

Cyngor Tref Caereinion Llanfair Llanfair Caereinion Town Council

LLANFAIR CAEREINION TOWN COUNCIL

UPDATES 7th November 2022

1.Introduction

This is a general update on the Council's activities and a report from the Town Clerk on activities and progress on projects. Weekly inspections of all the council's sites are completed and logged on the website under documents and inspections.

2.Office

The printer approved by Council has arrived and being set up..

Now the roof has been repaired the CCTV system can be moved into the office. However, the key is not available to room. When this is found action can be taken..

The recording equipment for Council meetings is being trialled. The Town Clerk has borrowed one which was used at the October council meeting. For the next meeting, a trial of a zoom-based system by computer will be tried.

3.Financial

The October accounts will when completed be circulated under separate cover.

4.Budget

A budget report is being prepared for the November council meeting with detailed figures and analysis showing the effect of varying increases in council tax.

5.Mount Field – Agreements with LUFC

The agreements for discussion are ready for the November Council meeting.

6.Erw Ddwr

i) Tree works

A tree report has been received and will be presented to the November council meeting.

ii) Path works/Paving and wall

The new paths have been installed and minor repairs completed. Edging to paths may need to be filled due to possible trip hazard. The works, by their nature, have left a muddy area between paths. But over time the grass will grow back.

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7. Deri Woods/Goat Field

i)General maintenance

The general maintenance is progressing with the Friends of Deri Woods. They are working to an agreed plan which Council approved at its July meeting.

Dog bag dispensers replenished. More dog bags on order.

ii)Signage

Combined signage of 'no dog fouling,' dogs must be kept under control' and 'no littering' have been fixed in place.

iii)Deri Woods Grant

Drainage of the lower path in Goat Field has been completed as part of the grant aided scheme.

iv)Management Plan

The walkabout in Deri Woods to inform residents was held on 22nd October.

v)Ash Die Back disease

The Ash trees affected are at the Llanfair end of Goat Field. There are around 20 trees to be felled. A report has been commissioned so that the necessary notification to PCC can be submitted.

vi)Oak tree branch west of the pig pen

The broken branch on the oak tree as above is to be removed for safety.

vii)Art event in Deri Woods

Consent has been given for this event subject to a risk assessment, insurance and a meeting on site to agree the final plan.

8. Public Toilets

i) Refurbishment and repair

A plan with grant aid is to be prepared for presentation to Council early in the new year for redecoration and improvements to the disabled toilet as per the Town Plan action plan. Also included are baby changing facilities and a water bottle point.

ii)Cleaning contract

A new contract for 3 years has been agreed and is now in place.

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9. St Mary's Churchyard

i)Sundial

A sundial has been sourced. This will be fitted after the poppy appeal ends.

ii)Retaining wall behind the Institute

Instructions to the contractor for the works have been given. Awaiting a start date, will be in the new year.

iii)Path

Investigations into the best way to repair the surfaces of the path from the West end gate to the Toilets are being completed.

iv)Lighting

The extra lights to the lower path area (steps) have been installed.

v)Boundary wall along High Street/Broad Street

The contractor has been asked to include a day's work on repointing the stonework. A section a year to be completed.

vi)No dogs' signage

Dog signs for all entrances have been put in place.

vii)Church Clock

The Community Committee has been set up and is ready to start work on leading the way to restoring the clock.

10. Chapel of Rest

i) Hedges

The hedges have been trimmed again; they should not need any further work before next year.

ii)New fuse board

Instructions to the contractor have been issued. Awaiting works to take place.

iii)Entrance gate

The entrance gate has rotted and needs replacing. A gate has been sourced and when received will be fitted.

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11. Glenafton Playground - Retaining banks

The two banks (top and bottom) have timber supports. Two of the posts have rotten and replacements are being sourced – not an immediate issues.

12. Tennis Courts

New benches have been installed.

13. Street scene

i) Seating and bin (A483 & Bridge Street) Instructions to the contractor to complete works in autumn have been issued. Awaiting contractor to carry out works when he has a space.

ii)Phone box Watergate Street

No success in finding a contractor willing to do the painting. Will re-visit in the spring.

14. Town Trail

The English Town Trail leaflets have ended, new stock arrived.
The plinth for Deri Woods is with the contractor for fitting.

15. Map Boards

The map board designs were presented in outline to the Council for comment.
The Councillors group will now move this forward to a final design.

16.Planning and development

i)Planning applications

The new form for planning application is in use.

ii)Yellow Line Review

The meeting with residents over this subject has taken place on the same day as the Deri Woods tours on Saturday 22nd October at 2pm. A report will be presented to Council at the November meeting.

iii)Local Development Plan

The revisions to the Local Development Plan are taking place at Powys County Council. There is the call for candidate development sites by 13th December. The County Council will also be reviewing sites which have consent and have not moved forward.

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iv)Regeneration Plan

The meeting with the MP, AM, County Council and ourselves is being arranged by the Conservative Office.

v) The Town Plan Review

The annual review was approved at the October Council meeting and is published on the web site. The action plan is progressing.

17. Town Wi-fi

The County Council still do not appear to be ready to proceed. The County Council has been informed of the Town Council position to proceed at zero cost only.

18. Trusts

The annual reports are ready for approval. The annual accounts are ready for approval. The Trustee will be asked to consider valuations for the balance sheets.

R A Robinson
Town Clerk