

**Cyngor Tref Llanfair Caereinion  
Llanfair Caereinion Town Council**

**ANNUAL REPORT**



Photo by Viv Jones

**Year ending 31<sup>st</sup> March 2023**

**WELCOME**

# Cyngor Tref Llanfair Caereinion Llanfair Caereinion Town Council

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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 is 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.

Notices of meetings, agendas, reports and minutes can be viewed on the council website along with many governance documents and other information about the council.

The council derives almost all of its funds from the £46,000 precept

The town council is responsible for a number of local services including Mount Field (as Trustee), Deri Woods (as Trustee) & Goat Field, public toilets, playground, tennis court, bowling green, youth club service, chapel of rest, Erw Ddwr, St Mary's 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.

The full council meets on the 4<sup>th</sup> 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.

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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 River 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 butcher, veterinary practice, Wynnstay, newsagent, post office, fish & chip shop, barber, hairdressers, and café at the railway station. There are also three thriving public houses serving food daily. There is one petrol filling station with garage repair facilities. The town is blessed to have its own fire station, dentist (NHS) and medical centre.

There are other local businesses including 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. The railway attracts over 20,000 visitors a year, some of which go into the town centre or to Deri Woods.

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 council's website at [www.llanfairtowncouncil.co.uk](http://www.llanfairtowncouncil.co.uk).

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Councillors at the year-end 31<sup>st</sup> March 2022 (all elected in May 2022) were:

 <p>Cllr Ian Davies Chair</p>	 <p>Cllr Rob Astley Vice Chair</p>	 <p>Cllr Sarah Astley</p>	 <p>Cllr Hazel Davies</p>
 <p>Cllr Cadvan Evans</p>	 <p>Cllr Viola Evans</p>	 <p>Cllr Ursula Griffiths</p>	 <p>Cllr Gareth Jones</p>
 <p>Cllr Melvin Jones</p>	 <p>Cllr Mark Owen</p>	 <p>Cllr Geraint Peate</p>	 <p>Cllr Sam Webster MBE</p>



For the year, the town clerk & responsible financial officer  
was  
Mr Robert A Robinson MBE FRICS FSLCC.

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### 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 as trustee the above charity and funded its activities in the financial year to 31<sup>st</sup> March 2023. The council is the corporate trustee of this charity.

**Deri Woods recreation ground charity – 524413**

The council managed as trustee the above charity and funded its activities in the financial year to 31<sup>st</sup> March 2023. 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 Ian Davies.

Powys County Council Community Council forum - town Clerk

Llanfair Caereinion youth council – Cllr Sarah Astley

Friends of Deri Woods (MWT) - Cllr Cadvan Evans

The Institute committee - Cllr Hazel Davies

School governor's - Cllr Melvin 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.

### 6. Power of well-being

The council has approved and published a well-being statement 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 which is being taken forward.

### 8. Bi-diversity Plan

The council has prepared and adopted a bio-diversity plan and assessment during the 2022-2023 financial year which is now being taken forward.

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### 9. Training Plan

A training plan has been adopted and published on the council website.

### 10. Achievements

During the year to 31<sup>st</sup> March 2023 the council achieved the following:

#### General repairs

<b>Completed in 2022-2023</b>
External decoration of the chapel of rest
Repair of retaining walls in the Glanyafron Playground
New waste bins at Mount Field
New dog control signs at Deri Woods and Goat Field
Clear rubbish from store at chapel of rest
Repair of fascia board at chapel of rest
New lighting to lower path in St Mary's churchyard
Electrics completed at chapel of rest
Complete works to lower paths and drainage at Deri Woods
Cleaning moss from paths at Erw Ddwr
Repair and decoration of the sign at entrance of Erw Ddwr
Cleaning moss from paths at toilets
Replace sundial in St Mary's churchyard
Install grass cutting compound at Mount Field
Works of repair at Deri Woods and Goat Field to paths, steps and railings

#### Major projects

<b>Completed in 2022-2023</b>
New paths for Erw Ddwr
Glanyafron playground
Works started to protect trees in areas 5A and 5B of the bio-diversity plan for Deri Woods.
Community café pilot
Town Wi-Fi system
New picnic benches for tennis courts
Levelling of lower path Deri Woods
Tourist project (flag poles, tourism website, town guide etc)

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### 11. Other events happening around the town

During the year other occasions of note were:

1. The annual act of remembrance held in November was held by the Royal British Legion with the council.
2. Some of the main roads through town were resurfaced by Powys County Council.
3. Festival of youth football with Llanfair United Football Club.
4. The annual carnival was enhanced with a professional production of Rapunzel.
5. The steam railway extended its offering of events during the year.

### 12. Reserves

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

General reserves	£40,000
Youth club	£9,750
Institute rear wall	£2,800
Bus stop scheme	£1,300
Available for projects	£30,000
<b>Total allocated</b>	<b>£83,850</b>
General running costs	£16,795
<b>Total funds</b>	<b>£100,645</b>

### 13. 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](http://www.llanfairtowncouncil.co.uk)

### 14. Annual monitoring review

The council receives a monitoring report on the town plan in September each year. This report is published on the council website.

### 15. Independent review panel for Wales

The council has adopted policies as required by the IRPW.

A schedule of councillor expenses can be found the council website.

### 16. Chronicle

The council has produced a newsletter both online and in hard copy keeping the town updated on what is happening within its community.



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### 17. Plans for 2022-2023

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

<b>Maintenance works 2023-2024</b>
Felling of diseased ash trees in Goat Field
Internal decoration of the chapel of rest
Replacement of top rail and repair netting at Mount Road end of Mount Field
Complete town street furniture painting project
Complete repairs to the lychgate including brick/stonework under
Restart Llanfair Partnership meetings
Pointing of part of wall along Broad Street supporting St Mary's.
Replace posts at far end Mount Field

<b>Maintenance works 2023-2024 cont..</b>
Complete bird box Scheme for pied flycatcher
New signage at Mount Field
Repair to car park surface at Deri Woods
Minor tree works to Erw Ddwr
Works of repair at Deri Woods and Goat Field to paths, steps and railings
Feasibility studies as grant funded.

<b>Major projects for 2023-2024</b>
Completion of rear retaining wall to Institute
Start youth club
Install bus stops around town
Feasibility studies (subject to funding) For regeneration, leisure centre, tourism and a healthy Llanfair
Refurbishment of public toilets and installation of water point, new disabled facilities and baby changing units
Fitness trail installation
Installation of tourism maps around the town
Complete works started to protect trees in areas 5A and 5B of the bio-diversity plan for Deri Woods.
Progress proposals to take lorries out of the town.
Complete good forestry (tree thinning and planting) in Deri Woods to 3 woodland compartments 1b, 5a and 5b.

Robert Robinson MBE FRICS FSLCC town clerk & responsible financial officer