

LLANELLI TOWN COUNCIL

ORDINARY MEETING

6th November 2024

At the **ORDINARY MEETING** of **LLANELLI TOWN COUNCIL** held remotely and at The Old Vicarage, Town Hall Square, Llanelli on Wednesday, 6th November 2024 at 5.30 p.m.

PRESENT: Councillor S. Greaney (Deputy Town Mayor) (Presiding)

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

N.J. Pearce
S. Williams

Glanymor Ward

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

Lliedi Ward

A.R. Bragoli
S. Evans
A. Lochrie

Tyisha Ward

T. Davies
A.S.J. McPherson

APOLOGIES: Councillors A.A. Carter, S.A. Curry, J.R. Elliott, L. Fenris, R. James, and J.G. Prosser.

72. MEMBERS' DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Declarations of interest were made on item 74 as noted below.

73. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

The Deputy Town Mayor (Councillor S. Greaney) noted that there were no members of the public in attendance at this meeting.

74. LLANELLI CITY STATUS CAMPAIGN

Councillor's D.LI. Darkin (Leader of the Council) declared an interest in the Agenda Item as a member of the Llanelli Chamber of Trade and Commerce, as he did not feel this was a prejudicial interest, councillor Darkin remained in the meeting.

The Deputy Town Mayor (Councillor S. Greaney) welcomed representatives of the Chamber of Trade and Commerce, David Timbrell-Hill and Tara Fisher, and thanked them for their attendance. The Deputy Mayor noted that the purpose of the visit was to meet with the Council to provide an update on the progress of the Llanelli City Status Campaign.

David Timbrell-Hill and Tara fisher, addressed the Council, detailing the current position of the project and possible benefits of the City Status Campaign. They provided details on the plans for the next steps of the project as the campaign was developed. The campaign would concentrate on working with residents and groups to tell a story of how Llanelli is a good place to live, work and raise a family.

Following the presentation an opportunity was given to Town Councillors to ask questions of the Representatives in relation to the matters raised.

Councillors asked for information about the economic benefits and related impacts and costs, the proposed City boundaries and the consultation process moving forward.

Following the completion of the Question and Answer session, the Deputy Town Mayor thanked the Representatives for their attendance.

75. 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	2 nd October 2024	121 – 129
Town Twinning Committee	2 nd October 2024	130 - 131
Planning, Licensing and Consultation Committee	7 th October 2024	132 - 136
Building and Finance Committee	7 th October 2024	137 – 140
Llanelli Town Council Extraordinary Meeting	22 nd October 2024	141 – 143

76. COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT AND ACTIVITY

Further to Minute No. 64 of the Town Council Ordinary meeting of 2nd October 2024, consideration was given to the Principal Officer's report (copies having been previously circulated to members). The report dealt with the following:

(1) Community & School Activities

- **Llanelli Town Council 50th Anniversary Community Awards** – Llanelli Town Council 50th Awards evening was held on 19th October at the Diplomat Hotel Llanelli. The awards evening was very well attended and was an opportunity to thank the community for their support over the last 50 years. The evening recognised those that were nominated by the community for their service to Llanelli. The awards evening coincided with a visit from the Mayoral team from Agen.
- **Llanelli Community Partnership and Llanelli and District Twinning Association** - The Llanelli and District Twinning Association AGM took place on 30th October at 6.00pm with the Llanelli Community Partnership AGM held on 6th November at 6.00pm, both were held at Paddock Street Community Centre.
- **Veterans Arrangements** – Officers continued to support veterans planning for the Festival of Remembrance held at the Selwyn Samuel Centre on the evening of the 1st November and Remembrance Sunday on the 10th November along with Armistice Day on the 11th November.
- **Christmas preparations 2024** – Community Christmas preparations were underway. The Multicultural Network were celebrating with Christmas around the world at EJS on 17th December at 10.30am. Llanelli Community Partnership were again providing 150 food hampers for the 3 food stations in Llanelli. People Speak Up, Positive Tyisha and Once Upon a Time Nursery were working in partnership on the Christmas lantern parade. The parade this year would be part of Llanelli Christmas carnival and would see the group have a lorry in the parade. Lantern workshops were already taking place in a few primary schools in Llanelli, it would be expected that over 100 young people would take part in the lantern parade. Christmas Eve mid night mass would return to St Elli Church along with a mixed faith Community carol service (date to be confirmed). 7th December would see the return of Llanelli Christmas Parade in Llanelli Town Centre.
- **Meet the Mayor 2024** – Understanding Democracy would again take place in November. Coleg Sir Gar, Coedcae and Ysgol Y Strade were confirmed to attend the Chamber. The project would set out to deliver against the school curriculum on democracy and educates on the many levels of local government.
- **SPF Fund Project - Crown Park Wellbeing Walk / Planting Day** – The fourth wellbeing / planting walk (celebrating the Town Council 50th anniversary) in partnership with the Llanelli Community Partnership, Local Health Board, Bumble Bee Trust and Llanelli Green Network took place on Friday 27th September at Seaside Social Club. 30 young people from Ysgol

Penrhos joined the walk and planted a number of Daffodils along with 2 small bumblebee gardens planted alongside the butterfly garden.

A wellbeing walk was be planned with the Pentre Awel project for early November, all are welcome. Refreshments would be available at the Social Club after the event.

RESOLVED - That the information be noted

(2) Policy and Strategic Meetings

Officers had been working with partners; meetings have recently been held with:

- Llanelli Multi Cultural Network Drop-in Centre Support
- Pentre Awel
- Llanelli Community Partnership
- Llanelli Green Network
- Dementia Cradle Choir
- Dyfed Powys Police
- Bumble Bee Trust
- Local Places for Nature
- National Lottery
- Dementia Collision
- Llanelli Ramblers
- Tesco Trostre
- Llanelli Community Cancer Rehabilitation
- Fusion Network
- One Voice Wales Funding Conference
- BGM Radio
- Foothold Cymru
- People Speak Up
- Links Veterans
- Royal British Legion Llanelli (RBL)

(3) Activities Planned Short Term / Long Term

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

- Monday's, Fan group meeting Llanelli Goods Shed 10.00am-11.30am.
- Monday's, Age Cymru 50+ Carers Group 11.00am-12.30 Llanelli Goods Shed.
- Dementia Cradle Choir –Tuesday 2.00pm Ffwrnes Theatre.
- 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
- 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.
- Young People Speak Up youth drop-in Ffwrnes Fach Wednesday 5.00pm - 7.00pm and Tuesday 3.30pm- 5.00pm.
- Elevenes dementia project 11.00am – 12.30pm Fridays at the Ffwrnes Fach.
- Men’s Shed group, World Horizon North Dock
- Llanelli Community Partnership AGM Paddock Street 6.00pm on the 6th November.
- Pentre Awel Walk 4th November 12.30pm at Pentre Awel
- 19th November Unit 7 Community Shop opening 10.30am at Unit 7 Llanelli.
- 22nd November Llanelli Christmas Carnival and the community Lantern Parade, 6pm.
- 7th December Llanelli Christmas Parade at 12pm, Llanelli Town Centre.

Homeless provision being provided in Llanelli (however may be subject to change):

- Ty Gwyn continues to support on a Saturday evening as a warm hub– 5.30pm – 7.00pm.
- Greenfield Baptist Church on a Wednesday.
- Sospan Soup Station are supporting on a Sunday night as a food station but also as a food hub at the Vestry Kings Church 5.30pm – 7.00pm.

RESOLVED - That the information be noted

76. SPORTS YOUTH AND ACTIVITIES OFFICER’S REPORT

Further to Minute No. 65 of the Town Council Ordinary meeting of 2nd October 2024, consideration was given to the Sports, Youth and Activity Officer’s report (copies having been previously circulated to members). The report dealt with the following:

(1) Community & School Activities

- **Autumn Activities Timetable** – The Autumn activities timetable had been published and shared with schools and community groups. Sessions such as football, bowls and multisport were included. The bowls and football club sessions provided a transition platform from community activities into club activity. The successful Llanelli indoor junior bowls sessions attracted a high number of children and are a continuation from the summer bowls sessions.
- **#StayOnSide Project** – The new project aimed at tackling anti-social behaviour at a community level in sports within the school setting was three weeks into its first school (Stebonheath). The children were provided with information to understand the definition of Anti-Social Behaviour and had taken part in activities such as javelin, bean bag throwing and a one-minute drama that the

pupils created to display characteristics of ASB to present in front of the Head Teacher. Partner organisations such as the emergency services would be included in the project. Ysgol Bigyn had expressed interest in being the second school to roll out the project.

- **Schools Bowls Competition** – The schools bowls competition had returned for another year, in partnership with the Llanelli Indoor Bowls Club, four schools would take part in 3 weeks of learning how to play bowls with a subsequent semi-final against a neighbouring school. The volunteers leading the sessions would be made up of Strade Youth Leader & members of the indoor bowls club.
- **Heroes of the Cruyff Course** – The SYAO would undertake further training provided by the Cruyff Court Foundation to allow further projects at Penyfan. The course, run in Derby would unite courts and initiatives from across the UK.
- **Actif Working Partnership Conference** – Organisations from across Wales travelled to the Ffwrnes theatre to become a part of the conference which highlighted and connected organisations all working for the key goal of physical activity and mental wellbeing. The Town Council would look to partner with Actif's in the use of "GoodBoost" tablets to provide tailored activities for those with reduced mobility.
- **Chair Based Exercise** – Session's targeting over 50s had continued to be a success with groups such as Llanelli Multicultural Network, Hearts & Crafts Knitting, People Speak Up. The sessions aimed to improve movement and co-ordination.
- **Ready Set Cycle Day** – Working in partnership with the road safety team, the event took place during the October Half term at the Goods shed to highlight the importance of safe cycling and deliver cycle proficiency to children under the age of 16. The successful day would be run again during the February half term.
- **Coleshill Special Needs Bowls** – Partnering with the Llanelli Indoor Bowls Club to allow those with additional learning needs to take part in physical activity within a calm setting. The children would then have a social activity while eating in the Selwyn Samuel Centre post activity.
- **Cruyff Court Usage** – The court was being utilised by several of the junior age groups of local football teams. The parents, coaches and players are grateful that an artificial surface allows them to play during the colder winter months.
- **Agen Twinning Links Through Sport** – Relevant meetings were being held between the Town Council, the Scarlets and Llanelli School Boys Rugby, to see if there is a possibility to link the two towns through the medium of rugby.

Alongside this consideration was being given to link a heritage and language project through Stebonheath School with a school in Agen.

RESOLVED - That the information be noted

(2) Activities Planned Short Term / Long Term

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

- Football sessions held weekly Monday's 4.00pm – 5.30pm at the Cruyff Court in Penyfan;
- Bowls sessions held weekly Thursday's 4:00pm – 5:00pm at Selwyn Samuel Centre
- Syria Sir Gar Football weekly session Wednesday's Cruyff Court in Penyfan;
- Schools Bowls Sessions Thursdays 9am-11am at the Selwyn Samuel Centre
- Pentre Awel Community Walk 4th November 1pm
- StreetGames Conference 13th November 9am-3pm
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RESOLVED - That the information be noted

77. NOTICE OF MOTION

Consideration was given to a Notice of Motion proposed by Councillor D.LI. Darkin (Leader of the Council) and seconded by Councillor A.S.J McPherson.

The motion was as follows: -

‘This Council recognises the longstanding challenges Llanelli has faced under the governance of Hywel Dda University Health Board. For many years, our town has experienced a gradual reduction in essential health services, leading to widespread concern and frustration within the community. The recent decision to close the Minor Injuries Unit at Prince Philip Hospital represents, for many, the final straw in what has been a series of detrimental decisions affecting the healthcare provision of our town. Llanelli is a growing urban area with a unique set of needs, distinct from the more rural regions of the Hywel Dda Health Board's catchment area. In many respects, we share more in common with the urban demographic and healthcare demands of Swansea, and yet, our healthcare services continue to be eroded by a health board that appears increasingly disconnected from the realities faced by our community. This motion, therefore, determines that Llanelli Town Council write to Swansea Bay University Health Board, urging them to consider the possibility of Llanelli becoming a part of their Health Board area. It is imperative that the people of Llanelli have access to the quality healthcare they deserve and that we work towards a solution that reflects the urban character and demands of our town.’

Councillor S.L. Rees proposed an amendment, which was seconded by Councillor M.D. Cranham, to add the following:

‘Llanelli Town Council calls upon our constituency and regional Members of the Senedd to support this proposal and formally requests that the Welsh Government Health Minister explores and considers this proposal.’

Upon a request by Councillor S.L. Rees that a recorded vote be taken it was:

RESOLVED – that the amendment above not be agreed, with Councillors M.D. Cranham J.P, T. Davies, J.E. Jones J.P., S.L. Rees, B.A.L. Roberts, and S. Williams in favour.

Against: Councillors A.R. Bragoli, D. LI. Darkin, S. Evans, S. Greaney (Deputy Town Mayor), G.R. Lloyd, A. Lochrie, A.S.J. McPherson, P.T. Warlow and J.R. Williams against.

The original motion was therefore put to the vote and upon a request by Councillor A.S.J. McPherson that a recorded vote be taken it was

RESOLVED – that the original motion be agreed, with Councillors A. R. Bragoli, M.D. Cranham J.P, D.LI. Darkin, T. Davies, S. Evans, S. Greaney (Deputy Town Mayor), J.E. Jones J.P., G.R. Lloyd, A. Lochrie, A.S.J. McPherson, S.L. Rees, B.A.L. Roberts, P.T. Warlow, J.R. Williams and S. Williams in favour.

RESOLVED – that the Motion be carried.

78. YSGOL MAES Y MORFA

Further to minute 13 of the Adjourned Annual Meeting of Llanelli Town Council held on the 13th May 2024, the Town Council had been made aware of a vacancy for a Governor Representing Llanelli Town Council on the Governing Body of Ysgol Maes y Morfa.

The Town Council were invited to nominate a member to serve as Governor, therefore Councillor D. LI. Darkin nominated Councillor A.SJ. McPherson, which was seconded by Councillor N.J. Pearce. Councillor S.L. Rees nominated Councillor J.E. Jones J.P., which was seconded by B.A.L. Roberts.

Councillors A.S.J. McPherson and J.E. Jones both declared a prejudicial interest, and therefore did not take part in the discussion or voting thereon.

Following further discussion it was:

RESOLVED – that Councillor A.S.J. McPherson be nominated for Governor representing Llanelli Town Council on the Governing Body of Ysgol Maes y Morfa.

79. MATTERS FOR INFORMATION

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

- (1) Mid and West Wales Fire and Rescue** – Calon Tan Newsletter.
- (2) Carmarthenshire County Council** – Community and Town Council Update.
- (3) PLTRA** – Minutes of meeting held on the 11th September 2024.

The Meeting concluded at 6.57 p.m.