

**LLANELLI TOWN COUNCIL**

**ORDINARY MEETING**

10<sup>th</sup> January 2024

At the **ORDINARY MEETING** of **LLANELLI TOWN COUNCIL** held remotely and at The Old Vicarage, Town Hall Square, Llanelli on Wednesday, 10<sup>th</sup> January 2024 at 6.00 p.m.

**PRESENT:** Councillor N.J. Pearce (Town Mayor) (Presiding)

**Councillors**

**Bigyn Ward**

**Elli Ward**

**Glanymor Ward**

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

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

**Lliedi Ward**

**Tyisha Ward**

A.R. Bragoli  
S. Evans  
S. Greaney  
R. James  
A. Lochrie

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

**APOLOGIES:** Councillors, J.R. Elliott, L. Fenris, and J.P. Jenkins.

## **87. MEMBERS' DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

Declarations of interest were made on items 90 and 93.

## **88. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION**

Further to Minute No. 77 of the Town Council meeting held on 6<sup>th</sup> December 2023, the Town Mayor (Councillor N.J. Pearce) noted that no members of the public were in attendance at this meeting.

## **89. 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 Joint Burial Advisory Committee	8 <sup>th</sup> November 2023 154 - 156
Llanelli Town Council Ordinary Meeting	6 <sup>th</sup> December 2023 157 - 167
Establishment Committee	11 <sup>th</sup> December 2023 168- 171
Planning, Licensing and Consultation Committee	11 <sup>th</sup> December 2023 172- 174
Building and Finance Committee	11 <sup>th</sup> December 2023 175- 177

## **90. FREEDOM OF INFORMATION REQUEST**

Councillors A. Bragoli, S. Greaney, R. James and A. Lochrie, declared their interest in this item as being members of the Caru Lliedi Group they were mentioned in the complaint investigation report, as they considered this to be a prejudicial interest they withdrew from the meeting prior to the discussion on the matter.

Further to Minute No. 86 of the Town Council meeting held on the 6<sup>th</sup> December, the Town Clerk provided a verbal update to members that a Freedom of Information Act Request had been made by the Llanerch Community Group for provision of the complaint report along with all correspondence between the Town Council and the One Voice Wales Complaint Investigator on the matter. The Town Clerk confirmed that these documents had been provided as required by the Act.

**RESOLVED** – That this information be noted.

## **91. PRINCIPAL OFFICER'S COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT REPORT**

Further to Minute No. 68 of the Town Council meeting of 1st November 2023, consideration was given to the Principal Officer's Community Development report (copies having been previously circulated to members). The report dealt with the following:

## **(1) Updates and Activities**

### **Community**

#### **Meet the Mayor and Civic Structures**

Officers facilitated alongside Town Mayor Cllr Pearce in the delivery of 3 workshops with Coedcae and Bryngwyn schools and Coleg Sir Gâr. The workshops worked along the national curriculum. 79 young people took part in the workshops. A further workshop took place at Coleg Sir Gar with 93 young people on the Public Services Course. Meet the Mayor for the 8 primary schools (240 young people would be invited) was planned for March 2024. The focus in the New year would be the completion of the online democracy information webpage which would be shaped by young people from the College. Meetings continue to take place with Louise Morgan of the Carmarthenshire County Council democracy improvements team.

#### **Christmas Activity 2023**

The Christmas period in 2023 had seen a number of activities from the Mayor's Christmas card design by Old Road School, support for community groups Christmas activities and support for the Christmas food hamper scheme with Llanelli Community Partnership. During December support was given to the Food Stations with visits undertaken to food banks.

#### **Cook / Skills 24**

Officers continued to support Cook24 to connect within our 8 primary schools offering basic cooking skills onsite and visits to local food producers. The project would run alongside the National Curriculum and would be a free resource for the College. The project would launch on the 26<sup>th</sup> January with food stalls and demonstrations at the Antioch Centre where the project would be based for the remainder of 2024. Everyone was welcome to attend.

#### **Armed Force Covenant**

A good working relationship was noted with the Armed Forces Covenant Coordinator with Officers attending the Covenant meetings which were held every 4 months. Support was given to several projects in Llanelli, including The Links project, The Breakfast Clubs, and national events such as Armed Forces Day and Remembrance Sunday. 2024 would see the 80th anniversary of the D-Day Landings with consideration being given by Veteran's Groups to possible events to mark the anniversary.

## **Penygaer / Crown Park / Community Sensory Garden**

Members, Officers, and volunteers had been working hard to create the Penygaer Sensory Garden. October and November had seen work carried out on sleeper beds, wildflower turf, bulb planting and over 60 tree saplings from the Woodlands Trust being planted. A further 120 sapling trees had been planted in December in 4 locations in Crown Park. Penygaer school continued with their filming project on the garden which forms part of their work for this year's curriculum for year 6 with a logo design presentation with the Community Green Network taking place in early December.

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

**This meets goals 1, 2, 3, 4, 5,6 and 7 of The Wellbeing of Future Generation Act 2015.**

### **(2) Policy and Strategic Meetings**

Officer meetings held included:

- Cook / Green 24 project
- Llanelli Multi Cultural Network Drop-in Centre Support
- Penygaer School
- Penrhos School
- Stebonheath School
- Coedcae / Strade Schools
- Llanelli Good Shed
- Community Green Network
- Llanelli Community Partnership
- Anyone Waiting Selwyn Samuel Centre
- Selwyn Samuel Centre Bowels Group
- Transforming Town Centre Team Carmarthenshire County Council
- One Voice Wales
- Tesco Trostre
- Ty Gwyn Church
- Antioch Centre
- The Magpies

### **Funding Applications being supported / working with community organisations.**

- Officers continued to work on funding applications for Penyfan Community Facility. Several meetings had taken place recently and the planning application had been submitted.
- Solar Panel funding was being sought for Penygaer and Penyfan facility projects.
- Community development garden for Coedcae and Penygaer Schools, funding was being sourced from Lottery Heritage funding.

## Strategic Work Programme Reviews

- Work with *Cymru Can* as part of the current Wellbeing of Futures Generations Act continued.

### (3) Dates for Diaries, Community Activity examples For January 2024

#### Community activity-

- Hearts and Crafts Paddock Street, 2.00pm – 3.30pm Mondays.
- Mondays, Fan group meeting Llanelli Goods Shed 10.00am-11.30am.
- Mondays, Age Cymru 50+ Carers Group 11.00am-12.30 Llanelli Goods Shed
- Multicultural Network every Tuesday from 10.30am - 12.30pm at EJs.
- Young People Speak Up drop-in every Wednesday 5.00pm – 7.00pm - at the Ffwrnes Fach.
- Story Care and Share – gathering and connectivity project, 11.00am every Wednesday at the Ffwrnes Fach.
- Wednesday, The Craft Shed at the Goods Shed 11.00am – 12.30pm.
- Cosy Coffee at The Vestry Llanelli every Thursday 10.00am – 3.00pm.
- Morfa Youth Drop-in – Thursday, Bwlch Community Centre 4.00pm – 6.00pm. TBC.
- Men in Conversation every Thursday, 10.00am to 3.00pm – 4.30pm at the Ffwrnes Fach.
- People Sing Up every Thursday 10.30am – 12.00pm at the Ffwrnes Fach.
- Thursdays, Magpies 50+ Group, Goods Shed 11.00am.
- Elevenses dementia project 11.00am – 12.30pm Fridays at the Ffwrnes Fach.
- Neuro project fortnightly Fridays at the Ffwrnes Fach 1.30pm- 2.30pm.
- Homeless provision being provided in Llanelli (however may be subject to change):
- Ty Gwyn continued to support on a Saturday evening as a warm hub– 5.30pm – 7.00pm.
- Greenfield Baptist Church on a Wednesday.
- Sospan Soup Station were supporting on a Sunday night as a food station but also as a food hub at Paddock Street Community Centre 5.30pm – 7.00pm.

## 92. SPORT, YOUTH AND ACTIVITY OFFICER'S REPORT

Further to Minute No. 80 of the Town Council meeting of 6<sup>th</sup> December 2023, consideration was given to the written report of the Sport, Youth and Activity Officer (copies having been previously circulated to members). The report dealt with the following.

### (1) Community & School Activities

- **New Year Activities** – Emails to schools & social media posts promoting the new year activities timetable for the wards of Llanelli were published, providing opportunities to experience a range of sporting sessions. The sessions at the

Cruyff Court through 2023 had seen an increase to an average of 25 children taking part in each session.

- **Schools Sessions** – Sessions and Activities were being run within Stebonheath School & Old Road School to develop and broaden the primary schools' teachers' ideas and perception on physical education lessons. This was helping to provide and establish links with school sport and community sport. A variation of sports and activities would be played at the end of the school term, opportunities were to be given for community clubs to signpost pupils to their clubs.
- **Coleg Sir Gar ALN & Strade Youth Leader** – Coleg Sir Gar's Additional Learning Needs (ALN) unit bowling sessions had been a great success. The sessions with the SYAO in partnership with Llanelli Indoor Bowls club had seen around 25 weekly participants of the college attend the session at the Selwyn Samuel Centre. Strade's Youth Leaders programme from last year had also shown an interest in assisting the delivery of the bowls sessions in the new year.
- **Scarlets Girls Only Festival** – Alongside the Scarlets Community team, 14 Llanelli & District schools brought a girl only team to Coleg Sir Gar for an inspiring day of tag rugby. Scarlets U18 ladies team officiated the games in addition to the Scarlets interns. Tesco Community Champion Lisa Lewis had supported the girls in their activities by providing the schools with water and fruit. In 2024 a key focus with The Scarlets will be to develop the player pathway for young female rugby players.
- **Nursery Sessions** – Nursery & Toddler sessions had been organised with Cylch Meithrin Llanerch & Morfa Family Centre, with St Pauls due to confirm. This would support the nursery and family centre staff in delivering activities to promote keeping active and healthy while tackling the rising percentage of children obesity levels within Llanelli.
- **Cruyffian Course Training** – The SYA Officer had attended an insightful two-day course in Liverpool's Anfield Community Complex with other organisations attending who also have Cruyff Courts. Good practice and different projects were discussed to establish a connection between the courts across Wales, England, and Scotland. Links had been established between Everton FC in the Community & Liverpool FC Foundation to look at the possibility for a court twinning between the organisations. Equipment & Small-scale funding had also been given by the Cruyff Foundation to support future work in 2024. A meeting and review with the Foundation took place in December with the Foundation reporting that they are pleased with the work undertaken at the Court to date. Further branded signage at the court would go up in the new year.
- **Syrian Sir Gar End of Year Celebration** – In partnership with Syria Sir Gar Wesleyan Community Centre hosted fun mini games for the group. In addition to the check in it was an opportunity to consult with the children on a future work programme. The children spoke of their day-to-day struggles with racism and methods in which this could be reduced and avoided, their coping practices and where they play in Penyfan. Sessions are due to resume in January 2024.
- **Carmarthenshire Sports Network** – Llanelli Town Council had been invited to take part in the new Carmarthenshire Sports Partnership, to be a part of the bigger scheme of the new 'Sports Partnership' there were five sport partnerships

spanning across Wales. Llanelli falls into the Southwest Wales region. The new Sport Wales initiative connects sports across Wales encouraging National Governing Bodies such as WRU, FAW, Welsh Athletics to work more closely with the likes of Llanelli Town Council and other sports delivering organisations. The first meeting was held in Carmarthen Leisure Centre on the 18<sup>th</sup> December.

- **LMCN ‘New Year, New Me’** – Following consultation with the Llanelli Multi Cultural Network and the Hywel Dda University Health Board, 2024 would see the introduction of the ‘New Year, New Me’ scheme which would consist of chair-based activities and light exercise to keep the participants fit and healthy while the NHS staff would promote healthy eating. This was to happen every first Tuesday of the month through 2024.

**RESOLVED** - That the information be noted.

## **(2) Activities Planned Short Term / Long Term**

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

- Syria Sir Gar Football weekly session Wednesday’s 5.00pm - 6.00pm Cruyff Court in Penyfan;
- Football sessions held weekly Monday’s 4.00pm – 5.00pm at the Cruyff Court in Penyfan;
- Weekly CSG ALN Bowls Sessions to be held at the Selwyn Samuel Centre Friday’s 12:00pm – 1:00pm.
- New Year, New Me’ scheme first Tuesday of the month, EJs.
- Scarlets Rugby Festival 25<sup>th</sup> January

**RESOLVED** - That the information be noted.

## **93. LLANELLI CITY STATUS CAMPAIGN**

Councillor D.L1. Darkin declared a personal interest in this item, as he is the President of Llanelli Chamber of Trade and Commerce, as he considered this to be a prejudicial interest he therefore withdrew from the meeting prior to the discussion and voting thereon.

Consideration was given to the letter received from the Llanelli Chamber of Trade and Commerce (copies having been previously circulated to members).

The letter asked for support from the Town Council for the launch of the Chamber of Trade and Commerce campaign for City status for Llanelli.

Following discussion, a motion was proposed by Councillors A. Bragoli and seconded by Councillor R. James that:

The Town Council give support to the application from Llanelli Chamber of Trade and Commerce, for the Llanelli City Status Campaign.

An amendment to the motion was proposed by Councillor M. D. Cranham J.P. and seconded by Councillor T. Davies that consideration of the matter be deferred until the next meeting of the Town Council to enable further information to be gathered on the campaign.

Following a request from Councillor A.S.J. McPherson that Recorded Vote be taken it was:

**RESOLVED** - that the Motion not be amended with Councillors, M.D. Cranham J.P, T. Davies, J.E. Jones J.P., S.L. Rees, B.A.L. Roberts in favour.

**Against the Motion:** Councillors A.R. Bragoli, S.A. Curry, S. Evans, S. Greaney, R. James, G.R. Lloyd, A. Lochrie, A.S.J. McPherson, N.J. Pearce (Town Mayor), J.G. Prosser, P.T. Warlow (Deputy Town Mayor) and J.R. Williams.

**Abstentions:** Councillor A.A. Carter.

Following a request from Councillor A.S.J. McPherson that Recorded Vote be taken it was:

**RESOLVED** – that the motion be carried with Councillors A. R. Bragoli, S. A. Curry, S. Evans, S. Greaney, R. James, J.E. Jones J.P., G.R. Lloyd, A. Lochrie, A.S.J. McPherson, N.J. Pearce (Town Mayor), J. G. Prosser, P.T. Warlow (Deputy Town Mayor) and J.R. Williams in favour.

**Abstentions:** Councillors A.A. Carter, M.D. Cranham J.P, T. Davies, S.L. Rees and B.A.L. Roberts.

#### **94. MATTERS FOR INFORMATION**

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

- (1) **Mid and West Wales Fire and Rescue Service** – Calon Tan Magazine.
  - (2) **Llanelli Railway Goods Shed Trust** – Goods Shed Newsletter.
  - (3) **Llanelli Standard** – Edition 58.
  - (4) **Dyfed Powys Police and Crime Commissioner** – Monthly Bulletin.
  - (5) **One Voice Wales** – Training dates January, February & March 2024.
  - (6) **Carmarthenshire County Council** – Town & Community Councils Update.
  - (7) **Older People’s Commissioner for Wales** - December Newsletter.
- (copies having been circulated previously)



## **95. PENYFAN COMMUNITY FACILITY PROJECT**

Further to Minute No. 85 of the Town Council meeting held on the 6<sup>th</sup> December, the Town Clerk provided a verbal update to members on the progress of the proposed community facility project, it was noted that the necessary planning application had been submitted along with an application to the fields in trust.

Additionally tenders for the modular building would soon be requested from prospective contractors. The Town Clerk noted delays with the planning authority and local ward County Council members were asked to consider contacting the planning authority to seek a resolution and approval of the application as soon as possible.

The meeting concluded at 6.36pm