

Cyngor Cymuned **Llandybie** Community Council

Annual Report

2020/2021

Chairman : Councillor R.A Davies

# Chairman's Introduction

Little did I think when I wrote my Chairman's report for last year, that the issues of the pandemic would still be having a massive impact globally, nationally and locally in May 2021. For the first time in the history of Llandybie Community Council, it was agreed that due to the uncertainty of the Covid crisis the Chairman should continue for a second term as this made the operational running of the Council far smoother and efficient with no changes made to committee structures. The last face to face meeting for the Council took place in February 2020 and the first ever virtual meeting of the council took place in early May, and has continued online ever since.

The work of the Council has continued during the crisis and I am delighted to report that following a local consultation with parents and children , a new children's play area was installed at Trefrhiw, Penybanc. There has been continued maintenance at all of the other 10 parks with excellent support from Carmarthenshire County Council who have a service level agreement with the Community Council for grass cutting , litter collection, herbicide treatment and hedge cutting at the parks. Annual tree surveys are undertaken with any issues addressed with public safety in mind.

Public conveniences at Llandybie and Penygroes have remained open except for a short period during the first lockdown.

New LED lights have been installed across the 144 Community Council owned lamps improving the Council's carbon footprint by reducing energy consumption.

Work has started on the maintenance of wayside and park seats throughout the area. Many have remained unattended to but now with a programme of annual maintenance I would hope that you will see a big improvement.

# Chairman's Introduction

The council continue to provide grant support to many local clubs and organisations, and this year we have increased the funding provided to our local village halls who do such a great job in their local community. Churches and chapels who have graveyards to maintain have also had their funding increased.

The annual footpath maintenance has continued and I was delighted to receive a report from the Heart of Wales Line Trail that footpaths within the area were in very good condition compared to other paths along the line, However, I do recognise that we do have issues along some of the paths and I would urge you to make the Rights of Way team at Carmarthenshire County Council aware so that everyone can continue to roam the footpaths free of any danger.

The Community Council now has a duty to publish an annual plan and incorporates a community action plan which complements the work at all levels which is required under the Well Being of Future Generations Act (2015) section 40(1) and links directly to the objectives of the Carmarthenshire Public Services Board and the National Wellbeing Goals.

Thank you all for your support and let me assure you that the Councillors will do all they can to create a bright , vibrant local economy to ensure a future for ourselves and our children

Diolch yn fawr

*Anthony Davies*

# Our preferred way of working

Consider the well being goals at all times

Use our local knowledge for the benefit of our community

Involve local people in local decisions where appropriate

Work with other local organisations

Publish our annual plan on the website

# Income and Expenditure

- Llandybie Community Council is funded mainly from a precept paid by local taxpayers. In 2020 /2021 total income was £184,300 ( ex VAT).
- For 2021/2022 it is expected to be £188,100.
- The Band D tax levied in 2021/2022 is £40.96 a reduction from £41.25 - the lowest compared to other neighbouring large Councils.
- No precept increase for the last 4 years

- Expenditure in 2020 /2021 was £210,297 ( ex VAT)

1. Parks and Play Area	£ 80,723
2. Grants	£ 23,574
3. Admin/ Salaries	£ 75,941
4. Community Development	£11,887
5. Footpaths / lighting / Public Conveniences	£ 18,172

# What do we do ?

Maintain and improve parks and play areas – some owned by the Council and others maintained on behalf of local village associations.

Maintain a network of local public footpaths.

Support local organisations, clubs, and events with grant support.

Support community facilities with annual grant funding for the village halls.

Help nurture new community groups that help meet local needs.

Encourage local volunteering.

# Councillors

## **Llandybie Ward**

- Cllr Anthony Davies - Chairman
- Cllr David Evans
- Cllr David Hopkins
- Cllr Anthony Jones
- Cllr Dai Nicholas
- Cllr Emyr Nicholas
- Cllr Bryan Rees

## **Heol Ddu Ward**

- Cllr. Ian Llewellyn – Vice Chairman

## **Penygroes Ward**

- Cllr Mrs Janet Collins
- Cllr Mrs Llinos Hindley
- Cllr Mrs Llywela Latham
- Cllr Peter Roberts
- Cllr Mrs Sian Thomas

## **Saron Ward**

- Cllr Mrs Karen Davies
- Cllr Mrs Anita Evans
- Cllr Nigel Evans
- Cllr Carl Harris
- Cllr Steven Roberts
- Cllr Mrs Carey Thomas

# Staff

## **Clerk to the Council and Responsible Financial Officer**

- Stuart Griffith

## **Administration Assistant**

- Mrs Rhian Thomas

# Population

(based on no of electors in the ward)

• Llandybie	2843
• Heol Ddu	460
• Penygroes	2346
• Saron	3391
• TOTAL	9040

# The Council's Vision

To improve everyone's quality of life by providing equal opportunities for all by creating attractive, safe, vibrant, healthy , inclusive and environmentally sustainable communities.

# The Council's Objectives

- To consult with our communities
- To encourage environmental sustainability and help reduce climate change
- To preserve and promote the welsh language and culture
- To support our local community organisations
- To improve our parks and play areas
- To create, maintain and improve community facilities
- To contribute to the wellbeing of all residents in compliance with the Wellbeing of Future Generations Act

# Embedding the Five Ways of Working

## Long Term

- balancing short term needs to safeguard the long term

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## Prevention

- of problems occurring or worsening

- The Council has set aside £150k for park repair and replacement
- It is committed to core financial support for all local village halls

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- Improved playground equipment since Asset Transfer from CCC
- Undertake regular playground inspections
- Undertake regular maintenance of equipment
- Maintained local footpaths with annual schedule of grass cutting
- Continual liaison with County Councillors on local issues

# Embedding the Five Ways of Working

- Integration
  - impact on other bodies' objectives
- Collaboration
  - working together
- We are mindful of the well-being goals and assess the impact of projects against them.
- Clerk regularly attends local West Wales Clerk's meeting
- We actively work with other local organisations in order to meet the well-being objectives.
- Actively respond to consultations
- Work with various sporting bodies
- Work with local community groups

# Embedding the Five Ways of Working

- Involvement – of other interested people with the diversity to achieve well-being goals.
- We appreciate the importance of involving a wide range of people who have an interest in achieving the well-being goals.
- Grants evening held bi- annually as a joint networking and recognition event with local organisations given the opportunity of increasing their profile

# What approach has the council taken to embed the four PSB well-being objectives into its plans ?

- **Healthy Habits** - people have a good way of life and make healthy choices about their lives and environment.
- **Early Intervention** – people have the right help at the right time.
- **Strong connections** – from people, places and organisations that are able to adapt to change.
- **Prosperous People** – maximise opportunities across all areas.
- The Council are actively embedding these into its way of working.
- The PSB well-being objectives will be fully reflected in any Community Development Plans.
- We have already listened to our communities' concerns on road safety, play area replacement and actively listen on all other areas of concern.

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

- A Prosperous Wales
  - A Resilient Wales
  - A Healthier Wales
  - A More Equal Wales
  - A Wales of Cohesive Communities
  - A Wales of Vibrant Culture and ^thriving Welsh Language
  - A Globally Responsible Wales
- The Council actively embeds these into its way of working.
  - The national goals will be fully reflected in any Community Plans, or work streams/projects (present and future).

# Carmarthenshire PSB Well-being Objective

## Healthy Habits

- Encouraging Outdoor Play
- Encouraging Sports

## Progress

- The Council has invested heavily in play equipment since taking them over on Asset Transfer. This has increased the opportunity for safe, active play in our area.
- The Council monitors playground safety with regular inspections which identifies works required and monitors progress of these works.
- Helps support Multi Use Games Areas and supports local sporting clubs with grant aid for the junior sections and with ground maintenance.
- The tennis courts and bowling green at Llandybie are maintained to a very high standard.
- Grant support has been provided to Saron Juniors FC, Penybanc RFC Juniors and Penygroes RFC specifically for ground improvements.

# Carmarthenshire PSB Well-being Objective

## Early Intervention

- Website
- Play Areas
- Local Organisations grant aid
- Support for organisations supporting children and young people

## Progress

- Fully functional bilingual website which is to be upgraded during 2020 to make it accessible to all. Council and community news added.
- See above - encourages outdoor play and learning from an aearly age.
- Grant requests considered twice per annum with presentation evening for the successful organisations.

# Carmarthenshire PSB Well-being Objective

## Strong connections

- Heritage

## Progress

- The Council sees local heritage as useful way to help make connections. There are information boards at Llandybie, Penygroes and Pantllyn
- Pencae'r Eithin Coal dram - a reminder of the coal industry which was so prevalent locally.
- Cilyrychen clock – returned to Llandybie and placed centrally in the village as a reminder of the industrial history of the Lime Firms at Cilyrychen.
- Support with footpath maintenance for the Heart of Wales walking trail.

# Carmarthenshire PSB Well-being Objective

## **Strong connections**

- Community Events
- Supporting Community Facilities
- Website

## **Progress**

- Support for xmas lights at Llandybie Parish Church.
- Annual grant aid for all local village halls.
- Full maintenance of Llandybie bowling green, tennis courts and pavilion and Saron Juniors FC pitch and changing rooms.
- Public Conveniences at Llandybie and Penygroes open daily.
- New accessible website has been developed and is operational

# Carmarthenshire PSB Well-being Objective

## **Prosperous People and Places**

- Community Consultation

## **Progress**

- Improved facilities at the play areas