

LLANELLI TOWN COUNCIL

ORDINARY MEETING

2nd April 2025

At the **ORDINARY MEETING** of **LLANELLI TOWN COUNCIL** held remotely and at The Old Vicarage, Town Hall Square, Llanelli on Wednesday, 2nd April 2025 at 6.00 p.m.

PRESENT: Councillor J.G. Prosser (Town Mayor)

Councillors

Bigyn Ward

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

Elli Ward

S. Williams

Glanymor Ward

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

Lliedi Ward

A.R. Bragoli
S. Evans
S. Greaney (Deputy Town Mayor)
A. Lochrie

Tyisha Ward

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

APOLOGIES: Councillors, L. Fenris, R. James, and N.J. Pearce

128. MEMBERS' DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Declarations of interest were made on items 134 and 137.

129. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

The Town Mayor (Councillor J.G. Prosser) noted that there were no members of the public in attendance at this meeting.

130. 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 Ordinary Meeting	5 th March 2025	256 - 262
Planning, Licensing and Consultation Committee	10 th March 2025	263 – 266
Building and Finance Committee	10 th March 2025	267 – 272

131. COUNCILLOR VACANCY

Further to Minute No. 120 of the Town Council meeting held of the 5th March 2025, consideration was given to the Town Clerk's report that provided an update on the vacancy for a member of Llanelli Town Council representing the Bigyn Ward.

Confirmation had been received that the statutory request from ten electors requesting that the vacancy be filled by election had been submitted to the County Council. The date of the election would be the 12th June 2025 with the Notice of Election being published on the 7th May 2025.

Confirmation had also been received that there was no statutory requirement for Poll Cards to be issued in respect of Town Council elections. These would only be issued at the request of the Town Council concerned. Should the Town Council wish to make such a request, it must be received by no later than the last day for the delivery of nomination papers (noon on the 15th May 2025). The estimated cost of providing poll cards on this occasion was advised to be in the region of £5,400.

RESOLVED – that the information be noted and the Town Clerk to take forward the necessary processes to fill the vacancy with the Democratic Services Department at Carmarthenshire County Council.

132. ONE VOICE WALES

The Town Clerk reported receipt of the subscription renewal invoice for the Town Council's membership of One Voice Wales for the 2025-26 Financial Year, minute number 125 of the Town Council Meeting held on the 3rd April 2024 referred (copies of which had been circulated previously to members).

It was noted that One Voice Wales provided tremendous value to the Town Council

RESOLVED – that the Town Council renew its membership of One Voice Wales for the 2025-26 year at a cost of £5,294.00.

133. INTERNAL AUDIT REPORT

Further to Minute No. 92 of the Council meeting held on 4th December 2024, consideration was given to the Internal Audit (Second Interim) Report 2024-25 prepared by Auditing Solutions Ltd. (copies having been previously circulated to members).

RESOLVED – That the report be noted.

134. NOTICE OF MOTION

Councillor D.Ll. Darkin declared an interest in this item as he is in a business group with a member of the charity, as he felt this was a prejudicial interest, Councillor Darkin withdrew from the meeting prior to discussion and voting thereon.

The Town Clerk reported the receipt of a Notice of Motion Proposed by Councillor G.R. Lloyd and seconded by Councillor J.R. Williams. (copies of which were circulated to members prior to the meeting).

The motion was as follows: -

“THIS council notes with alarm the continued impact the rising cost of living has been having on the people of Llanelli for many years.

The demand for help from foodbanks is growing rapidly, and the effects of soaring bills are hitting the elderly and families and are forcing people to choose between heating and eating.

We are therefore delighted to learn that the hugely successful Cwtch Mawr Multibank in Swansea – which has distributed via its charity partners a staggering 549,000 plus essential items to 33,540 families in just one year from its Llansamlet, Swansea, distribution centre – is keen to expand into Llanelli

We believe that we have a unique opportunity to establish Llanelli as the first ‘satellite’ Multibank in Carmarthenshire.

Following preliminary talks about bringing the Multibank to our town, the County Council have been informed of the desire and potential of those spearheading the Swansea project to help families in need in our area

Now we would like to know exactly what Carmarthenshire County Council is doing to make this phenomenal project a reality in our town.

We believe the County Council, with its responsibilities for social services, housing and education, is best placed to work with the Cwtch Mawr Multibank to deliver this vital aid as soon as possible.

The poverty problem looms large here. Families are in need. Times is of the essence.

We therefore propose:

That Llanelli Town Council supports the widening of the coalition of compassion which has brought dignity, and offered hope to thousands of children, mothers and fathers.

That Llanelli Town Council calls on Carmarthenshire County Council to take urgent and immediate action to support Cwtch Mawr to provide a Multibank in Llanelli in order to deliver people from the potential poverty emergency they face.

That Llanelli Town Council asks that the County Council confirm what action it has taken since being alerted to such a wonderful opportunity.”

RESOLVED – that the motion be agreed.

135. COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT AND ACTIVITY

Further to Minute No. 123 of the Town Council meeting of 5th March 2025, consideration was given to the Principal Officer and the Sports Youth and Activity Officer’s report (copies having been previously circulated to members). The report dealt with the following:

(1) Community Activities

- **Wellbeing Walks** – The fourth wellbeing walk in partnership with the Llanelli Community Partnership and Pentre Awel took place on the 27th February. A community walk leaders course took place at the Old Vicarage on 21st February in partnership with Carmarthenshire County Council PathForAll & Actif Sir Gar. The training looked to upskill members in the community with walking leadership skills qualification to lead walks safely and independently in the community.

(2) Community Activities

- **Stay On Side project Ysgol Bigyn School** – The 6-week course looking at antisocial behaviour in the community, working with years 5 and 6 was recently concluded at Ysgol Bigyn School. The course was facilitated by Llanelli Town Council and brought a number of organisations together for the children to share what they had learnt. Key partners were also able to join the network session to talk about the impact of ASB in the wider community. Certificates were presented by Town Mayor, Cllr Prosser for pupils who designed graffiti style artwork providing positive messages. A number of schools had come forward to take part in sessions in the summer term. Further information will follow.

- **National Diversity Forum** – Headed up by WCVA the national panel that brings together national governing bodies together to strategise on how to tackle discrimination within sport was recently held. Llanelli Town Council presented on the Syria Sir Gar project as an example of how change can create real impact in the community. Officers have now been invited to attend the regional West Wales Sport & Community Engagement Event on the 8th May 2025.
- **Llanelli Indoor Bowls – Schools and Mayoral Competition** – The final was held on the 13th February at the Selwyn Sameul Centre. Ysgol Halfway were crowned this years’ champions. The school were invited to take part in the Town Mayor’s Town Council 50th Anniversary Bowling event on the 20th March in which they won the Plate Competition. The overall Cup Competition was won by the volunteers coaching team.
- The British Isles Indoor Bowls Championships 2025 and the Home International Series came to an end of Saturday 15th March at the Selwyn Samuel Indoor Bowls Centre. The Town Mayor, Cllr John Prosser attended the final matches and closing ceremony.
- **Scarlets Community Foundation 2025 Disability Six Nations Festival** - Town Mayor, Cllr John Prosser attend the Scarlets Community Foundation 2025 Disability Six Nations Festival at Parc y Scarlets. The event was also attended by Scarlets President, Derek Quinnell. Over ten different schools and over 100 young people attended the day. The event was concluded with a Q&A with some of the Men’s First Team Players.
- **International Women’s Day 2025** – Town Mayor, Cllr John Prosser attended the International Women's Day event arranged by Llanelli Community Partnership, Llanelli Multicultural Network and People Speak Up. The event was held on the 6th March at People Speak Up Arts and Wellbeing hub.
- **Llanelli Bio-Diversity Conference 2025** – Held on the 13th March, Penygaer school, Ysgol Penrhos and Ysgol Ffwrnnes took part as well as partner organisations with stalls, stands, information and a range of speakers and presentations. The event was well attended. Local Places for Nature funded the project and worked with many in the community interested in the environment. The event was supported by Llanelli Town Council and Tesco Llanelli.

RECOMMENDATION: That the information be noted

(3) Policy and Strategic Meetings

Officers are working with partners; examples are

- Llanelli Multi Cultural Network Drop-in Centre Support
- Cegin Y Bobl
- Pentre Awel
- Llanelli Community Partnership

- Llanelli Green Network
- Local Places for Nature
- Tesco Trostre
- Llanelli Community Cancer Rehabilitation
- Fusion Network
- People Speak Up
- WCVA Cymru, National Sports Diversity Officer
- Barclays Bank
- Carmarthenshire County Council Markets
- Carmarthenshire County Council – Healing the Divide – Llanelli Community Recovery
- Carmarthenshire Schools Football
- Actif Sir Gar

RESOLVED - That the information be noted, and actions taken be approved.

136. NEW DOCK STARS RFC

Consideration was given to the request for a letter of support for New Dock Stars RFC for a grant application to fund solar panels for the Club House.

Following consideration of the matter, it was:

RESOLVED - That a letter of support be provided.

137. TREES AT HAVELOCK PARK

Councillor S.L. Rees declared an interest in this item as he submitted the letter on behalf of the residents and as he felt this was a prejudicial interest, he withdrew from the meeting prior to the discussion and voting thereon.

Further to Minute No. 120 of the Building and Finance Committee meeting held on the 17th April 2023, further requests had been received from residents for action to be taken in relation to these trees (copies of which were previously circulated to members). The complaints related to perceived safety concerns in relation to falling branches and the birds that roost on the trees causing perceived nuisance with droppings.

In order to provide members with comprehensive information on the condition of the trees, the biannual tree inspection was brought forward for Havelock Park with a cost of £260.00. The inspection report with additional specific comments in relation to the trees in question was previously circulated to members.

The report recommended a number of medium risk items to be completed within 1 year of the report and for dead wood to be removed from the trees specifically raised by the residents.

RESOLVED - That the recommendations be followed, with the Town Clerk to seek a costing from contractors.

138. CARMARTHENSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL – LLANELLI TOWN CENTRE TASKFORCE

Consideration was given to Carmarthenshire County Council's consultation on whether the benches at Stepney Square should be replaced as part of the refurbishment project at the Square. Following consideration of the matter, it was

RESOLVED that:

- The benches should not be replaced.
- However, should the County Council decide that replacements would be provided, these should be benches that were removeable, in order to support Ymlaen Llanelli / Llanelli BID events.
- The County Council should fully consult with the Community on the options for Stepney Square.
- The County Council should review the membership of the Town Centre Task Force.

139. MATTERS FOR INFORMATION

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

- (1) **Democracy and Boundary Commission Cymru** - Final Determinations for the 2026 Review of Senedd constituencies.
- (2) **One Voice Wales** – Training Events March – June 2025.
- (3) **Senedd Cymru** - Senedd report on the Role, Governance and Accountability of Community and Town Council Sector.
- (4) **Ymlaen Llanelli** – Minutes of the Board Meeting held 7th January 2025.
- (5) **Llanelli Traffic Management Working Group** – Minutes of meeting of the Working Group held 10th March 2025.
- (6) **Parc Howard Collaboration Group** – Minutes of the meeting of the Collaboration Group held on the 7th March 2025.
- (7) **Llanelly House Trust** – Minutes of the meeting of the Llanelly House Trust on the 15th January 2025.
- (8) **Prince Philip Hospital** – Letter from the Cabinet Secretary for Health and Social Care. Minute Number 109 of the Town Council meeting held on the 5th February 2025 refers.

(copies having been circulated previously)

140. PUBLIC BODIES (ADMISSION TO MEETING) ACT, 1960

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

141. CROWN PARK

Further to minute 125 of the Town Council meeting held on the 5th March 2025, consideration was given to the Town Clerk's report that noted that information had been received in relation to the Community Consultation event held by Seaside AFC and Crown Park Association on the 24th March 2025 to discuss their plans for developments at Crown Park.

The Council was advised that the proposals put forward were supported at the consultation.

Members noted that the club was in discussions with an architect and understood that a planning application would be required should they take the matter of provision of the pitch surrounding fence further.

Members noted the suggestion in the letter that the Town Council funds at least 50% of the cricket pitch relocation cost. Members were advised the current pitch had also sustained some damage.

A suggested price was received from the original supplier (SportsEquip) for the cricket pitch patch repair at £745.00 plus VAT.

Following consideration of the matter it was:

RESOLVED:

That the Town Council would

- Support the proposal in relation to the pitch surrounding fence in principal with the understanding that Seaside AFC / Crown Park Association will seek planning permissions etc;
- Repair the current cricket pitch in the meantime;
- Look favourably at providing support to the cost of the cricket pitch relocation when all proposals were agreed.

The Meeting concluded at 6.37 p.m.