

Cyngor Tref Llanfair Caereinion Llanfair Caereinion Town Council Llanfair Partnership

NOTES OF A MEETING

Of the Llanfair Partnership held on Tuesday
20th February 2024 at 7.30pm
In the Youth Room of the Institute

Present were:

Jessica Bradley	Montgomeryshire Citizen's Advice
David Cribb	Llanfair Walking Football
Cllr Hazel Davies	Llanfair Caereinion Town Council
Jim Inkster	Friends of Deri Woods Volunteers
Ryk Parkinson	St Mary's Church
Cllr Stephen Purser	Llanfair Caereinion Town Council/community library and Historical Society
Delyth Thomas	Llanfair Hockey Club
Cllr Sam Webster	Llanfair Carnival and Royal British Legion
Sue Whitehouse	Friends of Llanfair Clock
Paul Wixey	Welshpool & Llanfair Light Railway
Robert Robinson (Town Clerk)	

Specific apologies received:

Elen Rees, Cllr Gareth Jones, Kate Roberts
and Huw Ellis.

1. Welcome The Town Clerk welcomed all to the meeting of
the Partnership.

2. Citizens Advice

The meeting received a presentation from Jessica Bradley from Citizens
Advice. The main points from the presentation were:

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- i) Citizen's Advice is seeking to re-establish his outreach in each area.
- ii) This organisation has not statutory funding but runs on core funding, grant aid and donations.
- iii) A survey is currently underway (until 29th February) to try and establish need for the service in any particular area. Those present were asked to complete the survey online or in hard copy (available from the library). The Town Clerk will also get copies to the Community Café on Friday.
- iv) Paper copies can be delivered to either the library or Crown House in the High Street. The Town Clerk will then get the copies to Citizen's Advice.
- v) If Citizen's Advice were to host a monthly meeting in Llanfair Caereinion it could be at the Institute, maybe on a library day (shared heating) with the Youth Room used for private times.
- vi) There is a budget for a monthly visit but any help towards financing this would be welcomed.
- vii) Some staff (where with young or vulnerable people) or DBS checked.
- viii) Pension Credit was raised – many have not claimed this benefit and perhaps a special session for people on this would be worthwhile.

3. Around the groups

3.1 Llanfair Hockey Club

The main interest from the Hockey Club is the Leisure Centre (future still unknown) and a new 3g pitch.

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3.2 Llanfair Library

The Community Library is going well and meeting expectations. IT training has been offered on Friday afternoons, however take-up of this has not been regular so this may not continue.

3.3 Llanfair Historical Society

The Historical Society is going well with good attendance. The next meeting is Wednesday 13th March and the subject is Hill Forts.

3.4 Llanfair Walking Football

Walking Football is going well. The main concern of the Walking Football (as with many other sports) is the future of the Leisure Centre. There is now also walking netball and wheelchair rugby taking place at the centre.

3.5 Welshpool and Llanfair Light Railway

The Railway had a good 2023 season with 25,500 visitors and is now getting ready for the 2024 season. There is a full programme of events with Bluey the Dog and Paw Patrol coming this year. The tearoom is now open for hot and cold food almost every day throughout the year (even when trains are not running).

3.6 Carnival

Due to rising costs the Carnival is not taking place in 2024 but it planned to take place in 2025. The increase in costs has been significant with items such as the fairground now out of reach. The cost of insurance alone is in excess of £600. It was revealed that the Carnival costs around £5,500 to put on today compared with under half of that preCovid.

3.7 Royal British Legion

A good result was achieved from the poppy appeal in 2023. The poppies along the churchyard wall will be back for 2024. The RBL will be wishes to speak to the council about any event around the anniversary of D Day.

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3.8 Community Café

The Community Café is going well with an extended Friday offering. There are cooked meals at £5 for main course and sweet once a month.

3.9 Friends of Deri Woods

The Friends of Deri Woods meet on the third Monday of each month for a day and carry out repairs and maintenance works to the Goat Field and Deri Woods. Works include maintaining paths, bridges and railings as well as tree management in line with the Council's Bio-Diversity Plan for the woods. The Friends of Deri Woods do have a face-book page and website.

3.10 The Friends of Llanfair Clock

The committee for the restoration of clock has reached its target to enable the project to go ahead. The works will include restoration of the clock mechanism and clockface. The deposit and order has been placed with the clock company and a date for start of works is awaited. Remaining monies will be 'ringfenced' to cover future maintenance.

3.11 St Mary's Church

A new vicar for the church is expected to be in post during the year. There are events during Lent and after that the Wednesday coffee mornings will return.

3.12 General

Cllr Hazel Davies informed that meeting of her regular walkabouts around the town reporting any issues to the Town Clerk who then acts upon them very quickly

3.13 Llanfair Caereinion Town Council

The main news today is that the public toilets have been refurbished and are now dementia friendly, have baby changing facilities, a water point and a cleaners cupboard.

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4. Place Making Plan

The Town Council has agreed to go forward with a Place Making Plan funded by Powys County Council. This will be a strategic plan looking at what the community would like to see in Llanfair. There will be a consultant and the community will be involved. More news as it evolves.

5. Brian (Coggy) Davies video

For those who are interested a video of Brian (Coggy) Davies and his WWII memories was made available for all to see after the meeting.

The Town Clerk thanked all for attending.