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## **WELCOME FROM THE CHAIR**

Welcome to the April Edition of the Town Chronicle.

I write this on Good Friday hoping for a glimpse of sunshine in what has been a mild and wet spring so far.

Over the last few months many have been busy raising funds for their various causes.

As always local residents have given generously often enjoying themselves on the way.

A few events that spring to my mind is a masked singer event for the local Urdd committee, Soul music night at Cobra rugby club and the Wig dinner for Lingen Davies.

The clock committee have raised funds and refurbishment work should begin soon.

**Cllr Ian Davies**  
**Llanfair Caereinion Town Council**



## **Llanfair Caereinion Town Council**

### **Defibrillator locations**

- 1) Mount Field (clubhouse wall)
- 2) High Street (telephone box)
- 3) Watergate Street by Maesglas (telephone box)
- 4) Market Square (Black Lion pub)
- 5) Leisure Centre (outside wall)
- 6) Doctors Surgery (inside)
- 7) Institute (back of building)

### **Cyngor Tref Llanfair Caereinion**

#### **Lleoliadau'r diffibrilwyr**

- 1) Cae Mownt (wal adeilad y clwb)
- 2) Stryd Fawr (blwch ffôn)
- 3) Stryd y Dŵr gan Maesglas (blwch ffôn)
- 4) Sgwâr y Farchnad (tafarn y Llew Du)
- 5) Canolfan Hamdden (wal allanol)
- 6) Y Feddygfa (y tu mewn)
- 7) Yr Athrofa (yng nghefn yr adeilad)

# Llanfair Caereinion Town Council is 50 years old

## First a bit of history

Until 1974 Wales was divided into civil parishes. These were abolished by the Local Government Act 1972, and replaced by Town and Community Councils. Llanfair Caereinion Town Council was born on 1<sup>st</sup> April 1974.

The principal areas of Wales are divided entirely into communities. Unlike in England, where unparished areas still exist, no part of Wales is outside a community, even in urban areas. However, not every community has a council.

Community councils in Wales are identical to English parish councils in terms of their powers and the way they operate. The council has few 'duties' (things it must do) but has extensive powers (enabling it to do things).

Welsh community councils may call themselves Town Councils if they meet the criteria and may have city status granted by the Crown. In Wales, all town councils are community councils.

There are currently three community councils with city status: Bangor, St Asaph and St David's. The community of Caernarfon has the status of a Royal Town.

The chair of a town council or city council will usually have the title mayor.

One Voice Wales was established in 2004 and is the main organisation for community and town councils in Wales. The association represents the interests of councils across Wales and offers a range of other support services. One Voice Wales is also a portal for advice on how to set up a new council or to become a councillor. There are also other representative organisations such as Local Government Association, North & Mid Wales Association of Local Councils and the Society of Local Council Clerks.

Elections are held every five years under the first-past-the-post voting system. Currently in 2024 eleven councillors were elected and one co-opted. This is good as many local councils do not have all their council seats occupied.

There are 735 community and town councils and 8,000 councillors in Wales, covering approximately 94% of the land area and 70% of the population of Wales.<sup>[10]</sup>

Some pictures from the date when the council was formed (1974)



**St Mary's Church around 1974**



**Llanfair Caereinion Station 1974**





Llanfair Caereinion Primary School Urdd Eisteddfod winners in 1975.



The High Street when the bank and post office were there



**The Market Square**



**The Carnival in 1980**



**The Institute standing the test of time today**



## Llanfair Caereinion Town Council News

### TRIM RAIL



A new trim trail is being constructed in the Glanyrafron Playground to enhance the activities available for those visiting the play park.

### CLEANER LLANFAIR



The Town Council has put aside money in its budget to improve cleaning of our streets and pavements starting in the early summer of 2024.

### YOUTH CLUB



The youth club has been running a year now and meets on Mondays at 4.30pm till 6.30pm. The age range is 10 to 14 years. There is also a senior section which follows on. All young people welcome.

### TELEPHONE BOXES



The telephone boxes with defibrillators which are located at Watergate Street (by Minfford) and in the High Street (opposite the Goat Hotel) in the town now have automatic night lighting which operates as soon as you enter the box.

## POSSIBLE OUTDOOR ADULT GYM FOR LLANFAIR

The council is considering providing an outdoor gym for all but particularly adults. The sort of equipment we are considering might include the following:



We are asking for your views on this project (which would be funded mostly by grant aid). We would also like to ask where you think it could be located (i.e. Deri Woods, Mount Field etc).

Please post your ideas on our Facebook page or email the town clerk on [Llanfaiertownclerk@mail.com](mailto:Llanfaiertownclerk@mail.com) Thank you for your time.

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**REPORT FROM GARETH JONES  
COUNCILLOR  
FOR LLANFAIR CAEREINIION AND LLANERFYL**

**SINGLE TRANSFERABLE VOTE (STV)**

Council has voted to go out to consultation on moving to STV..

What is STV

- STV is a multi-winner electoral system in which each voter casts a single vote in the form of a ranked based ballot.
- A move from 52 single member wards and 8 multi member wards .to all multi member wards.
- There would remain 68 Councillors within Powys
- Voters can rank as many or as few candidates as they wish or can vote for only one candidate.

Several of you have contacted me with opinions on this and I again would welcome further views.

**REPLACEMENT LOCAL DEVELOPMENT PLAN – 2026 ONWARDS**

I recently attended a workshop on the replacement LDP. It will take into consideration – population projections, local housing market assessments including the type and location of property needs, housing land supply, completion rates and the economic growth and employment development.

## **YSGOL BRO CAEREINION**

At a cabinet meeting held on 19/03/2024 Cabinet unanimously voted to approve the recommendation to change the language categorisation of Ysgol Bro Caereinion.

In the new summer term, there will be a 28-day statutory notice period. Following the consultation there are two changes to the original proposal.

The proposal relating to transport has been amended to provide transport for year four learners and below.

The transition for year seven intake has been delayed by one year, from 2025 to 2026.

I have raised concerns about the lack of communication throughout this transformation process, and the lack of detail surrounding bespoke financial support.

## **RATE RELIF 2024/2025**

Welsh Government is to fund a Retail Leisure & Hospitality rates relief scheme for the financial year 2024/25.

Powys businesses operating in these sectors can apply for the **40%** discount off their Business Rates bill for 2024/25.

Funding of up to **£3.2m** is available and it is expected that **980** Powys businesses will qualify.

Business operators will need to **apply online**, further details of the relief scheme and the application form is

available at: [Business Rates: Retail, Leisure and Hospitality Rates Relief 2024 / 2025 - Powys County Council](#)

## **RURAL POLICING UPDATE**

The police spoke about rural crime and in particular farm theft. They are very keen to come out into the rural communities to talk to various groups i.e. Community Councils, W.I, YFC, Agricultural Groups. If you wish to have a meeting regarding Crime Prevention Advice, please do get in touch.

## **BUNGALOWS**

There are a number of bungalows within Llanfair which will be available in the coming weeks. If you know of anyone please encourage them to apply via the following link [www.homesinpowys.org.uk](http://www.homesinpowys.org.uk). Alternatively, I would be happy to have a conversation and help.

## **COUNTY FARMS BRIEFING**

The Powys County Farms Estate comprises of 8 starter farms (less than 10 acres), 85 intermediate farms (10 – 89 acres) and 42 progression farms (more than 90 acres). The estate is currently being re-valued but in 2018/19 it was valued at £95.3m.

## **BUDGET SETTING 24/25**

The budget for the coming financial year was agreed on 22.02.2024. Regretably the Council Tax has been set at 7.5% for the next 12 months. I along with 32 other Cllrs voted against with 34 Cllrs voting for.

## **POWYS SUSTAINABLE FOCUS BRIEFING**

I recently attended in Llanfair a sustainable Powys briefing meeting. There are currently local briefings taking place in the 13 larger towns in Powys to engage with members, schools, Town and Community Councils including joint working between Powys County Council, Powys Teaching Health Board, PAVO and Llais. The areas of engagement will be Climate & Nature, Education, Housing, Income & Work, Council & Democracy, Your Community, Infrastructure & Transport and Wellbeing. It was disappointing how few from within our community had been invited to attend.

Please don't hesitate to contact me if you have any queries relating to anything above.

If you have anything I can help with contact me on 01938810296/07713988017 or [cldr.gareth.jones@powys.gov.uk](mailto:cldr.gareth.jones@powys.gov.uk)



## LLANFAIR WALKING FOOTBALL



The Walking Football session at the Llanfair Leisure Centre (Friday 6pm - you know you want to!) is in its second year. No commitment to any regular play, it's just a turn up and play event (£3 for the hour - yes, I know, great value!). Good for the soul and a good exercise too. It's indoors so you don't have to get wet and each session has a referee to make sure that it stays walking.

The main thing for us is the weekly session, but for those who want to be a bit more competitive then - we also play at small tournaments and if we can raise a team then also in the North and Mid Wales League which has four day long events during the year.

So if you are over 50(ish) and want to enjoy an hour playing the beautiful game at a slower pace - just turn up and you will be sure of a good welcome.



## LLANFAIR COMMUNITY CAFÉ



### **Caffi Cymunedol Llanfair Caereinion Community celebrate 5 star rating!**

The Caffi Cymunedol Llanfair Caereinion Community Cafe is celebrating receiving a 5 star Food Hygiene rating following a recent inspection.

The community café has started providing a monthly hot meal deal which have proven a big hit with the community and the next hot meal deal is on Friday, 5<sup>th</sup> April and then on Friday, 3<sup>rd</sup> May.

“We thank our volunteers for their hard work to ensure our café is run to high hygiene standards and always providing a welcome to the community.” said Ruth Bates, one of the Café Leaders.

The cafe is run by volunteers and is open weekly from 12 noon until 4pm in the Institute, serving hot savoury snacks, soup and homemade cakes. It

“The purpose of the cafe is to provide a safe space for people of all ages to meet, network and socialise, “she added.

Pictured: Volunteers of the café at their most recent Hot Meal deal Friday.

## **MEALS ON WHEELS EXTENDED TO LLANFAIR**



**The residents of Llanfair Caereinion can now receive meals on wheels on Thursdays. Cost is £6.50 for a main course and pudding. To book just call 01938 553142**

### **FROM THE INSTITUTE**

**Annual Plants & Cuttings Sale  
Saturday 25th May 10.30am**

Coffee morning & plants to buy. Hot drinks, biscuits, cakes and produce stall. Raffle and quarterly prize draw (£30 top prize)

Donations of plants & cuttings welcomed – drop off at Holly House, Bridge Street (01938 811 355) or early on the day

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## PLACE MAKING PLAN FOR LLANFAIR CAEREINION



Following a series of meetings between the Town Council and Powys County Council representatives, a tender has been advertised to undertake a consultation process regarding a Place Making Plan to go alongside the existing Town Plan for Llanfair Caereinion

The Tender is currently available online, and the successful applicant will then begin to work with the local community to identify the needs of the locality through a formal Plan.

All stakeholders will be asked to contribute to the consultation exercise with online and face to face meetings. The plan will then be forwarded to the Town Council for their formal adoption of the plan.

This plan will be the template for further discussions and funding requests to support the vibrant nature of the community. More news soon as the process is completed.

The plan is being funded by grant aid organised by Powys County Council for us.

# QUIZ OF THE MONTH

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## **ELECTIONS AND GOVERNANCE – WELSH GOVERNMENT** **About the Bill**

The Bill aims to create a modern Senedd, better able to represent people in Wales, with increased capacity to scrutinise, make laws, and hold the government to account. It also realises the recommendations made by the Special Purpose Committee on Senedd Reform, which were endorsed by a majority of Senedd Members in June 2022.

If Senedd Members support the changes outlined in the Bill, they will be in place for the 2026 Senedd elections.

The Senedd Reform Bill proposes the following changes:

- The Senedd will have 96 Members elected using closed proportional lists. The seats would be allocated to parties using the D'Hondt formula.
- The 32 new UK Parliament constituencies will be paired to create 16 Senedd constituencies for the 2026 Senedd election. Each constituency will elect six Members.
- Senedd elections will be held every four years from 2026 onwards.



- An increase in the maximum number of Welsh Ministers which can be appointed from 12 to 17 (plus the First Minister and the Counsel General) with an additional power to enable a further increase in the number to 18 or 19 with the approval of the Senedd.
- Increase the maximum number of Deputy Presiding Officers who can be elected by Senedd Members from one to two.
- All candidates for future Senedd elections must live in Wales.
- A pathway for further consideration in the Seventh Senedd of the practical and legislative implications of job-sharing of offices relating to the Senedd
- A review mechanism to consider the operation and effect of the new legislative provisions following the 2026 election and any other Senedd reform issue it considers relevant.

The Bill also proposes a full boundary review should take place after the 2026 Senedd election. This will take effect at the 2030 Senedd election, with reviews every eight years. The Local Democracy and Boundary Commission for Wales will be repurposed and renamed – to be known as the Democracy and Boundary Commission Cymru with the functions necessary to undertake reviews of Senedd constituency boundaries.

A separate Bill to introduce gender quotas for candidates for election to the Senedd, with the aim of making the institution more effective and more representative of the people it serves, will be brought forward later in the year.

**Estimated cost of the changes is £18m per annum.**

**Note:** link to more information can be found at:

<https://www.gov.wales/plans-modern-more-representativesenedd-published>

# Cyngor Tref Llanfair Caereinion

## Town Councilors/ Y Cynghorwyr Tref

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**Eich Cynghorydd Sir yw -Your County Councilor is Cllr  
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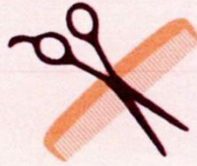
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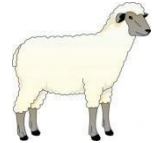
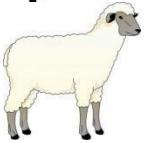
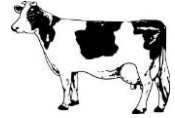
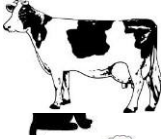
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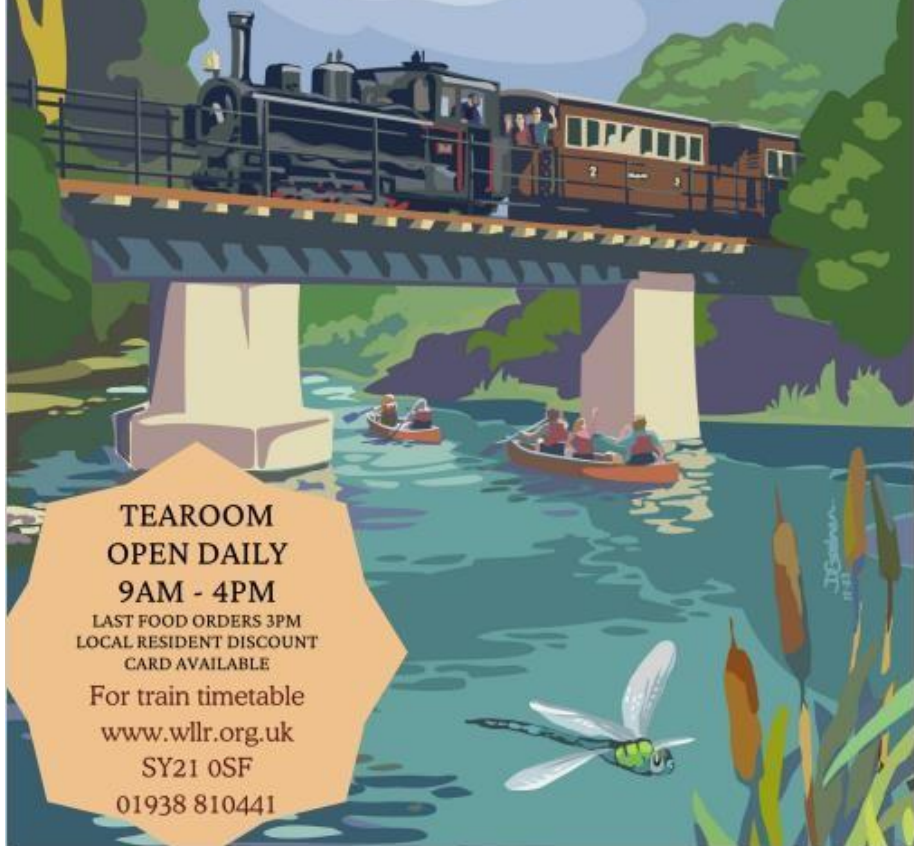
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