

# **Cyngor Tref Caereinion Llanfair**

## **Llanfair Caereinion Town Council**

### **UPDATES MARCH 2026**

#### **1.Introduction**

This is a general update on the Council's activities, a report from the Town Clerk on activities and progress on projects. Weekly inspections of all the council's sites are completed and logged on the website under documents and inspections.

#### **2.Financial**

##### **2.1 Management accounts**

The management accounts up to 28<sup>th</sup> February 2026 have been prepared. The bank balances are being reported to council at each meeting. The external audit to 31<sup>st</sup> March 2025 has been submitted but the report is still awaited.

Any councillor wishes to see the accounts and paperwork should contact the Town Clerk who will make them available.

The bank balances as of 28<sup>th</sup> February 2026 were £97,736.64.

##### **2.2.Audit**

The 2026 audit (standard audit) will be looking at:

- i) The Independent Review Panel for Wales returns.
- ii) The council Health Check.
- iii) The section 6 bio-diversity reports.
- iv) Usual bank statements and accounts along with the annual return.

##### **2.3 Grant summary**

The summary of grants and their status is noted here:

| GRANT AID     | AMOUNT | STATUS      |
|---------------|--------|-------------|
| PCC           | 83000  | APPROVED    |
| PCC           | 33500  | APPROVED    |
| PAVO          | 1250   | RECEIVED    |
| PAVO          | 1025   | RECEIVED    |
| EMERGING      |        |             |
| ACORNS        | 20000  | APPLICATION |
| TOTAL FUNDS   | 138775 |             |
|               |        | FROM        |
| ALLOCATED PMP | 20000  | RESERVES    |
| TOTAL FUNDS   | 158775 |             |

## **2.4 Grass cutting contract**

The grass cutting contract has been renewed from 1<sup>st</sup> April 2026.

The contractor continues to be Bridgen Contracting.

## **3. Governance**

### **3.1 Training**

The training plan (as required by SLCC) has been completed by the Clerk.

Councillors are informed of training courses from time to time as offered by One Voice Wales and others.

### **3.2 Administration**

All records and filing are pretty much up to date and in files clearly marked. Private and confidential files are kept in the top drawer of one of the filing cabinets which is locked. A list of codes for computers, emails, accounts etc is kept.

### **3.3 Inspections**

All property of the council is inspected every week and recorded under 'inspections' on the website.

### **3.4 Bylaws**

The new bylaws have been approved and new signage with them on it has been installed at both Mount Field and Deri Woods/Goat Field.

### **3.5 Statutory documents**

a) Current statutory documents are all in place.

### **3.6 Small works**

To aid the Town Clerk weekly inspections are now completed by a contractor who also does most of the small works. The second small works contractor is still there for some routine works completed annually.

## **4. Youth**

### **4.1 General**

The youth club is going well with a good regular attendance in the younger group and a growing group in the older section. More volunteers needed and work on this is still taking place.

#### **4.2 Staffing**

At present we employ a youth worker (part time) and he is supported by three volunteers (two of which are relatives). Contact has been made to PAVO to seek more volunteers with little effect to date.

All volunteers and staff have been DBS checked where required. Renewal is required in March 2026 and is in hand.

#### **4.3 Financial & Governance**

The youth club is now under the Youth and Community Trust managed similar to that of the other Trusts.

#### **4.4 Tuck shop**

The youth club has a self-funding tuck shop selling canned or bottled drinks, prepacked sweets etc. All dates are checked regularly.

#### **4.5 Youth club risk assessment**

The youth club risk assessment is posted on the council website.

#### **4.6 Youth Council**

The Youth Council (following a recent council decision) is now operating within the youth club. The youth are consulted when subjects that affect them come forward.

### **5. Mount Field (Trust)**

#### **5.1 Car park**

The car park potholes have been repaired.

#### **5.2 Signage**

New signage has been put in place with larger NO DOG signs and the bylaws.

### **6. Erw Ddwr**

#### **6.1 Tree works at Erw Ddwr**

A tree report has been received and various minor works to trees will need to take place at some point.

#### **6.2 Burial records**

All burial records are up to date except for those to be entered when the audit office returns the books.

### **7. Section 137 works**

#### **7.1 Land by Fish and Chip shop**

The flower beds at the above have been tidied.

## **8. Chapel of Rest**

### **8.1 Side gate and post**

The gate to the side of the Chapel of Rest is back in place.

### **8.2 Gate to front of Chapel of Rest**

The gate to the road needs to be replaced and the fence painting. This is on the maintenance list for action.

## **9. St Mary's Churchyard**

### **9.1 Path**

Powys County Council have resurfaced the churchyard path.

### **9.2 Memorial garden**

The benches have arrived and are in place for this scheme.

The sculpture is in store and a stone base secured.

When the weather gets better the remainder of the scheme will be completed.

### **9.3 Boundary wall – adjacent to the chapel**

The retaining wall by the chapel has been inspected and measured. Pictures are also being taken each month. The movement of the wall is not extensive but will need monitoring to see if it is moving at this time.

## **10. Deri Woods/Goat Field**

### **10.1 General maintenance**

The Town Clerk does visit site every two months to meet the FODW volunteers to offer support for the work that they do.

The general maintenance is progressing with the Friends of Deri Woods. They are working to an agreed plan with the Council.

### **10.2 Grant aid**

Grant aid for Deri Woods and the Goat Field is as follows:

Main PCC grant - £33,500 to cover the riverside path, washed out path, drainage and entrance to Goat Field.

Emerging Acorns grant – possible £20,000 now being assessed.

Work to seek prices is now to progress for each element.

### **10.3 Car park**

The car park has several potholes which are increasing. When the weather improves a bag of scalpens is to be provided and the potholes filled.

## **11. Area to rear of the Institute and Toilets**

### **11.1 Toilet rolls**

New toilet roll installations are working well.

### **11.3 CCTV**

The CCTV system is working with 4 out of the 5 camera's producing images.

The CCTV is in a locked cupboard in the Media Room of the Institute.

A record is now being kept showing when the images are viewed, who by, for how long and the reason for the particular viewing.

## **12. Recreation**

### **12.1 Glenafton Playground**

No issues to report.

## **13. Tennis Courts**

### **13.1 Pre-season works**

Pre-season works agreed and completed except for white lining which is in hand.

## **14. Street scene**

### **14.1 Seating and bin (A483 & Bridge Street)**

Instructions to the contractor to complete works have been issued. Work will be completed when the weather allows.

### **14.2 Street cleaning**

Final information is still awaited from PCC to enable a report to be placed in front of council regarding the street scene services.

## **15. Projects**

### **15.1 Tourism display boards**

Funding for a new town guide has been received for this. Completion due May 2026.

### **15.2 Town Notice Board**

A location for a new notice board is to be agreed.

### **15.3 Hybrid system for Youth Room**

The grant aid for the large screen has been received. The installation is complete.

## **16. Planning and development**

### **16.1 Lorry traffic through town**

Discussions continue.

## **16.2 Transmission line Cefn Coch to Frankton (Shrewsbury)**

There have been various announcements. A planning application is expected in the coming few weeks.

## **16.3 Planning applications**

All planning applications which are within or affect the town council area are reported to Council. When planning decisions are published these are also reported to Council.

## **16.4 Place Making Plan**

The Place Making Plan was adopted in May 2026. An update for the public needs to take place in May and annually.

The plans are progressing with full details contained within the place making plan working group.

Grant aid has been gained in the sum of £83,000 towards projects in the plan.

## **17. Annual reviews**

All council risk assessments and general documents are reviewed by the Town Clerk in February of each year. Any significant changes are noted on the council agenda. A review of the following takes place at the Annual meeting:

- a) Place Making Plan
- b) Planning and Policy Plan
- c) Annual Action Plan
- d) Climate Change Plan
- e) Bio-diversity Plan

## **18. Publicity**

### **18.1 Website**

The website is updated every few days and meets government guidelines.

### **18.2 Chronicle**

The next issue of the Chronicle is mid-May. This will carry an update on the Place Making Plan.

## **19. Powys County Council**

### **19.2 Leisure Centre**

A meeting with stakeholders has been held.

Progress in developing a way forward is being made.

#### **19.4 Sustainable Powys**

Meeting involving Town and Community Council Clerks and the Chief Executive was held in February 2024. We were told that from 2026 the County Council was moving towards only doing what it has a duty to do. Other services would have to be provided differently and by others or they would be lost.

A meeting was held in October (Welshpool) which both Cllr Stephen Purser and the Clerk attended.

Apart from a presentation on the council finances and stating again what the Chief Executive alluded to there was little to take out of the meeting. Powys is looking to pass over services but is not wishing to identify anything at this time. The other county councils in Wales are a little more advanced.

#### **19.5 Car parks**

The approach to PCC for an asset transfer of the car parks has met with silence. The resurfacing of the Health Centre car park is due to take place soon by PCC.

#### **19.6 Banwy Estate Road**

A letter from the WLLR to the Town Council is awaited confirming that the railway does not wish to consider taking over the estate road.

#### **19.5 Town and Community Council review**

The North and Mid Wales Association of Local Councils has been involved in the review and has attended Welsh Government Evidence Committees on the subject. During the next year Welsh Government will be focusing on Code of Conduct and Audits.

### **20. Town defibrillators**

The town defibrillators are checked every week and recorded on the national database.

### **21. Events**

#### **21.1 Christmas Lights**

All went well with new lights and indoor event.

The company who damaged the Christmas Lights in Bridge Street has been sent an estimate of cost for this. It appears they are going to pay this rather than involve insurers.

#### **21.2 Buses**

There are improvements for Llanfair Caereinion including an early bus to Welshpool and two later back to Llanfair from Welshpool. These are now running well.

## 22. Council plan review 2024-2025

A review of where we are on each project contained in the plans for 2025 to 2026 are listed on the next page.

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**Town Clerk January 2026**

| REF | HEADING                                                                   | STATUS                                   |
|-----|---------------------------------------------------------------------------|------------------------------------------|
| 1   | Take forward Place Making Plan                                            | Progressing                              |
| 2   | Take forward street scene (sustainability plan)                           | Progressing                              |
| 3   | Progress asset transfer request (car parks)                               | Approach made                            |
| 4   | Finalise decision on Banwy Estate Road                                    | Letter from WLLR awaited                 |
| 5   | Deri Woods land registration                                              | Being investigated                       |
| 6   | Repair top rails and posts at Mount Field                                 | Completed                                |
| 7   | New signage at Mount Field                                                | Completed                                |
| 8   | Repair pot holes Mount Field                                              | Completed                                |
| 9   | Repair pot holes Deri Woods                                               | Ongoing                                  |
| 10  | Works at Goat Field entrance                                              | Grant gained                             |
| 11  | Reinstate cross on top of Lychgate                                        | Completed                                |
| 12  | Reprint Town Guide                                                        | Grant gained                             |
| 13  | Town Trail between WLLR and Town                                          | Initial stages                           |
| 14  | Seek grant aid to support projects                                        | Ongoing                                  |
| 15  | Complete small projects around town                                       | Completed                                |
| 16  | Install large media screen in Youth Room                                  | Completed                                |
| 17  | Consider media screens around town                                        | Ongoing                                  |
| 18  | Complete advertising of small garden scheme                               | Completed                                |
| 19  | Continue with seeking solution to lorries taken away from the town centre | Ongoing                                  |
| 20  | Installation of bird boxes for pied flycatcher                            | Completed                                |
| 21  | Provide youth 'hanging out' area                                          | Informal area at station                 |
| 22  | Deliver Christmas Lights 2025                                             | Completed                                |
| 23  | Work with RBL to create VE day event                                      | Completed                                |
| 24  | Refurbish St Mary's Well sign                                             | Completed                                |
| 25  | Complete Memorial Garden                                                  | Started, to be completed when ground dry |
|     |                                                                           |                                          |

**WORK NOT STARTED**

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**WORK COMPLETED**

