

Cyngor Cymuned **Llandybie** Community Council

Annual Report

2019/2020

Chairman : Councillor R.A Davies

Chairman's Introduction

I have been delighted to act as the Chairman of Llandybie Community Council for 2019/2020. I think it would be fair to say that the year is one that will go down in history as the year when the Covid 19 crisis brought the world to a halt, and has been a huge challenges to everyone. The future remains uncertain, and all we can hope for is that we emerge safe and well from this and revert to some form of normality quickly.

As a Council, we have continued to improve the children's play areas with notable investment into Llandybie, Penygroes and Saron. New park signage has been introduced as a result of a local schools competition to design the artwork whilst other parks have had minor improvements with equipment painted, surfacing cleaned and swings replaced. However, there is still much to do and remains a high priority for the Community Council.

We continue to provide grant support to many local clubs and organisations as well as providing annual funding for our local village halls, and for churches and chapels who have graveyards to maintain. Notable funding has been provided to the junior section at Penybanc RFC to create a new training pitch and alleviate parking issues during training and match days, whilst events such as the hugely successful Jam Tybie have been supported.

We have committed to environmental improvements by agreeing to change the Community Council stock of street/footpath lights to new LED lights thus reducing energy consumption and helping with the climate change issue. Planting of wild flower patches and areas of daffodils have improved our roadside verges and parks also.

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.

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 2019 /2020 total income was £222,026, which includes facility hire.
- For 2020/2021 it is expected to be £213,250.
- The Band D tax levied in 2020/2021 is £41.25 - the lowest compared to other neighbouring Councils.

- Expenditure in 2019 /2020 was £274,391

1. Parks and Play Area	£128,964
2. Grants	£19,079
3. Admin/ Salaries	£72,205
4. Community Development	£30543
5. Footpaths / lighting / Public Conveniences	£23,600

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	2834
• Heol Ddu	467
• Penygroes	2359
• Saron	3385
• TOTAL	9045

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

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

- 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.
- Community questionnaire undertaken for Penybank Park
- 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 PBS 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 and Penybanc RFC Juniors 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 early 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 being developed

Carmarthenshire PSB Well-being Objective

Prosperous People and Places

- Community Consultation

Progress

- Improved facilities at the play areas