenshire We Want 2018-2023'.

Based on the findings of the Carmarthenshire well-being assessment and further engagement with stakeholders, Carmarthenshire's Well-being Plan continue to focus on the delivery of four objectives:



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

All Town and Community Councils in Wales 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 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 Well-being of Future Generations Act Goals

National Well-being Goals

Goal	Description of the goal
A more prosperous Wales	An innovative, productive and low carbon society which recognises the limits of the global environment and therefore uses resources efficiently and proportionately (including acting on climate change); 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.
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 (for example climate change).
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.
A more equal Wales	A society that enables people to fulfil their potential no matter what their background or circumstances (including their socio-economic background and circumstances).
A Wales of cohesive communities	Attractive, viable, safe and well- connected communities.
A Wales of vibrant culture and thriving Welsh language	A society that promotes and protects culture, heritage, and the Welsh language, and which encourages people to participate in the arts, and sports and recreation.
A globally responsible Wales	A nation which, when doing anything to improve the economic, social, environmental and cultural well-being of Wales, takes account of whether doing such a thing may make a positive contribution to global well-being.

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

Llanelli Town Council continues to embed 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 reporting structures for 2022-23 ensure 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 Town Council.
- 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 continue to be 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. The Council utilises national ward and date profiles such as Wales Index of Multiple Deprivation, census data and Public Service Board data reports to help inform our strategic plans.

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 Public Service Board local targets for 2022/23.

10. Review of Town Council Activity in the Llanelli Community 2022-23

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 2022-23 are set out in Annex 1.

(a) Healthy Habits

(i) Biodiversity and Environmental Action Plan

Llanelli Town Council has agreed and implemented a biodiversity and environmental development action plan to support wildlife in our areas and to create a better environment for all residents. Activities undertaken include:

- Increasing litter picking activities in all Town Council parks.
- Carrying out discussions with allotment holders in relation to insecticide use and planting choices.
- Completed the Parks Environmental project in the Bryn Yard, Havelock Park and the creation of a river walkway at Llanerch Fields with funding from the Welsh Government Local Places for Nature scheme, delivered in partnership with National Lottery Heritage Fund.
- Maintaining butterfly garden facilities at Crown Park and Peoples' Park.
- Changing mowing habits to suit the locations and green space areas.
- The Learn into Nature project supported by Llanelli Town Council looks to educate through nature. Building community gardens, learning about the

animals that live in the area, identifying / planting trees, shrubs and building new homes such as bird boxes and bug homes in several parks.



Crown Park Environmental Project



Planting Project at Bryn Yard

(ii) Cancer and Life Limiting Illness Projects

Town Council officers continued to support vulnerable individuals. The Council is supporting the provision of a new cancer unit at the Pentre Awel development due to be opened in 2024, working closely with the Angor project and Carmarthenshire County Council.

(iii) Dementia

Where possible the Town Council continues to support Story Care and Share activities and dementia services. These proved popular with residents and carers, further development of these services has been taken forward with the development of the Wellbeing Centre at the Ffwrnes Fach. The Town Council has been a member of the Dementia Coalition in Carmarthenshire since 2021. The Coalition looks to strengthen the service provision for those living with Dementia.

The Town Council Sports, Youth and Activity Officer carries out regular activities with People Speak Up through their Elevenses group.



(iv) Activity with representatives of Llanelli Armed Forces and Veterans

The Town Council works closely with representatives of Llanelli Armed Forces and Veterans including supporting the Annual Armed Forces Day event and the Remembrance Sunday Commemorations. In 2022 a memorial bench marking the 40th Anniversary of the Falklands War was also unveiled in the Town Hall grounds.



The Llanelli Veterans Association were also able to support arrangements for the Proclamation of His Majesty, King Charles III.



Armed Forces Day 2022

(v) Her Majesty the Queen's Platinum Jubilee

A number of events were held in Llanelli to celebrate Her Majesty The Queen's Platinum Jubilee.

The events included the lighting of the Beacon at the Festival Fields arranged by Llanelli Veterans Association. The Parc Howard Association Queen's Platinum Jubilee Celebrations and a Big Jubilee Lunch arranged by The Rose Gardeners at Stradey Park Avenue.



Arrangements for each event were supported by Llanelli Town Council members and officers.



These wonderful arrangements made by each of the organisers provided a fitting celebration of the Jubilee.

(vi) Park and Play Area Improvements

The Town Council continues to invest in the play areas in the Community with a maintenance programme in place and daily visits by our Park Keepers and Grounds Staff to each location. Opportunities to carry out improvement projects are continually sought. During the year, planned improvements to the Changing Rooms facilities at Penygaer have been completed. The project has seen the development of a new community space and Changing Places Toilet.



Penygaer Changing Rooms Re-Opening



Football Festival at Stebonheath Park 2023



Llanelli Disability Football Festival 2023

(b) Early Interventions

(i) Youth Activity Programme

The Town Council supported the provision of Youth activity through a number of projects delivered through the year.

- **Meet the Mayor and Young Citizenship Project** - The 2022 / 23 Meet the Mayor Project saw 150 young people from 6 local schools and the Polish Language School in Llanelli visit the Town Council Chamber. The project has been developed to take account of citizenship, democracy and a sense of place within the Community.



- **Young People Speak Up** – The project, created by People Speak Up continues to focus on supporting mental health and a positive attitude mainly through their outreach programme and drop-in centres. This project has been highly successful in working with young people to bridge the gap to the older generation in Llanelli.
- **Young Traders Project** – 2022-23 saw the youth trading project taking place in Llanelli in May 2022. The project involved young people trading in the outdoor markets of Llanelli. The project saw young people from Llanelli learning skills in relation to money, trading and being their own boss was delivered in partnership by Carmarthenshire County Council Markets Department, Llanelli Town Council and Llanelli Community Partnership and the Connect project. The project was funded by the Connect schools project.



(ii) Tyisha Working Group

The Town Council continues to be a partner of the Tyisha Working Group which is carrying out major 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 currently under implementation by the County Council and key partners.

(iii) Llanelli Foodbanks, Food Distribution and Feeding Stations

The Town Mayor and the Council's Community Development Service continues to work closely with organisations such as Ty Gwyn Life Café, Greenfield Soup Kitchen and Sospan Soup Kitchen throughout the year ensuring they had the necessary provision to support service users. The Town Council worked with Llanelli Community Partnership and Carmarthenshire County Council on maintaining these provisions for vulnerable Communities in Llanelli.



(iv) Toy Box Appeal, Period Poverty and Well-being packs

Every year the County Council undertakes a Christmas 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 through a £1,000 contribution.

Free sanitary products are also available at the Town Council Offices and at Community Centres through the support of the Period Poverty project delivered by Carmarthenshire County Council.

(c) Strong Connections

(i) Llanelli Community Partnership

Llanelli Community Partnership has been in place for 8 years. The Town Council supports the work of the Partnership. During 2022-23 a number of successful events undertaken face to face and online. The partnership between the Town Council and the Community Partnership has been instrumental in obtaining funding and developing services throughout and following the pandemic. We look forward to continuing to develop projects such as Connect during the coming year.

(ii) Strategic Working with the Public Services Board

The Town Council continues to work closely with the Public Services Board 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 continue to work in partnership with a number of agencies to develop 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 and Community Council Development Officer Working Group with the Carmarthenshire Public Services Board.

(iv) 2022 Llanelli Christmas Celebrations

The Town Council continued its financial support in conjunction with Carmarthenshire County Council and Llanelli Rural Council of the Annual Christmas Carnival and Switch on held in November 2022.

Town Mayor, Cllr Philip Warlow invited Penygaer School to design his annual Christmas card.

In 2022, the Town Council supported local organisation in the provision of Community Christmas Trees or lights, trees were provided by the Town Council in each of the Town Council wards. These included:

- Llanerch Community Centre;
- Havelock Park;
- Penyfan;
- Rose Garden Project;
- Seaside;
- Town Council Offices.



(d) Prosperous People and Places

(i) Parc Howard Collaboration Group

In 2022-23 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 works have been undertaken on the Museum building including the roof, tower and internal decoration of the building. The refurbished museum and café are due to open during 2023.

(ii) Mayoral Charities

Every year the Town Mayor nominates Charities that benefit from a donation of £1,000 from the Town Council. With fundraising activities arranged a total of £875 was donated to each of the Charities:

- Tyisha Foodbank;
- Calon+;
- Llanelli Mind.

(iii) 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, Multicultural Network, Breaking Barriers Group, Syria Sir Gar, People Speak Up, Young People Speak Up, Llanelli Goods Shed, Rose Garden project, Tyisha Regeneration Project, Fusion and the Connect project.

A wide range of Community groups were supported financially during the year and also through the Community Development service.

(iv) Partnership Working with Ymlaen Llanelli and Support to Town Centre businesses.

Llanelli Town Council works closely with Ymlaen Llanelli Business Improvement District providing officer support to the BID and match funding planned events arranged during the year. In 2022-23 these included:

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



During the year, the Town Council worked with Carmarthenshire County Council and Llanelli BID to develop a UK Government Community Renewal Fund application that has enabled the creation of a Town Centre Ambassador and Product Delivery project. Additional funding has supported Community Activity, training and school facilitated workshops.

(v) Community Funding Support

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

The Town Council also provided match funding enabling a number of activities undertaken during the year, that included: Llanelli Multicultural events, Llanelli Pride, Community Fusion events and St David's Day events.

(vi) Twinning

During 2022-23 the activity programme with our Twin Town of Agen continued to be developed with progress being made in creating contacts between Llanelli and Agen Schools. A visit was also possible to mark the 30th Anniversary of the Twinning link with Agen. The Town Mayor led a delegation that included the Llanelli Twinning Association.



A visit was also arranged to Simone Veil School in Agen.



11. Llanelli Town Council 2023-24 Action Plan

This report provides a flavour of the activities carried out by the Town Council during 2022-23. The Town Council will continue to develop its activities and services throughout 2023-24 and the Community Activity and Development Work Programme review for 2022-23 is attached at Annex 2 with the 2023-24 Work Programme which has been approved by the Town Council and attached at Annex 3.

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.