

Cyngor Tref Caereinion Llanfair Llanfair Caereinion Town Council

UPDATES
January 2022

1. Budget for 2022-2023

The budget for the ensuing year has been approved and the precept set at a 5% increase totalling £2,000. The total income from the precept will be £42,000.

2. Accounts and VAT

The accounts for the period to 30th November 2021 have been completed and are ready to be issued.

With extensive grant aid being received for the playground and tourism project the Local Authority limit of £7,500 will be exceeded on reclaims for VAT. The Town Clerk has researched how this is operated to allow us to proceed and it is clear (with confirmation from Cadwallader's) that the Council can average its reclaim over 7 years (5 past, one present and one estimated). This means that the VAT reclaim under the Local Authority scheme remains in place.

3. Trust meetings

There are two Trust meetings to be held on 10th January 2022 to approve the annual report, annual accounts and the agreements for Mount Field.

4. Mount Field

The three litter bins have been re-located at Mount Field.

The fence posts at the opposite end to Mount Road are being replaced, Cllr Rob Astley is arranging for this.

The new grass compound is to be constructed on the top access road as agreed, awaiting construction, Cllr Rob Astley is arranging for this.

A meeting with the Football Club to agree responsibilities has been held and the Council has agreed a chart to cover who is responsible for what aspect.

5. Deri Woods & Goat Field

The drainage pipes have been re-jointed to see if that solves the damp problem on the lower path.

The new seats have now been placed within Deri Woods.

Works by the volunteer's progresses and the paths have been cleared of leaves twice in the last few months.

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The new dog poo bag dispensers been fitted and are in use.

The volunteers are planning to clear the walls of graffiti. We have a quote from John Williams to repaint the walls. The person who was to complete the mural has not responded recently.

The No Dogs and Play Area sign has been placed on the 'pig pen'.

The repayment to the Lottery Fun has been completed.

6. Town Trail

The Town Trail is progressing with the following taken place since the last meeting:

- A) The stone for the statue is in place with the horses head also put in place.
- B) The plaque for the stone has arrived and is to be fitted soon.
- C) The leaflet holders are ready for installation.
- D) The stand for the plaque has arrived to be located in Deri Woods.
- E) A second batch of leaflets has been received.

7. St Marys Churchyard

The church lights (LED) have been completed.

The Church Clock is still not working and as the Church is not able to contribute to its repair a social media advert has been placed seeking ideas from the public as to how to fund the remainder.

The lamp standard is isolated after its damage, a new unit has been ordered but is taking some time to arrive.

The churchyard wall behind the Institute needs repair, the Town Clerk is trying to find someone who will quote for the works.

The churchyard wall along the High Street/Broad Street is in need of attention with some repointing necessary. This will be researched in the spring.

The Lych-gate needs to be redecorated to protect the timberwork in place. This will be arranged for the spring.

8. Chapel of Rest

The Chapel of Rest external painting should be starting soon as the contractor has space in his programme. (Rob Isaac)

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The rating appeal has been submitted and the result still awaited.

The servicing of the condensing unit has been completed.

An electrical certificate is being prepared.

9. Erw Ddwr

The Pollinator Garden provided by Keep Wales Tidy has been installed with the High School. The plants are settling in well. A 'bee hive' box has arrived for installation along with a bird feeder (which will go to Deri Woods).

The sign at the entrance needs some work to it and Rob Isaac has been asked to complete this.

10. Public Toilets

A footfall counter is being acquired to assess how many people use the public toilets.

11. Defibrillators

The Watergate Street defibrillator has been installed and signs put on the external shell of the telephone box. The panels (to ensure it is clear there is a defibrillator is there) have arrived and are ready for fitting.

The Black Lion have installed a new Defibrillator on an outside wall from donations.

The two other new defibrillators for Mount Field and High Street have been ordered and have arrived. The external boxes are awaited and are due first week in January 2022. They can then be fitted. The panel for the High Street phone box has arrived.

A training session link will be published on the web site and social media along with local advertising so that all that want to may take some training in their use.

12. Tourism Grant

A tourism grant has been received to cover:

- a) New maps with services adverts around them for locations at the WLLR, Bowling Club, Market Square and by the High Street phone box
- b) Three flagpoles along the main street behind the churchyard wall.
- c) Q Codes with video links at each board.
- d) Planning for Real session for the public to take part in a regeneration plan.
- e) A consultant to advise on content and delivery.

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- f) Booklets in both Welsh and English to guide people from the WLLR to the town.

13. Tennis Courts

The posts to the tennis nets are in reasonable order but need to be repainted, this has been arranged via Rob Isaac.

14. Playground

Schemes for consideration for the current playground at Glanyafon are being prepared for consideration at the Council Meeting being held on 24th January 2022. There will be some 3D images to look at.

The funding for the scheme proposed is made up of:

Award for all Wales	£10,000
Councils funds	£10,000
Wales Play Grant	£15,000
Total	£35,000

Four companies have been approached including Wicksteed, Playdale, Sovereign and Pentagon Play.

The schemes will be shown to the Junior School for comment before the Council Meeting.

A meeting with the County Council regarding the Trem Banwy playground is to be held to take forward improvements.

15. Planning and Development.

A letter seeking listing of the Mizzen Hut at Heniarth has been sent and Cllr Gareth Jones has also spoken to Deborah Lewis the Heritage Officer who has referred the matter to CADW.

CADW has been in contact and the appropriate form completed. CADW is now assessing the building and will confirm their decision in the month to six weeks. (we should hear something in January 2022)

16. Community Awards

One Community Award was presented at the Christmas Lights.

A review of the 2022 Awards scheme will take place in February 2022.

17. Events – 70 years of the Queen's reign

The Town Clerk has consulted local interest groups with all of them saying they will support what the Council does but not provide anything themselves.

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The Town Clerk will seek public views in January 2022 and report to Council on a plan.

18. Newsletter

The third newsletter (Chronicle) will be prepared in January for the February 2022 issue.

19. Youth Council

The Youth Council is in place. Its first full meeting has been held and they are preparing a youth plan for Llanfair for the Council to consider. This is likely to be presented by them to the Council in January 2022. The Town Clerk will liaise with them after the Christmas break.

20. Street Scene

There are two benches and a litter bin that need to be repainted (by the bridge opposite Whittingham's). This can be done out of the 2022/2023 budget. The finger post by the station needs the 'Town Centre' part moved to guide people over the bridge, this is being arranged.

21. Climate Change

A climate change policy has been approved in principle via the Town Plan. A formal working plan now needs to be considered and will be on the agenda for the 24th January 2022 Council meeting.

22. Crossing point by the Junior School

A review of the cost of this service and who should be providing it is to take place in the new year.

23. Consultation

As the Tourism Grant includes for a 'Planning for Real' event in the Institute there will be a consultation which can cover:

- a) Limited number of invited persons to attend to discuss the issues.
- b) A regeneration plan for Llanfair Caereinion including the Tourist Plan.
- c) A short session on what we can do for the Queens Jubilee in June 2022.

24. Elections 2022

There is a full local election in May 2022 with two main changes of note:

- a) Those aged 16 and over may vote.
- b) There may well be identification required from those voting at polling stations.

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25. Plan for 2022

From the Town Plan (action plan) the following will be brought forward for consideration during the ensuing year:

- a) A water bottle filling point in the Town Centre.
- b) Baby changing facilities in the public toilets.
- c) Business Forum to be introduced.
- d) Banwy Industrial Estate road and land – decision on what to do.
- e) Car parking and highways plan of aspirations (including Watergate Street and possible electronic speed awareness signs)
- f) Council Logo.
- g) Youth Plan for Llanfair.
- h) Market – consider some form of return.
- i) Bus stop signs at appropriate locations.
- j) Tourism plan - Be A Local Tourist Week.
- k) Town Centre Wi-Fi (under way)
- l) Playground improvements at Trem Banwy.- take forward with PCC
- m) Promoting disabled access in the Town.
- n) Bookstart day (June) already approved.
- o) Review of Town Signage.
- p) Volunteer's reception.
- q) Allotment provision investigation
- r) Climate Change plan.
- s) Dementia Friendly Llanfair.
- t) Youth Club.
- u) Safer cycle routes plan with PCC.
- v) Move CCTV into Council Office.

These are the items are all identified in the Town Plan for 2022.

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Town Clerk