

LLANELLI TOWN COUNCIL

ORDINARY MEETING

13th May 2024

At the **ADJOURNED ANNUAL MEETING** of **LLANELLI TOWN COUNCIL** held remotely and at The Old Vicarage, Town Hall Square, Llanelli on Monday, 13th May 2024 at 6.00 p.m.

PRESENT: Councillor J.G. Prosser (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

A.A Carter
L. Fenris
J.E. Jones, J.P.
S.L. Rees

Lliedi Ward

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

Tyisha Ward

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

APOLOGIES: Councillors J.R. Elliott, and B.A.L Roberts

7. MEMBERS' DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

No declarations of interest were made.

8. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

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

9. TOWN MAYOR'S CADET

Further to Minute No. 9 of the Adjourned Annual meeting held on 24th May 2023, the Town Mayor presented the Town Mayor's Cadet 2024 badge and certificate to Cadet Cpl Steffan Griffiths from The Llanelli Air Cadets.

Following the presentation and photograph opportunity the Town Mayor's Cadet withdrew from the meeting.

10. MAYORAL ANNOUNCEMENT

The Town Mayor (Councillor J.G. Prosser) extended thanks to members for attending the Town Council Annual Meeting and Civic Service held on the previous Wednesday and Sunday.

11. 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	3 rd April 2024	272 – 278
Planning, Licensing and Consultation Committee	3 rd April 2024	279 - 280
Building and Finance Committee	8 th April 2024	281 – 282

12. APPOINTMENT OF STANDING COMMITTEES, COMMITTEES AND JOINT COMMITTEES 2023-24

RESOLVED – that the following Standing Committees, Committees, Sub-Committees and Joint Committees be appointed to serve for the ensuing year: -

FURTHER RESOLVED – to re-designate the 'Leases and Contracts Sub Committee' as the 'Leases and Contracts Working Group'.

Planning, Licensing and Consultation Committee: (12 Members)

Councillors: D.Ll. Darkin (Leader of the Council), S. Evans, L. Fenris, J.E. Jones, J.P., A. Lochrie, A.S.J. McPherson, J.G. Prosser (Town Mayor), N.J. Pearce, S.L. Rees, J.R. Williams, S. Williams and Vacancy.

Building and Finance Committee: (12 Members)

Councillors: A.R. Bragoli, A.A. Carter, M.D. Cranham, J.P., S.A. Curry, D.Ll. Darkin (Leader of the Council), J.R. Elliott, S. Greaney (Deputy Town Mayor), R. James, G.R. Lloyd, A.S.J. McPherson, B.A.L. Roberts, P.T. Warlow.

Stebonheath Development Committee: (12 Members)

Councillors: A.R. Bragoli, M.D. Cranham, D.Ll. Darkin (Leader of the Council), J.R. Elliott, L. Fenris, S. Greaney (Deputy Town Mayor), G.R. Lloyd, R. James, J.E. Jones, J.P., S.L. Rees, P.T. Warlow, J.R. Williams.

Selwyn Samuel Centre Committee: (12 Members)

Councillors: A.R. Bragoli, S.A. Curry, J.R. Elliott, S. Greaney (Deputy Town Mayor), J.E. Jones, J.P., A. Lochrie, G.R. Lloyd, A.S.J. McPherson, N.J. Pearce, P.T. Warlow, S. Williams and Vacancy.

Llanelly House Committee: (8 Members)

Councillors: M.D. Cranham, J.P., S.A. Curry, D.Ll. Darkin (Leader of the Council), A. Lochrie, A.S.J. McPherson, N.J. Pearce, P.T. Warlow, J.R. Williams.

Town Twinning Committee: (10 Members)

Councillors: A.R. Bragoli, M.D. Cranham, J.P., D.Ll. Darkin (Leader of the Council), J.R. Elliott, S. Evans, L. Fenris, G.R. Lloyd, S.L. Rees, J.R. Williams, S. Williams.

Establishment Committee: (10 Members)

Councillors: D.Ll. Darkin (Leader of the Council), S.A. Curry, S. Evans, G.R. Lloyd, L. Fenris, R. James, N.J. Pearce, A.S.J. McPherson, P.T. Warlow, J.R. Williams.

Complaints Panel Members

Councillors A.R. Bragoli, J.G. Prosser (Town Mayor).

Ex-Town Mayors' Committee:

Councillors: M.D. Cranham, J.P., D.Ll. Darkin (Leader of the Council), J.E. Jones J.P., N.J. Pearce, P.T. Warlow.

Well-Being of Future Generation Working Group: (12 Members)

Councillors: A.R. Bragoli, A.A. Carter, D.Ll. Darkin (Leader of the Council), T. Davies, J.R. Elliott, S. Evans, S. Greaney (Deputy Town Mayor), J.E. Jones J.P, N.J. Pearce, B.A.L. Roberts, P.T. Warlow, S. Williams.

Llanelli Town Council Working Group: (6 Members)

Councillors: S. Curry, D.Ll. Darkin (Leader of the Council), J.R. Elliott, L. Fenris, S. Greaney (Deputy Town Mayor), A.S.J. McPherson.

Llanelli Joint Burial Advisory Committee: (5 Members)

Councillors: D.Ll. Darkin (Leader of the Council), S. Evans, S. Greaney (Deputy Town Mayor), B.A.L Roberts, J.R. Williams.

Parc Howard Collaboration Group: (4 Members)

Councillors: D.Ll. Darkin (Leader of the Council), R. James, N.J. Pearce, J.R. Williams.

Llanelli Traffic Management Working Group: (4 Members)

Councillors: A.R. Bragoli, D.Ll. Darkin (Leader of the Council), S. Evans, S. Greaney (Deputy Town Mayor).

Leases and Contracts Working Group

Councillors: D. Ll. Darkin (Leader of the Council), L. Fenris, A.S.J. McPherson, J.G. Prosser (Town Mayor).

14. APPOINTMENT OF CHAIRMEN AND VICE-CHAIRMEN OF COMMITTEES

RESOLVED – that, each Committee having been separately determined, the following members be appointed to serve as Chair and Vice-Chair of the respective Committees set out below for the ensuing year.

Planning, Licensing and Consultation Committee

Chair: Councillor L. Fenris
Vice-Chair: Councillor N.J. Pearce

Building and Finance Committee

Chair: Councillor A.S.J. McPherson
Vice-Chair: Councillor P.T. Warlow

Stebonheath Development Committee

Chair: Councillor L. Fenris

Vice-Chair: Councillor A.R. Bragoli

Selwyn Samuel Centre Committee

Chair: Councillor A.S.J. McPherson

Vice-Chair: Councillor S.A. Curry

Llanelly House Committee

Chair: Councillor P.T. Warlow

Vice-Chair: Councillor A. Lochrie

Town Twinning Committee

Chair: Councillor A.R. Bragoli

Vice-Chair: Councillor J.R. Elliott

Establishment Committee

Chair: Leader of the Council

Vice-Chair: Deputy Leader of the Council

Ex-Town Mayors' Committee:

Chair: Councillor D.Ll Darkin (Leader of the Council)

Vice-Chair: Councillor J.E. Jones J.P.

Llanelli Town Working Group

Chair: Councillor S.A. Curry

Vice-Chair: Councillor L. Fenris

Well-Being of Future Generation Working Group

Chair: Councillor N.J. Pearce

Vice-Chair: Councillor S Greaney (Deputy Town Mayor)

Llanelli Joint Burial Advisory Committee

Chair: Councillor D.Ll. Darkin (Leader of the Council)

Vice-Chair: To be nominated by LRC

Llanelli Traffic Management Working Group

Chair: Councillor A.R. Bragoli

Vice-Chair: Councillor S. Greaney (Deputy Town Mayor)

Leases and contracts Working Group

Chair: Councillor D.Ll. Darkin (Leader of the Council)

15. REPRESENTATION ON OUTSIDE BODIES

RESOLVED – that the representatives to serve on the undermentioned Outside Bodies for the ensuing year be as follows: -

**Carmarthenshire County Council - Education Authority
Schools Governing Bodies**

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| (1) Bigyn C.P. School: | Councillor A.S.J. McPherson |
| (2) Old Road C.P. School: | Councillor N.J. Pearce |
| (3) Ysgol Pen Rhos: | Councillor L. Fenris |
| (4) Ysgol Maes y Morfa: | Councillor L. Fenris |
| (5) Stebonheath C.P. School: | Councillor G.R. Lloyd |
| (6) Ysgol Gymraeg Dewi Sant: | Councillor S. Evans |
| (7) Pentip Voluntary School: | Councillor N.J. Pearce |
| (8) Penygaer C.P. School: | Councillor A.R. Bragoli |

Carmarthenshire Homeless Forum

Councillor A. Lochrie

Discarded Needles Working Group

Councillors S.A. Curry, A.S.J. McPherson and P.T. Warlow

Friends of Llanelli Museum

Councillor J. R. Williams

Heart of Wales Line Travellers Association

Councillor A.S.J. McPherson

Llanelli Town Centre Task Force

Councillor A.S.J. McPherson and Town Clerk

Llanelli and District Civic Society

Councillor S. Greaney (Deputy Town Mayor)

Llanelli and District Fairtrade Group

Vacancy

Llanelli and District Talking Newspaper Association

Councillors P.T. Warlow and N.J. Pearce

Llanelli and District Twinning Association

Chair for time being of Town Council's Twinning Committee

Llanelli and District Shopmobility

Councillor N.J. Pearce

Llanelli Chamber of Trade and Commerce

Councillor S.A. Curry

Llanelli Community Partnership

Councillors S. Greaney (Deputy Town Mayor) and A. Lochrie

Llanelli Deaf Club

Councillor N.J. Pearce

Llanelli Flood Forum

Councillor R. James

Llanelli Litter Task Force

Councillor A.S.J. McPherson

Llanelli Railway Goods Shed Committee

Councillor S.A. Curry

Llanelli Railway Strike Riots 1911 Centenary Commemorative Committee

Councillors S. Greaney (Deputy Town Mayor) and R. James

Llanelly House - CHRT

Councillor D.Ll Darkin (Leader of the Council) and Town Clerk (As Observers)

Menter Cwm Gwendraeth / Llanelli

Councillor S. Evans

National Association of Councillors

- (1) Leader of the Council,
- (2) Deputy Leader of the Council

North Dock Tenants and Residents Association

Councillors L. Fenris, S. Greaney (Deputy Town Mayor) and A.S.J. McPherson

One Voice Wales

Area Committee – Councillors P.T. Warlow and N.J Pearce
Larger Councils Committee - Councillor D.Ll Darkin (Leader of the Council)

Parc Howard Association

Councillors A.R. Bragoli, S. Evans, S. Greaney (Deputy Town Mayor), A. Lochrie and J.R. Williams

St. Paul's Family Centre

Councillors J.R. Elliott and L. Fenris

Town and Community Councils Liaison Forum

Councillor D.Ll Darkin (Leader of the Council)

Trustees of the Charity known as the Llanelli Town Estate

All Members of the Town Council

Tŷ Bryngwyn Hospice Committee

Councillors A.R. Bragoli, S. Evans, G.R. Lloyd, P.T. Warlow, J.R. Williams

Ymlaen Llanelli Ltd.

Leader of the Council and Deputy Leader

Stebonheath Management Committee

Councillors A.R. Bragoli, M.D. Cranham J.P., L. Fenris and P.T. Warlow.

FURTHER RESOLVED – that a review be undertaken during the year of the representation agreed.

16. GENERAL POWER OF COMPETENCE

Further to minute 16 of the Adjourned Annual Meeting held on the 11th May 2023, Members considered the Town Clerk's report, (Copies previously circulated to members).

Under the Local Government and Elections (Wales) Act 2021 following the 5th May 2022 elections, eligible Councils are able to resolve themselves as being competent Councils under the act.

The guidance to the act states:

The general power of competence permits qualifying authorities to do anything that an individual generally can do. It is a power of first resort which means that a qualifying authority does not need to rely on specific powers in legislation to do something, so long as what is intended to do is not otherwise prohibited.

If, however, there are restrictions on the use of an existing specific power, those restrictions would also apply to the use of the general power. The general power enables eligible community councils to act in their communities' best interests, generate efficiencies and secure value for money outcomes. Eligible community councils would also be able to raise money by charging for discretionary services and to trade for commercial purposes and in their ordinary functions.

The 2021 Act sets out the conditions community councils must meet to be an 'eligible community Council' with access to the general power. Only councils which meet the eligibility conditions are able to use this general power.

The three conditions are specified in the 2021 Act, section 30 (2)-(4) and are set out below:

- At least two-thirds of the total number of members of the council have been declared to be elected (including unopposed), whether at an ordinary election or at a by-election.
- The Clerk to the Council holds such named qualification or certification as may be specified by the Welsh Ministers by regulations.
- The two most recent Auditor General for Wales (AGW) opinions on the council's accounts are unqualified. The most recent must have been received in the previous 12 months.

The three conditions, working together, serve as indicators that a community council represents the views of its electorate, that the council has a recent history of sound governance and that its Clerk has the core knowledge, skills and understanding to support a community council in the exercise of the new general power. This provides a level of confidence in a council's ability to execute the general power appropriately.

To formally become an eligible community council, a council must meet the conditions set out above and pass a resolution at any meeting confirming that it meets the conditions. In accordance with Schedule 4, Part 1 of the 2021 Act, the outcome of the decision to become an eligible community Council should be published on the Council's website within seven working days of the resolution being passed.

The Town Clerk noted that Llanelli Town Council currently met each of the three conditions set out in the act.

RESOLVED – that the report is noted and the Town Council passes a Resolution in accordance with Schedule 4, Part 1 of the 2021 Act confirming that it meets the conditions and wishes to resolve itself as an eligible Council under the act.

17. TOWN COUNCIL BANK MANDATE AND ACCOUNTS

Consideration was given to the Town Clerk's report that the Town Council Bank Mandate was updated following the Town Council elections held in May 2022. Following this it was noted that there had been 2 bi-elections necessitating the removal of two former Councillors as signatories.

It was therefore proposed for the Town Council to approve the following for its bank mandate:

- Two signatories for payments;
- All 22 Town Councillors to be included as signatories;

Officers to be included:

- Town Clerk / Responsible Financial Officer;
- Principal Financial Officer;
- Administration and Finance Officer.

Online banking.

- Access to be provided to:
 - Town Clerk / Responsible Financial Officer;
 - Principal Financial Officer.

In addition it was noted that the Town Council had been made aware that the 'Money Market Call' Accounts utilised by the Town Council which earn interest payments were to be closed by HSBC.

RESOLVED –

- That the Town Council bank mandate reflect the recommendations set out in the report;

- That authorisation be given to the Town Clerk / RFO carrying out a review of the Town Council banking provision with a report to follow to the Council for consideration.

18. INDEPENDENT REMUNERATION PANEL FOR WALES ANNUAL REPORT 2023-24

Members considered the Town Clerk's report, minute No. 32 of the Planning, Licensing and Consultation Committee held on the 6th November 2023 refers (copy having previously been circulated).

The report provided details of the members' expenses that had been determined by the Panel for 2024/25.

The Town Council was considered to be a Group 1 Council, resulting in the council being required to make Resolutions in regard to the following Determinations: -

Cost of Care – The Council must provide for the reimbursement of necessary costs for the care of dependent children and adults (provided by informal or formal carers) and for personal assistance needs. Formal (registered with Care Inspectorate Wales) care costs are to be as evidenced and Informal (unregistered) care costs to be paid up to a maximum rate equivalent to the Real UK Living Wage at the time the costs are incurred. Reimbursement must be for the additional costs incurred by members in order for them to carry out official business or their approved duties. Reimbursement shall only be made on production of receipts from the care provider.

This would be reimbursed at the end of the month that a claim is submitted to the Town Clerk.

RESOLVED – That the item be noted.

Costs and Expenses 1 – The Council must make available a payment to each of its members of £156 per year towards the extra household expenses (including heating, lighting, power and broadband) of working from home.

This would be paid at the end of May of each year unless a member confirms to the Town Clerk in writing that they do not wish to claim all, or part of it.

RESOLVED – That the item be noted.

Costs and Expenses 2 - Councils must either pay their members £52 a year for the cost of office consumables required to carry out their role, or alternatively councils must enable members to claim full reimbursement for the cost of their office consumables.

Should the annual payment be agreed, this would be paid at the end of May of each year unless a member confirms to the Town Clerk in writing that they do not wish to claim all, or part of it.

RESOLVED – That the item be noted.

Senior Roles – The Council must make available an annual payment of £500 each to a minimum of one and a maximum of seven members in recognition of specific responsibilities. This is in addition to the £156 and £52 payments for costs and expenses.

The Council must therefore select at least one role to receive this payment and it would be paid at the end of May of each year unless the member holding the appointed role confirms to the Town Clerk in writing that they do not wish to claim all, or part of it.

RESOLVED – That the Council provide for a Senior Role payment of £500 to be made to the Council Leader only.

Travel – The Council can make payments to each of their members in respect of travel costs for attending approved duties. This is optional.

RESOLVED – That the item be noted and approved.

Overnight stays – The Council, if a duty requires an overnight stay, may authorise reimbursement of subsistence expenses to its members at the maximum rates as published. This is optional.

This would be reimbursed at the end of the month that a claim is submitted to the Town Clerk.

RESOLVED – That the item be noted and approved.

Financial Loss – The Council can pay financial loss compensation to each of their members, where such loss has occurred, for attending approved duties as published.

This would be reimbursed at the end of the month that a claim is submitted to the Town Clerk.

RESOLVED – That the item be noted and approved.

Attendance Allowance – The Council can pay an attendance allowance for members. The mandatory maximum for each qualifying event is £30 and a member in receipt of financial loss compensation would not be entitled to claim attendance allowance for the same event.

If the council decided in favour of attendance allowances, it must produce a scheme for formal adoption and make provision for it to be publicly available.

Payments for attendance must be in respect of official business or approved duty which are identified in the council's Standing Orders or alternatively by specific resolution. The scheme should specify for which events payments would be made.

All members of the council would be entitled to the payment for attendance at the events specified in the scheme, but an individual member may decline to receive payment by informing the Town Clerk (in writing).

RESOLVED – That the item be noted and an attendance allowance of £30 be approved for each attendance (this would entail 1 payment per Full Town Council or Standing Committee, Committee or Joint Committee meeting event as detailed in minute 13 above i.e., 1 £30 payment would be made whether 1 or multiple meetings were held on the particular occasion).

Civic Head – The Council can provide a Civic Head payment to the Town Mayor up to a maximum of £1,500. This is in addition to the £156 and £52 payments for costs and expenses and the £500 senior salary if these are claimed by that member. This payment is in addition to the budget of £8,000 that is allocated to cover mayoral activities.

If this payment allocation is approved, it would be paid at the end of May of each year unless the Town Mayor confirms to the Town Clerk in writing that they do not wish to claim all, or part of it.

RESOLVED – That the item be noted and a Civic Head payment of £1,500 be approved.

Deputy Civic Head – The Council can provide a Deputy Civic Head payment to the Deputy Town Mayor up to a maximum of £500. This is in addition to the £156 and £52 payments for costs and expenses and the £500 senior salary if these are claimed by that member. This payment is also in addition to the budget of £8,000 that is allocated to cover mayoral activities.

If this payment allocation is approved, it would be paid at the end of May of each year unless the Deputy Town Mayor confirms to the Town Clerk in writing that they do not wish to claim all, or part of it.

RESOLVED – That the item be noted and a Deputy Civic Head payment of £500 be approved.

Upon the request of Councillor T. Davies that a recorded vote be taken it was:

RESOLVED – that the resolutions set out above be agreed, with Councillors A. R. Bragoli, S. A. Curry, S. Evans, L. Fenris, S. Greaney (Deputy Town Mayor), R. James, G.R. Lloyd, A. Lochrie, A.S.J. McPherson, N.J. Pearce, J. G. Prosser (Town Mayor), P.T. Warlow and J.R. Williams in favour.

Against: Councillors A.A. Carter, M.D. Cranham J.P, T. Davies, J.E. Jones J.P., S.L. Rees, and S. Williams.

19. COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT AND ACTIVITY

Further to Minute No. 124 of the Town Council meeting of 3rd April 2024, 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

Cymru Can - Well-being of Future Generations Act 2015 - Wales was noted to be the only country in the world with a Well-being of Future Generations Act. It sets out seven well-being goals for Wales and five principles (ways of working) that work together to improve our environment, our economy, our society, and our culture. Cymru Can is the Future Generations Commissioner for Wales' new strategy for 2023-2030, it summarises the approach intended to take over the next seven years towards achieving the vision.

It sets out five missions:

- Implementation and impact
- Climate and Nature
- Health and Wellbeing
- A Well-Being Economy
- Culture and Welsh Language.

One Voice Wales National Awards Conference - At the recent One Voice Wales National Awards Conference, Llanelli Town Council were awarded Best Democratic Health Initiative for the Meet the Mayor Project.

At the Conference the Town Council was also highly commended in the Best Community Initiative for its Sports Youth and Activity programme.

Town Council's 50th Anniversary - Work continued to develop the programme of activities to celebrate the Town Council's 50th anniversary:

- Town Council branding ideas were being developed and finalised.
- Sporting festivals and activities with partners planned for May at Stebonheath Stadium.
- A working group of organisations continued to meet to support the development of the Llanelli Great Get Together (community picnic) to be held on the 22nd June in the Town Centre. The event would see several organisations coming together and would promote 3 themes Healthy Eating, Keeping Active and Community. It's was hoped that the day would include:

- Street Play, Childrens author, story time, free books, gym activity competitions, music, schools drawing competition, flower arranging, inflatable games and activities with Cook24.
- Llanelli Town Council will partner with Parc Howard Association on the 7th July with Llanelli Brass Band providing a musical event in the Parc which would link with the Town Council as a 50th anniversary event.
- Invitation for our Twin Town of Agen were being finalised for an October visit.

Junior Young Traders Project, Llanelli Town Centre – The trading day would take place on 16th May 10.00am - 2.00pm in the Town Centre. This year would see 6 schools taking part. The project aim was to improve mathematical and logical skills and was in line with the national curriculum. The project was working in partnership with the BID, Llanelli Community Partnership and Carmarthenshire County Council Market team.

The project was funded by several key partners including Llanelli Community Partnership, Foothold Cymru, the Chamber and the BID.

Well-being Walk Penygaer and Llanerch river walkway – The health and well-being walking group utilising the newly established river walkways at Llanerch and Penygaer held their first activity on the 19th April. The event set off from the Penygaer Changing Rooms / Community Facility building. The walk was supported by several organisations including the River Trust, Llanelli Green Network, Llanelli Multicultural Network, and the Local Health Board. The event was well attended with 28 residents taking part. The group held a light lunch followed by a planting session in which 8 people took part at the newly established Penygaer Sensory Garden. A further walk was being planned for Peoples’ Park in June.

Meet the Mayor 2024 – The Meet the Mayor project took place over 3 days in April. 266 pupils in year 5/ 6 from 7 primary schools attended. The project looked at educating on the role of the Town Council, on democratic health, why we vote, the history of voting and the Future Generation Act for Wales.

Environmental Projects Updates - Officers had undertaken work at the ‘Butterfly Gardens’ at Crown Park and Peoples’ Park, both gardens were doing well and were doing what they were designed to do, at Crown Park it was noted that the bird boxes put up 2 years ago were being used for nesting. Tree checks and maintenance had been undertaken at Peoples’ Park, Penygaer Playing Fields, Bryn Yard and the Llanerch River Walkway. One tree in Crown Park and a tree on the Llanerch Walkway were of concern and were being monitored. Penygaer Playing Fields Planters were also replanted with trellises repaired following vandalism.

RESOLVED - That the information be noted

(2) Policy and Strategic Meetings

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

- Llanelli Multi Cultural Network Drop-in Centre Support
- Penygaer School
- Penrhos School
- Stebonheath School
- Halfway School
- Llanelli Community Partnership
- Llanelli Green Network
- Tesco Trostre Community Team
- Dementia Cradle Choir
- Junior Young Traders Project, Llanelli Town Centre
- Hate Crime Cymru
- River Trust
- National Lottery

Strategic Work Programmes / Reviews

- Officers have completed a draft of the annual review of the Community Development Strategy 2023/24, the draft forward Work programme for 2024/25, Biodiversity Strategy, Training Plan and the first draft of the 2023/24 Annual report in readiness for consideration by the Town Council.
- Officers continue to work on the draft Public Service Board Return due in June 2024.

(3) Dates for Diaries, Community Activity examples FOR May 2024

Community Weekly Activity

- Hearts and Crafts - Paddock Street Community Centre, 2.00pm – 3.30pm Mondays, all are welcome.
- Mondays, Fan group meeting Llanelli Goods Shed 10.00am-11.30am.
- Mondays, Age Cymru 50+ Carers Group 11.00am-12.30 Llanelli Goods Shed.
- Dementia Cradle Choir – Tuesdays 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 – 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.
- 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.
- Young People Speak Up youth drop-in Ffwrnes Fach Wednesday 5.00pm - 7.00pm and Tuesday 3.30pm- 5.00pm.
- 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 continue 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.

Planned Community Activity- For Information

- 16th May Llanelli Junior Traders event, Town Centre 10.00am – 2.00pm, all are welcome.
- Llanelli Community Partnership meeting 20th May 6.00pm in Paddock Street Community Centre, all are welcome.
- International Children Day 30th May 1.00pm – 3.00pm Ffwrnes Fach, all are welcome.

RESOLVED - That the information be noted.

20. SPORTS YOUTH AND ACTIVITIES OFFICER'S REPORT

Further to Minute No. 124 of the Town Council meeting of 3rd April 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

- The 'Bootroom' coming to Llanelli – A charitable organisation founded in Swansea around 5 years ago called the Bootroom had expressed interest in branching out to Llanelli. The ambition of the Charity was to allow each child and adult to access a pair of football boots. They had five projects operating out of sports clubs, The projects designate a room for unwanted or outgrown football boots which players in need could simply walk in to collect boots with no questions asked. Foothold Cymru had expressed an interest in hosting the scheme and the Town Council and the Scarlets Community Foundation were supporting them to bring the scheme to the Town.
- International Children's Day – In partnership with People Speak Up and the Llanelli Community Partnership, plans had begun to bring organisations together to put on one of Wales' only events celebrating International Children's Day. This would be held in the Ffwrnes Fach. The event would be held during the Whitsun May holidays and would offer free provision during the holidays.
Further Information to follow
- Stebonheath Disability Festival – The second annual event for around 150 players with mixed disabilities would be held at Stebonheath Park. Teams ranging from Aberystwyth to the Rhondda are committed would attend. This would include Llanelli Reds disability team. TATA Steel are the key sponsor

for the event for the second year. Participants would receive medals and winning teams' trophies on the day.

- Festival of Sport at Stebonheath Stadium – This event would be themed around the Olympic games in Paris. Working in partnership with the Actif Sir Gar team, 400 year 3 pupils were attending Stebonheath Stadium to try new sporting activities. Attending on the day were Golf Wales, Basketball Wales alongside local clubs such as WCKA kickboxing school based in Felinfoel. Strade Young Leaders programme would also be supporting on the day.
- Ysgol Maes Y Morfa Rugby Sessions – Rugby after school session for those that had expressed interest in rugby continued to attract several pupils. This term target was children in Years 3 and 4 as there was a gap in provision. The children were now looking forward to competing in the upcoming Scarlets festival for local primary schools.
- Integrated Childrens Centre – Sports sessions were being delivered at Morfa Integrated Children Service Centre through the medium of Welsh and English. The project caters for the youngest in our community with most participants two to four years old.
- Stebonheath Street Football Cup – Actif Sir Gar approached the Town Council in the bid to host a football game for their homeless players. Currently the group train in the Leisure centre. Following discussion, teams from Swansea City FC, Mind Wellbeing, Carmarthenshire County Council Housing team and many more were taking part in the Cup final. Stalls from the NHS Outreach team and the mental health services that Mind Llanelli across the running track would be available on the day.
- Wellbeing Walk in Penygaer – A group of participants were led on a wellbeing walk for members of the community to explore the existing nature trail, sensory garden and River Walkway in Llanerch. West Wales Rivers Trust supported with a scavenger hunt, as well with the Multi-Cultural Network providing refreshments. The walk was well received by the community with plans for an additional walk in Town Council parks in June.
- Central African Entrepreneur (CAE) Event – In partnership with CAE, a game of football was organised for the young Syria Sir Gar footballers to play against another team of players from around the world. The event was well attended at the Cruyff Court with 15 players from each organisation taking part with 10 different nationalities. The children mentioned how exciting it was to play against another team.

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 – 5.00pm at the Cruyff Court in Penyfan;
- Tennis sessions held weekly Thursday's 4:00pm – 5:00pm at Parc Howard

- Syria Sir Gar Football weekly session Wednesday's Cruyff Court in Penyfan;
- Stebonheath Scarlets Rugby Festival, 14th May at Stebonheath Park 9:30 Start
- Stebonheath Festival of Sport, 15th May at Stebonheath Park 9:30am-3:00pm
- Young Traders Market, 16th May at Llanelli Town Centre 10:00am-2:00pm
- Homeless Carmarthenshire Cup, 17th May at Stebonheath Park 1:30pm-4:30pm
- Stebonheath Disability Festival, 18th May at Stebonheath Park 11:00am-3:00pm
- Seaside Football Festival, 19th May at Crown Park 9:00am-4:00pm
- Good shed May Fun Day, 29th May at The GoodsShed 12:00pm-3:00pm
- International Children's Day Event 30th May at The Ffwrness Fach 1:00pm-4:00pm

RESOLVED - That the information be noted.

21. 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) **Carmarthenshire County Council** - Code of conduct training for Town and Community Councils.
- (2) **One Voice Wales** – Training Event dates March, April, May & June 2024;
- (3) **One Voice Wales** – Minutes of the Larger Councils Committee held on the 14th February 2024.
- (4) **One Voice Wales** – Minutes of the Carmarthen Area Committee Meeting, held on 15th March 2024.
- (5) **One Voice Wales** – Information on the One Voice Wales Innovative Practice Conference to be held on 3rd July 2024.
- (6) **Llanelli Traffic Management Working Group** - Minutes of meeting held on 16th April 2024.
- (7) **Project Seagrass** – Information on Community Engagement session regarding seagrass planting trials in Llanelli.
- (8) **Park Howard Association** – Minutes of the meeting held on 25th March 2024.
- (9) **One Voice Wales** – News Bulletin.
- (10) **Carmarthenshire County Council** - Outcome of Primary Rising 4s Policy 2025/26 Consultation.
- (11) **CYCA** – Spring Newsletter.
- (12) **Llanelli Talking Newspaper** – Notice of meeting to be held on the 11th May 2024.

The Meeting concluded at 6.43 p.m.