

Llandyfaelog Community Council Annual Report

2019-2020 Civic Year

Introduction

<p>Outline of Council</p> <p>Indication of what could be included:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Number and names of councillors• Name of Mayor/Leader• Name of clerk and officers• Geographical area of Council• Number of residents represented• Any other relevant information	<p>Llandyfaelog Community Council is made up of 11 Councillors. The Chairman for the 2019-20 year is Cllr Rheinallt Jones.</p> <p>The Llandyfaelog Community area covers a wide geographical area from the outskirts of Carmarthen to Kidwelly, including the villages of Bancycapel, Croesyceiliog, Cwmffrwd, Idole, Llandyfaelog and Pentrepoeth. The 2011 Census provided a population in the Community of 1,304.</p> <p>The Council employs a part time Clerk, Arfon Davies and self-employed Handyperson and Bus Shelter Cleaner. Services provided by the Council include, play area / playing field, Community recreation gardens, bus shelters, notice boards, benches and public lighting.</p> <p>The Council precept in 2019-20 is £21,300. The Council feels that the Well-being of future generations act is relevant to our Community and therefore has decided to provide a report on its activities in relation to the duties set out in the Well-being of Future Generations act and the Carmarthenshire Public Services Board (PSB) Well-being Assessment.</p>
<p>What is the Council's Vision/Objectives?</p>	<p>The Llandyfaelog Community Council vision as the closest level of government to the Community is to provide a voice for the Community, representing the area at County and National level. We work closely with the Local County Council Ward Member to ensure that County Council, Police, Welsh Government and other authorities take account of the needs of our Community when making decisions that affect our residents. The Council uses the powers and resources available to it to proactively and quickly react to the needs of the Community and provide appropriate levels of relevant services to our Community.</p>

<p>How has the Council embedded the five ways of working into its planning and working arrangements?</p>	<p>Long Term The importance of balancing short-term needs with the need to safeguard the ability to also meet long-term needs.</p>	<p>Llandyfaelog Community Council carried out a Community Consultation in 2010 that provided for short, medium and long term actions to be undertaken in the Community. The Council has utilised this document as an action plan for planning in the long term the actions required within the Community.</p> <p>Additionally the Council agrees on its priorities for the next Civic Year in January and makes resources available from its precept and reserves in order to implement the works identified.</p>
	<p>Prevention How acting to prevent problems occurring or getting worse may help public bodies meet their objectives.</p>	<p>Llandyfaelog Community Council works closely with local residents, County Council, Police, Welsh Government and other relevant organisations to identify areas of concern and implement actions required to prevent problems occurring or getting worse. Llandyfaelog Community Council pro-actively discusses areas of concern at its monthly meetings and campaigns for or directly resources urgent actions wherever necessary. The Council continues to campaign for road safety improvements in the Community where concerns are expressed such as in Bancycapel, Cwmffrwd and Llandyfaelog.</p>
	<p>Integration Considering how the public body's well-being objectives may impact upon each of the well-being goals, on their other objectives, or on the objectives of other public bodies.</p>	<p>Llandyfaelog Community Council takes account of the well-being goals in all its activities to ensure the goals are embedded in all the services provided by the Council.</p> <p>Where action by other bodies is required the Council seeks solutions with these organisations that implement the goals in the improvements required.</p>
	<p>Collaboration Acting in collaboration with any other person (or different parts of the body itself) that could help the body to meet its well-being objectives.</p>	<p>Llandyfaelog Community Council and its staff are committed to implementing the well-being goals and objectives in all its activities and services. The Council continues to strive to improve the services provided while ensuring that the Council works in a way consistent with the goals. The Council collaborates with County Council, Police, Welsh Government, One Voice Wales and other relevant organisation and local residents in order to ensure that the well-</p>

		being goals are implemented across the Community and all residents can benefit from them.
	<p>Involvement The importance of involving people with an interest in achieving the well-being goals, and ensuring that those people reflect the diversity of the area which the body serves.</p>	Llandyfaelog Community Council works closely with a wide range of organisations and individuals within the Community such as Show, St Ishmaels Young Farmers, Llandyfaelog Eisteddfod, WI, Merched y Wawr and other ad hoc organisation to ensure that the activities and services of the Council reflect the area served by the Council. The Council provides for a quarterly newsletter, noticeboards and where appropriate direct mailing to involve the Community in the Council decision making process. Llandyfaelog Community Council also appoints school governors and representatives to groups such as the One Voice Wales Area Committee, Llandyfaelog Hall Committee and Carmarthenshire Community and Town Council / County Council Forum.
<p>What approach has the Council taken to embed the four PSB well-being objectives into its plans?</p> <p>Healthy Habits People have a good quality of life, make healthy choices about their lives and environment.</p> <p>Early Intervention To make sure that people have the right help at the right time; as and when they need it.</p> <p>Strong Connections Strongly connected people, places and organisations that are able to adapt to change.</p> <p>Prosperous People To maximise opportunities for people and places in both urban and rural parts of our county.</p>	<p>Llandyfaelog Community Council has embedded the four PSB and National well-being objectives and goals into its plans by:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Providing for services within the Community that encourage active lifestyles: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. The Council provides a play park and playing field at Idole. 2. The Council is custodian trustee of the Llandyfaelog Community Hall and part funded the upgraded play area opened in 2018 and provides via the Council Clerk, the Committee's Secretary. 3. The Council provides recreation space / gardens for residents at Bancycapel, Cwmffrwd, Idole, Glanmorlais and Llandyfaelog. 4. The Council provides numerous benches across the area at points that encourage walking. • Providing funding for local and national organisations that provide services within the Community. • Providing an annual Community Garden Competition. • Providing Flower Boxes at each village name sign given a splash of colour around the Community. 	

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What approach has the Council taken to embed the national well-being goals into its plans?	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Working with Llandyfaelog Hall Committee funding the facility and activities such as Christmas Tree event.• Implementing additional services within the Community such as defibrillators.• Working with County Councillor, County Council, Police, Welsh Government and organisations such as One Voice Wales to improve services available to the Community.• The Community is strongly connected through provision of 9 notice boards, quarterly newsletter (available by email and on website) and website.• Local organisations and residents are able to rely on the Community Council for support and advice where needed.• The Council provides a first point of contact for the Community and implements actions to provide early interventions where possible or represents the Community to other bodies where necessary.

Report of Steps Taken & Progress Made

Carmarthenshire PSB Well-being Objective	Steps to be taken by the Town/Community Council that contribute to the Well-being Objective	Progress <i>What have you done so far?</i> <i>How are you tracking progress?</i> <i>How effective have you been? (RAG Status)</i> <i>What is the improvement for different communities?</i>
Healthy Habits: People have a good quality of life, and make healthy choices about their lives and environment	Provision of a play area and playing field at Idole	Complete
	Working in collaboration with local resident on the provision of accessible play equipment for disabled children at Idole	Complete
	Campaign to complete footpath from Pibwrlwyd to Idole	Ongoing
	Work with County Council and Coastal Path authorities to improve footpaths in the Community	Ongoing
	Drainage improvements for Idole playing field	Complete
	Provision of additional benches in the Community in collaboration with local resident	Complete
	Provision of defibrillators within the Community in partnership with local fund raising committee. Arrange maintenance of the equipment. Arranging Community training on use of the equipment.	Complete
Early Intervention: To make sure that people have the right help at the right time; as and when they need it	Campaign to improve crossing points across A484 at Cwmffrwd and Llandyfaelog.	Ongoing
	Campaign to improve road safety on the B4309 in Bancycapel.	Ongoing
	Contribute towards the cost of provision of additional driver feedback sign on the A484 in Cwmffrwd.	To be completed in March 2020
	Work with County Council on concerns relating to water cleanliness in the Community	Ongoing
	Financial Support to Carmarthenshire Christmas Toy Box and anti-poverty Scheme and County Chairman's Charity for 2019-20 – foodbanks	Complete
Annual review of public lighting provision	Ongoing	

	Provision of defibrillators within the Community in partnership with local fund raising committee. Arranging Community training on use of the equipment.	Complete
	Financial Support to Carers Trust Carmarthenshire, Bobath, Wales Air Ambulance.	Complete
Strong Connections: Strongly connected people, places and organisations that are able to adapt to change	Campaign to complete footpath from Pibwrlwyd to Idole	Ongoing
	Campaign to improve crossing points across A484 at Cwmffrwd and Llandyfaelog.	Ongoing
	Continuous improvement of quarterly newsletter	Ongoing
	Continuous improvement of Community Website	Ongoing
	Provision of new notice boards in Cwmffrwd, Idole and Llandyfaelog	To be completed March 2020 and ongoing.
Prosperous People and Places: To maximise opportunities for people and places in both urban and rural parts of our county	Annual Community Garden Competition held across the area which encourages the growing of flowers and vegetable engendering pride in the local patch.	Completed annually
	Provision of flower boxes at each village sign, with a new planter at Croesyceiliog	To be completed March 2020.
	As above	Ongoing
	Worked with the WI on a tree planting project for Idole field.	To be completed March 2020.
	Funding support to organisations such as Llandyfaelog Community Hall, Llandyfaelog Show, St Ishmaels Young Farmers Club, Llandyfaelog Eisteddfod, Urdd Gobaith Cymru, Gwyl Cerdd Dant and Carmarthen and District Youth Opera.	Ongoing

Contribution to the National Well-being Goals

Other activity that the Town/Community Council is undertaking that contributes to the National Goals

National Goal	Local Activity
<p>A Prosperous Wales: An innovative, productive and low carbon society which recognises the limits of the Global environment and therefore uses resources efficiently and proportionately, and which develops a skilled and well-educated population in an economy which generates wealth and provides employment opportunities, allowing people to take advantage of the wealth generated through securing decent work.</p>	<p>As above</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Council makes budget provision for Community improvement activities. • The Council maintains a up to date website which is open to the Community for information exchange.
<p>A Resilient Wales: A nation which maintains and enhances a biodiverse natural environment with healthy functioning ecosystems that support social, economic and ecological resilience and the capacity to adapt to change.</p>	<p>As above</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Council provides for green spaces across the Community and allows these areas to grow in a way that supports biodiversity. • The Council created a 'bug hotel' at one of its amenity areas. • The Council has provided plants within all of its amenities that support pollinators. • The Council has approved a Biodiversity and Environment Development Action Plan setting out how its activities and policies support the Community Biodiversity and Environment and detailing what actions will be taken during 2020.
<p>A Healthier Wales: A society in which people's physical and mental well-being is maximised and in which choices and behaviours that benefit future health are understood</p>	<p>As above</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Community Council play area in Idole includes a piece of play equipment for children with disabilities.
<p>A More Equal Wales: A society that enables people to fulfil their potential no matter what their background or circumstances</p>	<p>As above</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Council continues to seek innovative solutions to the issues of road safety and access problems in order to ensure all residents are able to access services. • The Council continues to work for the completion of the footpath from Pibwrlwyd to Idole which will improve access to services for residents to Carmarthen.
<p>A Wales of Cohesive Communities: Attractive, viable, safe and well-connected communities</p>	<p>As above</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Council continues to work for the completion of the footpath from Pibwrlwyd to Idole which will improve

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	access to services for residents to Carmarthen.
<p>A Wales of Vibrant Culture and Thriving Welsh Language: where we have lots of opportunities to do different things and where lots of people can speak Welsh</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • All activities of the Community Council are provided to the same standard in Welsh and English. The Council provides financial support to Llandyfaelog Community Hall, Urdd Gobaith Cymru, the Llandyfaelog Eisteddfod, St Ishmaels YFC, and the Gwyl Cerdd Dant all of which provide opportunities within the Community for Welsh Speakers. • The Council provides financial support to Carmarthen and District Youth Opera who provide cultural opportunities in the Community. • The Council has provided local history panels across the Community to promote the history and culture of the area though the history of its buildings. The 3 panels include hand drawn maps of the area.
<p>A Globally Responsible Wales: where we look after the Environment and think about other people around the World</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Council provides for green spaces across the Community and allows these areas to grow in a way that supports biodiversity. • The Council has provided plants within all of its amenities that support pollinators. • The Council has approved a Biodiversity and Environment Development Action Plan setting out how its activities and policies support the Community Biodiversity and Environment and detailing what actions will be taken during 2020.

Implementing the Act

An opportunity to reflect on how things are going.

What opportunities have the Council encountered and how have these been best utilised?	The Community Council continues to seek opportunities to make improvements. Funding has been identified for the purchase of new play equipment in Idole. Council powers have been utilised to support the improvement of the play area in Llandyfaelog along with provision of defibrillators in the Community. The Council has agreed to provide finance to support road safety improvements. The Council will continue to seek innovative solutions to enable improvements to road safety in the Community.
Has the Council encountered any barriers and if so what actions have been/are being taken to overcome these?	The lack of funding available for necessary road improvements have been a significant barrier to the Council being able to implement change in the area. The Council has been unsuccessful in applications to the safe routes in Communities scheme as this has been aimed more towards larger urban schemes.
What challenges has the Council faced and what measures have been put in place to overcome them?	The main challenge has been lack of available funding to enable necessary works to be carried out.
Are there any matters the PSB could support delivery/progress on?	