

Llandyfaelog Community Council Annual Report

2020-21 Civic Year

Introduction

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| <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 2020-21 year is Cllr Meinir James.</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 2020-21 is £23,000. 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> |

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| <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> |

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| | <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> | <p>being goals are implemented across the Community and all residents can benefit from them.</p> <p>Llandyfaelog Community Council works closely with a wide range of organisations and individuals within the Community such as Llandyfaelog 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 (this has not been published in 2020-21 due to the COVID pandemic), noticeboards and where appropriate direct mailing to involve the Community in the Council decision making process. The Council has upgraded it's website in 2020-21 in order to ensure it is accessible to all residents. 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> |
| <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>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. In 2020-21 the Council implemented the Public Health (Wales) Act 2017 making the Play Area a smoke free area as required by the Act. 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 and cycling. | |

Prosperous People

To maximise opportunities for people and places in both urban and rural parts of our county. and Places

What approach has the Council taken to embed the national well-being goals into its plans?

- Providing funding for local and national organisations that provide services within the Community.
- Providing an annual Community Garden Competition. This was not possible in 2020-21 due to the COVID pandemic.
- Providing Flower Boxes at each village name sign given a splash of colour around the Community.
- 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> |
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| 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. | Complete |
| | Provision of LED upgrade to public lighting in partnership with Carmarthenshire County Council | Complete |
| | Financial Support to Carmarthenshire Christmas Toy Box and anti-poverty Scheme | Complete |
| | Annual review of public lighting provision | Ongoing |

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| | Provision and maintenance of defibrillators within the Community in partnership with local fund raising committee. | Ongoing |
| | Financial Support to Wales Air Ambulance, Tenovus, Marie Curie. | 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 | Not possible in 2020-21 |
| | Upgrade of Community Website to provide improved accessibility | Complete |
| | Provision of new notice boards in Cwmffrwd, Idole and Llandyfaelog | Complete |
| | Due to the pandemic all Council meetings in 2020-21 have been held online | 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. | Not possible in 2020-21 |
| | Provision of flower boxes at each village sign | Ongoing |
| | Install butterfly garden at Idole Field un conjunction with Keep Wales Tidy, Local Places for Nature Scheme | Complete |
| | Worked with the WI on a tree planting project for Idole field. | Complete |
| | Funding support to organisations such as Llandyfaelog Community Hall, Llandyfaelog Show, St Ishmaels Young Farmers Club, Llandyfaelog Eisteddfod | 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 |
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| <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 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 |
| <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> |

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| | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 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 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, the Llandyfaelog Eisteddfod, St Ishmaels YFC all of which provide opportunities within the Community for Welsh Speakers. The Council has provided local history panels across the Community to promote the history and culture of the area through 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 |

Implementing the Act

An opportunity to reflect on how things are going.

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| What opportunities have the Council encountered and how have these been best utilised? | The Community Council continues to seek opportunities to make 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 COVID pandemic has curtailed the Council's activities during 2020-21. The pandemic and 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. |
| What challenges has the Council faced and what measures have been put in place to overcome them? | The COVID pandemic has made the implementation of improvements with the County Council in relation to public lighting and highways more difficult. |
| Are there any matters the PSB could support delivery/progress on? | |