

Cyngor Tref Llanfair Caereinion Llanfair Caereinion Town Council

MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE

LLANFAIR CAEREINION PARTNERSHIP

Held on Tuesday 26th September 2023 at 7.30pm in the Institute

Present were:

Cllr Ian Davies (Chair)	Llanfair Caereinion Town Council
Pauline Bennett	The Institute
Sonia Harmer	Friends of Deri Woods
Clive Hopwood	The Institute
Cllr Gareth Jones	Powys County & Llanfair Caereinion Town Councils
Hannah Pryce	PCSO Police
Elen Rees	Cambrian Training
Meg Ringrose	Llanfair Caereinion Community Library
Cllr Sam Webster	Llanfair Caereinion Town Council, Llanfair Carnival and the Royal British Legion
Sue Whitehouse	Friends of the Llanfair Clock & St Mary's Church
Harnet Williams	Llanfair Hockey Club
Paul Wixey	Welshpool & Llanfair Light Railway
Robert Robinson	Town Clerk

Various apologies for absence were received.

1. Welcome by the Chair

The meeting received a welcome from the chair.

2. Introduction

The chair outlined the partnership meetings now that they have restarted is to meet every 3 months with its purpose as follows:

- i) To bring groups together to share information and hear what is happening in and around Llanfair.
- ii) To be a vehicle for consultation by the Town Council on matters affecting the Town.
- iii) To receive a presentation at each meeting on an important subject for Llanfair
- iv)

3. Llanfair Caereinion Community Library

Meg Ringrose outlined what facilities are available at the community library as follows:

The library usage has increased 30% from the previous year.

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Opening times are Tuesday (10-1), Thursday (3-6), Friday (2-5) and Saturday (10-1). Free use of computers and internet, newspapers, Lego club (Fridays), computer advice (Fridays), books, DVD.s, copying and scanning and more.

Powys provides a regular deliver of new books.

The library is supported by Powys County Council and the Town Council. The day to day running of the library is by volunteers.

4. Warm Hubs

The meeting noted that there are warm hubs in the Town as follows:

- i) The Institute community café
- ii) The library
- iii) St Mary's church hall
- iv) The tearoom at the steam railway

5. Llanfair Caereinion Town Council

Cllr Ian Davies gave on outline of what the Town Council is doing which included:

- i) An overall bio-diversity plan for Deri Woods protecting it into the future supported by the Friends of Deri Woods.
- ii) Several bus stops have been put up around the town to encourage more bus use.
- iii) There are now 7 defibs around town – 4 maintained by the Town Council.
- iv) Funding has been gained for a fitness trail coming soon – grant aid has been put in place.
- v) There are plans for the refurbishment of the public toilets to include baby changing and water point facilities.
- vi) The town Wifi and Smart Towns initiative is now in place.
- vii) The pre-application for a 132 pylon line has been received following the line of the previous pylon line proposals – however the pylons are smaller.
- viii) A pre-application for a drive through restaurant on land opposite the station has also been received.

6. Powys County Council

Cllr Gareth Jones brought the meeting up to date on County Council matters not covered under the Town Council report.

- i) The 2021 census figures are available online.
- ii) 20mph speed limits are now being introduced including Llanfair Caereinion and the trunk road through it within the 30mph limit.
- iii) A new CEO is being appointed.
- iv) Health centre – stalled at present but a new scheme to allow it to go ahead is being put together.

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- v) Llanfair Caereinion school is to become a Welsh medium school over the next 5 years. There was some discussion held around the subject with varying degrees of support and concern. The meeting was made aware that these changes were necessary to preserve the school for the community.

7. Llanfair Hockey Club

Currently the Hockey Club has not pitch to train on and is using Welshpool at a cost. It is hoped that by Easter things will improve.

The club is doing well.

8. Welshpool and Llanfair Light Railway

Paul Wixey gave a report on behalf of the railway. Passenger traffic is good. The railway has also held special days including charters, events etc. The café is open all year around with a 10% discount for local people.

9. Llanfair Carnival

The 2023 event was very successful with good attendance. The number of people in town was much more than normal as shown on the Smart Towns recordings. A good number of floats took place.

10. Cambrian Training

A short update on their work was given. Supporting apprenticeships is a good part of their work currently.

11. Royal British Legion

The poppies from the church tower are planned to take place again this year.

12. Institute

An outline of what the Institute offers was given. Works to the roof are taking place. The use of the building is increasing again following the covid period. Fund raising very important to the building and financially it needs a boost to make it more sustainable.

13. St Mary's Church

St Mary's church has an interregnum with a new vicar being appointed in due course. Attendances are not great. Church not bounced back from covid. Work to be done within the community is recognised.

14. Friends of the Llanfair Clock

A report on work towards to repair to St Mary's clock. All permissions are in place. The cost of both the clock refurbishment and clockface repairs is in the region of £12,500. There has been significant progress towards achieving this project.

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There had also been a flower festival which was successful in raising funds and bringing the community together.

15. Friends of Deri Woods

The meeting was introduced to the work by the of the volunteers in Deri Woods and The Goat Field. Work has included repairs to paths, bridges and railings along with the introduction of the leaky dam in the tributary. Work also includes bird and bat boxes.

16. Community Café

The Community Café Pilot backed by the Town Council is now completed and the project will now progress into the future under the Institute. The café is held in the youth room of the Institute on Thursday and Fridays and has proved to be popular.

17. Minutes of this meeting

The minutes of the meeting are to be posted on the Council's website.

For the next meeting it is suggested that a poster is put up around town so those organisations not on the internet can take part.

18. The Chronicle

The next issue of the Chronicle newsletter is due out in November.

Any articles for inclusion should be with the Town Clerk no later than 14th October.

19. Tourist website for Llanfair Caereinion

The meeting noted the Llanfair Tourism site at

www.llanfaircaereinion.org.uk

20. Next meeting

The next meeting of the Partnership is planned for Tuesday 16th January 2024 at 7.30pm in the youth room of the Institute.