

Cyngor Tref Llanelli - Llanelli Town Council

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Date: 13.05.26

TO: MEMBERS OF THE TOWN TWINNING COMMITTEE

Dear Councillor,

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 you are hereby summoned to a meeting of the **TOWN TWINNING COMMITTEE** of LLANELLI TOWN COUNCIL to be held **REMOTELY** and at THE OLD VICARAGE, TOWN HALL SQUARE, LLANELLI on **MONDAY, 18TH MAY 2026 AT 5.45 P.M.**

Yours faithfully,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Arfon Davies'.

Town Clerk.

A G E N D A

1. To receive apologies for absence

2. To receive members' declarations of interest

Pro-forma to be circulated and completed as appropriate.

3. Llanelli Ramblers

To consider the application for financial assistance received. (copy herewith).

4. Planned Twinning Activity for 2026-27

To consider the Principal Officer's report. Minute No. 9 of the Committee Meeting held on the 23rd April 2025 refers. (copy herewith).

5. Matters for information

- (1) **Llanelli and District Twinning Association** – Minutes of the meeting held on the 18th February 2026.

(copy herewith).

MEMBERS: Councillors A.C. Williams (Chair), A.R. Bragoli, M.D. Cranham, J.P. D.Ll Darkin, S. Evans, L. Fenris, J.E. Jones, J.P., G.R. Lloyd, A. Lochrie, S. Williams.

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AT: AELODAU'R PWYLLGOR GEFEILLIO TREFOL

Annwyl Gynghorydd,

Yn unol â darpariaethau Atodlen 12 Deddf Llywodraeth Leol 1972 a Adran 47 o Ddeddf Llywodraeth Leol ac Etholiadau (Cymru) 2021, fe'ch gelwir chwi drwy hyn i gyfarfod **PWYLLGOR GEFEILLIO TREFOL** CYNGOR TREF LLANELLI a gynhelir **O BELL** ac yn **YR HEN FICERDY, SGWÂR NEUADD Y DREF, LLANELLI, DDYDD LLUN 18^{EG} MAI 2026** **AM 5.45 O'R GLOCH.**

Yn gywir,

Clerc y Dref

AGENDA

1. I dderbyn ymddiheuriadau am absenoldeb

2. I dderbyn datganiadau buddiant yr aelodau

Dosberthir ffurflen datganiad i'w llenwi ar ddechrau'r cyfarfod.

3. Crwydrwyr Llanelli

I ystyried y cais am Gymorth Ariannol sydd wedi'i dderbyn. (copi'n amgaeedig)

4. Gweithgareddau Cyfeillio wedi'u gynllunio ar gyfer 2026-27

I ystyried adroddiad y Prif Swyddog. Gweler Cofnod Rhif 9 o Cyfarfod y Pwyllgor gynhaliwyd ar 23^{ain} Ebrill 2025. (copi'n amgaeedig).

5. Materion ar gyfer gwybodaeth

(1) Cymdeithas Gefeillio Llanelli a'r Cylch – Cofnodion y cyfarfod a gynhaliwyd ar 18^{eg} Chwefror 2026.

(copi'n amgaeedig).

AELODAU: Cynghorwyr A.C. Williams (Cadeirydd), A.R. Bragoli, M.D. Cranham, J.P. D.Ll Darkin, S. Evans, L. Fenris, J.E. Jones, J.P., G.R. Lloyd, A. Lochrie, S. Williams.

AGENDA ITEM 3

FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE – GRANTS POLICY

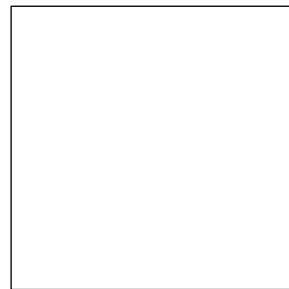
The current policy for providing financial assistance for twinning-related visits and events is set out below:

- (1) That grants be awarded only to cover activities of a cultural, civic, sporting or educational nature where the promotion of the town of Llanelli was involved.
- (2) That grants be made only to cover the cost of travelling and accommodation.
- (3) That all applications be considered on their own merits.
- (4) That applicants be divided into the following five categories:
 - (i) an individual or groups comprising between two and four persons;
 - (ii) groups comprising between five and ten persons;
 - (iii) groups comprising between eleven and twenty-five persons;
 - (iv) groups comprising between twenty-six and fifty persons;
 - (v) groups comprising fifty-one persons and over.
- (5) By way of guidance only, that the following maxima be applied to the categories set out in (4):

Category 1 - £250;
Category 2 - £500;
Category 3 - £750;
Category 4 - £1,000;
Category 5 - £2,000.



Ramblers



Mr.Arfon Davies
Town Clerk,
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Dear Mr. Davies,

My name is Eirwen Stephens, Group Secretary for Llanelli Ramblers and principal organiser of the **Agen-Llanelli Ramblers'** twinning exchange. Between 2005 and 2022, Greison Thomas was the principal organiser of these exchanges, ably supported by Nina Clements, two stalwart members of the Llanelli group. Their hard work and enthusiasm carried the exchange forward and made it a resounding success. Greison has now retired and handed over the baton to me.

Our visits began in 2005 and our next visit to Agen in September 2026 will be the first reciprocal visit of the 7th exchange between our two rambling groups. A total of 22 Llanelli ramblers will be taking part this year between 17th and 24th September, visiting Agen and a village called Sare in the Basque region of France.

Over the years, these reciprocal visits have made a considerable contribution to the Llanelli-Agen twinning movement and this is also an area where the Llanelli Ramblers connect with our local council. The first three visits were self-funded, but after that we received a grant from the Town Council which enabled us to carry on with the exchange. We are very grateful for the Council's support, as the exchange would struggle without it. In June 2024, we organised a French Evening to raise money for the exchange fund and we hope to arrange further fund-raising events in the future.

The September walking weeks have evolved into a biennial pattern. It is our passion for a shared activity that brings us together and both groups have gained enormous pleasure walking together. Your generosity in the past has allowed us to sustain this long-standing relationship with the **Randonneurs de l'Agenais** and very strong friendships have evolved since the start of the exchange in 2005.

May we, therefore, please apply for a grant to support this year's visit?

Yours sincerely,
Eirwen Stephens.

AGENDA ITEM 3

TO: ALL MEMBERS OF THE TOWN TWINNING COMMITTEE

DATE OF MEETING: 18TH MAY 2026

PLANNED TWINNING ACTIVITY FOR 2026-27

Further to Minute No. 9 of the Committee Meeting held on the 23rd April 2025, the following provides an update on activities and updates relating to the Twinning Link with Agen.

Agen Mayoral Election

The municipal (local) elections, including in the city of Agen have recently been held in France. These elections took place in two rounds in March and were used to choose Mayors and local councils across the country. In Agen, the election resulted in a change of leadership. The previous mayor, Jean Dionis du Séjour, was defeated and Laurent Bruneau became the new Mayor. The Llanelli Town Mayor and Town Council Leader have written to the new Mayor to welcome him into his new position and to the immediate previous Mayor to thank him for his commitment to the Twinning Link and friendship to Llanelli over his period in the role.

Twin Cities Rugby Challenge - Agen Rugby Exchange June 2026

The Twin Cities Rugby Challenge - Agen Rugby Exchange is an exciting initiative that began in June 2025, aimed at promoting youth schoolboy rugby and strengthening ties between communities. The inaugural exchange in Agen, saw Llanelli winning, setting a strong foundation for future competitions. The programme continues with a reciprocal visit planned for June 2026, where the next match will be held at Ffwrnes Rugby Club on Saturday, 20th June. Ahead of the game, a Mayoral reception will take place on Friday, 19th June, highlighting the cultural and community significance of this growing rugby partnership.

The Agen group of 31 will be flying into Bristol on the morning of Friday the 19th June. With the support of the Scarlets a stadium tour has been arranged on the afternoon of the 19th June and the use of the training barn at Parc Scarlets has been confirmed for both teams to train on the Friday evening. They will be staying in Y Doc (bunk accommodation) at North Dock and will return to Agen on the evening of the 21st June.

Funding for the visit has proven challenging. The Llanelli and District Twinning Association has been working hard to support the exchange, launching a sponsorship pack to attract financial backing from businesses and the wider community. They also held a successful fundraiser in March, with a further Curry Evening event planned for the 11th June at the Sultan Restaurant.

It is also proposed that Llanelli Town Council contribute £500.00 towards the cost of the exchange.

Confirmed Visits to Agen 2026

- **Llanelli Arts Society** - 22 members of the Arts Society will visit Agen in May 2026. The visit is for 5 days with a Mayoral Reception planned along with a workshop at the local college with art students. The visit will hopefully also establish links between the Agen Arts Society (which they are looking to establish) and Llanelli Arts Society.
- **Llanelli Ramblers** - Llanelli Ramblers are visiting Agen in September 2026. The two groups have a long-standing friendship and visit every other year.

- **Ysgol Y Stradey Choir** – Meetings and arrangements are being supported for Ysgol Y Stradey Choir to attend in October 2026. The visit will see the children learning about the history and heritage of twinning and Agen. Two choir concerts are being arranged at the cathedral in Agen. Further information will follow.

RECOMMENDATION – that the report is noted and the actions taken and proposed be approved;

I await the Committee's instructions.

Delyth Jones
Principal Officer

May 2026.

Reports/Twinning Report – May 2026



Agenda : Rugby Twinning Exchange June 19/20/21

DAY 1 – Friday June 19th, 2026

- H 10:30 a.m. – Arrival at Bristol airport & transfer by bus to Llanelli
- H. 1:30 p.m. – Accommodation at World Horizons, North Dock
- H. 3:30 p.m. – Stadium Tour at Parc Y Scarlets
- H. 5:00 p.m. – Training session at Parc Y Scarlets
- H. 7:30 p.m. – Official Reception at Llanelli Town Council

DAY 2 – Saturday June 20th, 2026

- H 9:30 a.m. – Breakfast at the Accommodation
- H 10:00 a.m. – Pre Match Presentation at Y Doc
- H 12:00 p.m. – Light Lunch
- H. 2 p.m. – Rugby Game BU15 (2 x 35 min)
- H 3:30pm - Trophy Ceremony: speeches, photos & drinks
- H. 5:00 p.m. – Hot Dinner in Furnace RFC
- H. 7:30 p.m. – Evening Reception in Furnace RFC
- H. 11:00 p.m. – FIFA World Cup Game on TV at Y Doc

DAY 3 – Sunday June 21st, 2026

- H 9:00 a.m. – Light Breakfast at the Accommodation
- H 9:30 a.m. – Check out and walk to Selwyn Samuel Centre
- H. 10:00 p.m. – Town Tour with members of the Twinning Committee
- H. 12:30 p.m. – Traditional Sunday Dinner at Selwyn Samuel Centre
- H. 1:30 p.m. – Departure from Llanelli
- H. 7:00 p.m. – Flight Departure

