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Year ending 31st March 2022

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Llanfair Caereinion Town Council



1. Llanfair Caereinion Town Council

Llanfair Caereinion Town Council was formed in 1974 under the Local Government Act 1972. It covers an area including Heniarth, part of Cyfronydd, Rhiwhiriaeth, Melin Y Ddol, part of Llanerfyl and the Town itself.

Llanfair Caereinion Town Council a medium sized Community (town) Council. It provides grass roots services to all parts of its community. The Council's strategic direction is set by elected Councillors (Members) who oversee the Town Clerk who is responsible for delivering services on a day-to-day basis.

Details of the elected members and how to contact them are available at www.llanfairtowncouncil.co.uk .

Notices of meetings, agendas, reports and minutes can also be viewed here, along with many governance documents and other information about the Council.

The Council derives almost all of its funds from its precept. That is, an additional amount which is added to Council Tax bills based upon the Council's estimated expenditure.

For the financial year 2021/2022 the Council estimated that it needed to spend £40,000 from the precept.

The Town Council is responsible a number of local services including Mount Field, Deri Woods & Goat Field, Public Toilets, Playground, Tennis Court, Bowling Green, Chapel of Rest, Erw Ddwr, St Marys Churchyard, Council Office, signs and street furniture along with other minor responsibilities which contribute to the well-being of Llanfair Caereinion and its communities.

The Council's prime responsibility is to represent the Community including being a statutory consultee regarding planning matters.

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The Full Council generally meets on the 2nd and 4th Monday of each month (except August).

The Council is working towards being a Competent Council. This involves 67% of Councillors being elected, unqualified accounts and a qualified Town Clerk.

The Council has met all three requirements.

The Council also has a compliant Website with a Tourism Website alongside.

2. Information about Llanfair Caereinion

Llanfair Caereinion Town Council serves a population of around 2,000 within the Banwy Valley, in the eastern part of Montgomeryshire.

Today, Llanfair Caereinion is essentially rural with a small town in the centre of its ward on the Rive Banwy.

There is a large Church with Churchyard in the centre of the Town along with two Chapels.

A variety of shops in the Town include Londis, Spar, Local Butchers, Antique stores, Veterinary Practice, Large agricultural general stores, Newsagents, Post Office, Fish & Chip shop, Barbers, Hairdressers, and a dentist. There are also three thriving public houses serving food daily. There are two petrol filling stations with garage repair facilities. The town is blessed to have its own Fire Station

There are other local businesses including Wynnstay along with an array of caravan parks and bed & breakfast establishments.

The main tourist attraction is the Welshpool & Llanfair Light Railway who has over two hundred regular volunteers who support the Town.

There is a Town Trail; Deri Woods walk by the river, a playground and recreation ground.

3. Councillors and Town Clerk

The Council has just one ward with 12 Councillors. There were no vacancies at the end of the year.

Details of the Councillors and how to contact them can be found on the Councils website at www.llanfairtowncouncil.co.uk.

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Councillors are not paid and have not claimed any allowances during the year ending 31st March 2022.

Councillors who served during the year to 31st March 2022 were:

 Cllr Wyn Williams Chair	 Cllr Ian Davies Vice Chair	 Cllr Rob Astley	 Cllr Hazel Davies
 Cllr Richard Derricutt (May 2021)	 Cllr Cadvan Evans	 Cllr Viola Evans	 Cllr Ursula Griffiths
 Cllr Gareth Jones	 Cllr Geraint Peate	 Cllr Kate Roberts	 Cllr Ceri Stephens

For the year, the Town Clerk & Responsible Financial Officer was Mr Robert A Robinson MBE FRICS FSLCC.

4. Trusts

The Council has managed two Trusts during the year as follows:

Recreation and Playing Field Charity – No 525514 (Mount Field)

The Council managed the above Charity and funded its activities in the financial year to 31st March 2022. The Council is the Corporate Trustee of this Charity.

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Deri Woods Recreation Ground Charity – 524413

The Council managed the above Charity and funded its activities in the financial year to 31st March 2022. The Council is the Corporate Trustee of this Charity.

5. External Membership

The Council has continued its external interest in the following:

Llanfair Caereinion Partnership - Town Clerk & Councillors
Llanfair Caereinion Library - Cllr Wyn Williams
Powys County Council Community Council Forum - Town Clerk
Llanfair Caereinion Youth Council - Town Clerk
Llanfair Caereinion Business Forum - Cllr Ian Davies
Friends of Deri Woods (MWT) - Cllr Cadvan Evans & Cllr Kate Roberts
The Institute Committee - Cllr Hazel Davies
School Governor's - Cllr Gareth Jones
Shrewsbury Aberystwyth Rail Liaison Committee – Town Clerk
North & Mid Wales Association of Local Councils – Town Clerk
One Voice Wales area meetings – Town Clerk

The Council has set up a Youth Council which is now operating. There are plans to introduce a Business Forum during the coming year.

6. Power of well-being

The Council is looking to prepare a well-being plan and assessment during the 2022-2023 financial year.

7. Climate Change Plan

The Council adopted a Climate Change Plan in February 2022 with an action plan.

8. Bi-diversity Plan

The Council is looking to prepare a bio-diversity plan and assessment during the 2022-2023 financial year.

9. Training Plan

A training plan to be implemented during the next council year has been adopted and published.

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10. Achievements

During the year to 31st March 2022 the Council achieved the following:

- a) A new playground (replacing an older one) has been funded and should be installed in July 2022.
- b) A Tourism Grant has been obtained which will provide new map signs, a Town Guide, new tourism website and flags along the main street. The grant included a consultant's report which will form the Tourism Plan.
- c) The Town Trail has been completed.
- d) The Deri Woods volunteer group has been set up and is now maintain Deri Woods.
- e) The newsletter (Chronicle) has been produced with the first three issues circulated in this last year.
- f) The new LED coloured lighting has been installed in the churchyard.
- g) The defibrillator plan has been completed with new units around the Town.
- h) A Climate Change policy has been adopted with an action plan.
- i) The High Street telephone box has been refurbished.
- j) Introduction of an annual 'keep Llanfair Tidy day' was completed.
- k) The agreement to secure funding for the Community Library has been completed.
- l) A Youth Council has been introduced in partnership with the High School
- m) The first community award was presented under the scheme in December 2021.
- n) Management scheme for the two Trusts has been completed.
- o) Press releases are now issued after each Council Meeting.
- p) Most Friday afternoons at the Institute the Town Clerk is available to meet local residents.

11. Other things happening around the Town

During the year other events of note were:

- 1)The annual act of remembrance held in November was held by the Royal British Legion with the Council.
- 2)The main roads through town were resurfaced by Powys County Council.

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12. Reserves

The monies held by the Council at the end of the year are represented by:

General reserves	£40,000
Playground Glanyafron	£20,000
Deri Woods Project	£1,000
Events	£2,100
Reserves for new projects	£41,323
Total	£104,42

14. Annual Return and Financial Statement

A copy of the annual return and financial statement is posted on the Council's website at www.llanfairtowncouncil.co.uk

15. Annual Monitoring Review

The Council receives a monitoring report in November each year.

This report is published on the Council website.

16. Plans for 2022-2023

During the next financial year, the following projects are planned to be completed:

The activities in order of priority as listed below

No	Year of delivery	Location	Details
1	2022-2023	Glanyafron Playground	Refurbish and install new equipment.
2	2022-2023	Youth Council	To improve Youth Council and bring forward a Youth Plan for Llanfair
3	2022-2023	Deri Woods	Complete mural in Pumping Station.
	2022-2023	Mount Field agreements	Compete agreements with Llanfair United Football Club
4	2022-2023	Public Toilets	Redecoration, review disabled facilities, install water bottle point and baby changing facilities.
5	2022-2023	Erw Ddwr	Agree and complete an extension to the path at the top of the graveyard to facilitate new burials.
6	2022-2023	Youth Club	Investigate and implement a youth club for Llanfair.
7	2022-2023	Volunteers' reception	To host a coffee morning reception to say thanks local volunteers who work to make Llanfair a better place.
8	2022-2023	Markets	Investigate and implement a street market in the Town Square area or other suitable location.

Robert A Robinson MBE FRICS FSLCC
Town Clerk & Responsible Financial Officer

25th July 2022