

CYFARFOD CYFFREDIN O GYNGOR TREF MACHYNLLETH **ORDINARY MEETING OF MACHYNLLETH TOWN COUNCIL**

Gwysir chi i fynychu cyfarfod o Cyngor Tref Machynlleth
yn ystafell Vane Tempest ar **Dydd Llun Ionawr 30ain 2023** am 6:30yh.

You are hereby summoned to attend a meeting of Machynlleth Town Council
In the Vane Tempest Room on **Monday 30th January 2023** at 6:30pm.

Agenda	
1.	<u>YMDDIHEURIADAU / APOLOGIES</u> To receive apologies as reported to the Clerk before the meeting.
2.	<u>DATGANIAD O FUDDIANT / DECLARATION OF INTEREST</u> To receive any declarations of interest.
3.	<u>CYFRANOGIAD Y CYHOEDD / PUBLIC PARTICIPATION</u> 20 minutes allowed
4.	<u>ADRODDIAD Y MAER / MAYOR'S REPORT</u> To receive a report from the Mayor
5.	<u>COFNODION / MINUTES</u> To agree the following minutes as a correct record <ul style="list-style-type: none">1. Full Council 19/12/222. Climate Action Panel 09/01/233. Finance Panel 16/01/234. Facilities Panel 16/01/23
6.	<u>MATERION YN DEILLIO / MATTERS ARISING</u>
7.	<u>ADRODDIAD Y CYNGHORYDD SIR / COUNTY COUNCILLOR REPORT</u> To receive a report from the County Councillor
8.	<u>CYNLLUNIO / PLANNING</u> Hen Stablau, Tanrallt Road, Machynlleth, SY20 8HZ (22/2139/HH) Erection of an extension to provide a swimming pool
9.	<u>CYLLID / FINANCE</u> To approve invoices for payment January 2023.

10.	<p><u>PLOISI BIO AMRYWIAETH A GWYTNWCH ECO-SUSTEMAU</u> <u>BIO DIVERSITY AND RESILIANCE OF ECOSYSTEMS POLICY</u></p> <p>To consider adopting the policy put forward by the Climate Action Panel (attached).</p>
11.	<p><u>DYFI VALLEY HEALTH CENTRE</u></p> <p>To receive an update from Councillor Llinos Griffith and to vote on the following motion also put forward by Councillor Griffith.</p> <p>“That the Clerk issue again an invite for a representative of Bro Ddyfi Health to attend a future meeting to discuss with councillors issues of concern.”</p>
12.	<p><u>YMATEB GRITTIU CYNGOR SIR POWYS / PCC GRITTING RESPONSE</u></p> <p>To vote on the following motion placed on the agenda by Councillor Jeremy Paige.</p> <p>“That the Clerk write to PCC and request grit bins are placed to cover all PCC car parks and main shopping areas of the town. To also ask why the response in gritting Machynlleth was so slow and to request a swifter response in future.”</p>
13.	<p><u>RHESTR RISG / RISK REGISTER</u></p> <p>To receive a report from the Clerk and agree amendments discussed in the December meeting (Item 12, FC 19/12/22).</p>
14.	<p><u>POLISI DIOGELU / SAFEGUARDING POLICY</u></p> <p>To consider adopting the attached policy to facilitate youth engagement with the Council.</p> <p>To consider appointing an appropriate safeguarding officer.</p>
15.	<p><u>ADRODDIADAU GAN GYNRYCHIOLWYR AR GYRFF ALLANOL / REPORTS FROM NOMINATED REPRESENTATIVES ON OUTSIDE BODIES</u></p> <p>To receive report from members representing the Council on outside bodies.</p>
16.	<p><u>CYFARFOD CHWARTEROL CYNGOR SIR POWYS A CYNGHORAU TREF A CHYMUNED / QUARTERLY PCC & TOWN & COMMUNITY COUNCIL MEETING.</u></p> <p>To consider nominating a Councillor to represent the Council at the above meetings.</p>
17.	<p><u>GOHEBIAETH / CORRESPONDENCE.</u></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Jeremy Miles AS - Response to our correspondence regarding funding of school breakfast clubs (Item 12, FC 19/12/22) 2. Roseanna Hunt – Social Perspectives on Beavers in the Dyfi catchment. 3. Wales Air Ambulance - Request for Financial Support 4. Yes Cymru – Request for Financial Support
18.	<p><u>CEFNOGAETH ARIANNOL I FUDIADAU ALLANOL / FINANCIAL SUPPORT TO OUTSIDE ORGANISATIONS</u></p> <p>To receive a written report from the Clerk.</p>

19.	<u>GWYBODAETH GAN AELODAU / INFORMATION FROM MEMBERS</u>
20.	<u>EITEMAU I'R RHAGLEN NESAF / ITEMS FOR THE NEXT AGENDA</u>
21.	<u>PLAS MACHYNLLETH AND PLAS ENDOWMENT FUND</u> To receive an update on correspondence between the Town Clerk and Powys County Council on the above matter.
22.	<u>* MATERION STAFFIO / STAFFING ISSUES</u>
23.	<u>DYDDIAD Y CYFARFOD NESAF / DATE OF THE NEXT MEETING</u> 27/02/23

* The Chairperson shall propose that the press and public be excluded from the meeting during the discussion of these items as it is likely that exempt information, as defined in part 4, Schedule 12A, Local Government Act 1972

MINUTES OF THE ORDINARY MEETING OF MACHYNLLETH TOWN COUNCIL

on Monday December 19th 2022 at 6.30pm in the Vane Tempest room at the Plas

PRESENT: Cllr J Paige (Mayor and Chair of the meeting), Cllr M. Atkins, Cllr R. Hughes, Cllr J Honeybill, , Cllr P. Jones, Cllr L. Griffith, Cllr K. Bryan, Cllr A MacGarry, Cllr N. McCarten.

APOLOGIES : Cllr M. Williams, Cllr A. Evans and Cllr G. Jones.

ALSO IN ATTENDANCE:

Dewi Jones (Town Clerk), Nicole Beaumont (Admin & Finance Officer - Minutes taker)

1 member of the public (following on line).

1 / ATTENDANCE AND APOLOGIES : See list above.

2 / DECLARATION of INTERESTS :

Cllr N. McCarten ref item 8.3 & 8.4 – as she is Finance Officer for the Mach Fringe.

Cllr R Hughes ref item 11 – As her employer rents a room at the surgery.

3 / Public Participation :

None

4/ Mayor's report :

Cllr Paige reported that both Christmas dinners for senior citizens in the community were a success. He also reported that he had attended the opening of the refurbished Spar store on Maengwyn.

He had received numerous complaints about the gritting in town during the recent cold spell, and wished to place the matter on the agenda of the next meeting.

The Mayor thanked Councillors and staff for the work they had done this year and wished everybody a merry Christmas.

5/ Minutes of the last meeting :

5.1/ The minutes of the Full Council meeting held on 28/11/2022 were agreed to be a true record (unanimous).

5.2/ The minutes of the Finance Panel held on 12/12/2022 were agreed to be a true record and that council would discuss any recommendations under item 10 of this meeting (unanimous).

6/ Matters arising :

None.

7/ Report from Cllr M. Williams - County Councillor :

Matter 3.1c of Cllr M. Williams report : Objections from some members of the public, to the construction of a telecommunication mast, were noted against Application Number 22/1453/TEL.

Councillor Ll. Griffith left the meeting at this point

8/ Planning :

22/1933/HH and 22/1934/LBC – 63 Maengwyn Street.

No objection, Council supports the application as a visual improvement (unanimous).

22/1992/LBC and 22/1991/FUL – The Plas Community Centre.

The Council is the owner of the building thought the application has been put in by a community group. The Council supports the application (unanimous).

9/ Finance :

Resolved to pay invoices as presented (unanimous).

10/ Budget and Precept 2023-24 :

The budget as forwarded from the Finance Panel was scrutinised.

Council resolved to pass the budget as presented and to therefore set the precept at £316,916.60 (unanimous).

Budgeted Non Precept Income 22/23	£251,345.00
Budgeted Expenses 22/23	£574,051.60
Deficit	£322,706.60
Contribution from reserves for contingencies	£5,800.00
Required Precept	£316,906.60

11/ Dyfi Valley Health Centre (DVHC) :

This item was discussed before other items on the agenda with the agreement of the meeting. As the proposer had a need to leave the meeting early.

Cllr Ll.Griffiths drew the attention of Council to a letter of complaint about the surgery that a member of the public had sent to the chief executive of the local health board and shared with several councillors and the Senedd member.

The Clerk confirmed that he had written a response to the letter from Dyfi Valley Health discussed at the previous meeting and that in doing so he had invited a representative from the practice to attend a future Council meeting.

It was decided that if no response had been received by the January meeting of this Council that the Clerk should ask again and request that a representative attends the February meeting of the Council.

12/ Risk policy and Risk register :

There was a discussion during which points were raised about gritting regime, risk of slips on ice, risks of sexual assault and risks to members of the public at Council events not held on Council land (such as the Market).

Council resolved to adopt the risk policy and risk schedule as presented and to ask the Clerk to put the discussed items in a report to the January meeting so that they can be added to the risk register (unanimous).

13/ Clerk's Report:

Following a discussion of the written report submitted to this meeting

Council resolved to provide the Town Clerk with a Corporate Credit Card with a £500 limit (unanimous).

14/ Reports from nominated representatives on outside bodies :

Cllr M.Atkins reported on her attendance at a meeting of the Patient Forum and informed councillors of the next meeting.

15/ Correspondence :

None

16/ Information from members :

Cllr K.Bryan reported on the work she had done with regards the Facebook page of the Council and invited other Councillors who wished to become moderators of the page to contact the Clerk. Councillors are also free to send to Cllr Bryan any content they would like her to place on the page.

Cllr A.MacGarry reported on correspondence received from a tutor at Coleg Ceredigion seeking the blessing of the Town Council for her students to put on a performance about the town of Machynlleth. Council was glad to give its blessing.

Cllr A.MacGarry reported on work being done with regards the cost of living crisis and that a pamphlet would be produced to signpost people to help that is available.

17/ Items for next agenda :

Gritting in and around the Plas as well as around town during snowy and icy times as suffered during this last week.

18/ Plas Machynlleth and Plas Endowment Fund :

This was an error in the agenda, the item had already been discussed at the last meeting.

19/ Staffing issues :

Town Clerk reported that he would begin staff appraisals in January.

As the meeting ended, Mayor Cllr J.Paige thanked everyone for their hard work during the year gone and gave everyone his Seasonal Greetings also invited everyone to the next Full Council meeting to be held on 30th January 2023 at 6.30pm in the Vane Tempest room at the Plas.

MINUTES OF THE CLIMATE ACTION PANEL MEETING OF MACHYNLLETH TOWN COUNCIL

on Monday January 9th 2023 at 5.30pm in the John Edwards room

PRESENT¹:

Cllr A.MacGarry, Cllr M.Williams, Cllr J.Honeybill, Mr Andy Rowland.

APOLOGIES :

Cllr N.McCarten, Cllr J.Paige, Mr John Cantor.

ALSO IN ATTENDANCE:

Dewi Jones (Town Clerk)

1/ ELECTION OF A CHAIR

Resolved at meeting 14/11/22.

2/ ATTENDANCE AND APOLOGIES : See list above.

3/ DECLARATION of INTERESTS :

Mr Andy Rowland in his role with Eco Dyfi is a tenant which relates to item 5.

4/ TERMS OF REFERENCE AND STATUS OF THIS COMMITTEE :

The Clerk reported that Council resolved on 28/11/22 to accept the recommendation of this Panel and the Energy Panel that the two be combined.

5/ ENERGY MATTERS :

The panel received a written report from the Clerk on progress in relation to the above. Following a brief discussion the following points were agreed by the committee and where necessary submitted to Council for approval.

- **When prices are received from an energy broker, Clerk to ensure that at least one is a green tariff and further to request some explanatory paragraph as to why the tariff is considered a green one.**
- **At the Tenants meeting on 20th of January, Interested tenants can be invited to attend the next meeting of the Panel on February 8th.**

Panel noted that there would be a Free Energy Advice Service operating from the old Taj Mahal on Wednesday afternoons from 1st of February to 26th of April.

Panel also agreed the recommendation in the report, namely.

- **That the experiment with the lights at the front of the Plas be considered a success and that the Panel recommends it become a permanent change to operating procedure.**

6/ BIO DIVERSITY POLICY

Panel resolved to

- **Commend the policy to Full Council as submitted to this meeting.**
- **Recommend to Full Council that the Clerk carry out the necessary work and complete the form to apply for Bee Friendly Town Status².**

¹ Those in bold are voting members of the Panel.

² Closing date for the application is April 28th 2023.

7/ MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING:

7.1 Bio Blitz

Panel resolved for the Clerk to write to the organisers thanking them for their work last year and offering support for a similar event in July 2023.

7.2 Training Courses at CAT

CAT have not yet responded to requests for information on training courses.

7.3 Climate Emergency Action Plan

Document is displayed on our website and will be given a more prominent place in the "Documents" section.

7.4 Castell Howell Foods Policy on Palm Oil

Clerk gave a verbal report on how the main supplier to the café is working on ensuring it uses palm oil only from sustainable sources.

8/ MACHYNLLETH AS A PALM OIL FREE COMMUNITY:

After a discussion on this matter which had been referred to the Panel from full Council, It was resolved that Councillor A.MacGarry would write a report for a future meeting outlining actions required to make Machynlleth a Palm Oil Free Community and the consequences of such for the Council.

9/ DATE OF THE NEXT MEETING

5.30pm on Wednesday 8th of February.

MINUTES OF THE FINANCE PANEL MEETING OF MACHYNLLETH TOWN COUNCIL
on Monday January 16th 2023 at 6.30pm in the John Edwards room

PRESENT:

Cllr J Paige (Chair)¹, Cllr A Evans, Cllr M Williams, Cllr J Honeybill, Cllr A MacGarry, Cllr K Bryan, Cllr N McCarten.

APOLOGIES :

Cllr Ll.Griffith, Cllr P Jones, **Cllr M.Atkins.**

ALSO IN ATTENDANCE:

Dewi Jones (Town Clerk and RFO)

1/ ATTENDANCE AND APOLOGIES :

See list above.

2 / DECLARATION of INTERESTS :

None declared

3/ EXTERNAL AUDIT

Clerk reported that auditors from Archwilio Cymru had been in the offices on 11th and 14th of November to perform external audit.

4/ BUDGET REVIEW

The Panel scrutinised the budget review and bank reconciliation provided by the Clerk. In light of the improved budget control the panel recommended that the Clerk should draw up a report near the end of the financial year presenting any required virements (transfers between budget lines).

The Panel praised the work of the staff who feed into the budget report.

5/ The next Finance panel meeting will be on 17th of April 2023 at 6.30pm in the Vane Tempest room at the Plas.

¹ Those in bold are voting members of the Panel.

MINUTES OF THE FACILITIES PANEL MEETING OF MACHYNLLETH TOWN COUNCIL

on Monday January 16th 2023 at 7.00pm in the John Edwards room

PRESENT:

Cllr J Paige (Chair)¹, Cllr A Evans, Cllr M Williams, Cllr J Honeybill, Cllr A MacGarry, Cllr K Bryan, Cllr N McCarten.

APOLOGIES :

Cllr Ll.Griffith, Cllr P Jones, Cllr M. Atkins.

ALSO IN ATTENDANCE:

Dewi Jones (Town Clerk and RFO)

1/ ATTENDANCE AND APOLOGIES :

See list above.

2 / DECLARATION of INTERESTS :

None declared

3/ CAR PARK TOILETS

There was some discussion regarding the written report submitted by the Clerk.

Panel resolved that the Clerk should discuss the matter with Powys in order to bring a written report to Full Council outlining possible options.

4/ TOWN CLOCK

The Panel received and considered the written report from the Clerk.

Panel requested that following the imminent release of the tender documents, information to that effect should be released on the Council Facebook account and on the Council website.

The Panel agreed with the Clerk's suggestion that it would be advantageous for a councillor to source and co-ordinate news regarding the clock works. Councillor Norma McCarten agreed to do so and either post the information directly to the Facebook account or feed it to Councillor Kim Bryan so that she could post it.

5/ Y PLAS

The Clerk reported that a leak in the roof had led to a bowed ceiling in the gallery. The roof has been made good and once the plasterboard has dried out a repair will be made to the ceiling.

Work on the new fire alarm has been completed.

6/ PLAS GROUNDS

The Clerk reported on repair work to the nursery building.

7/ HEN STABLAU

An insurance inspection of the building has occurred and will result in a written report outlining actions that the Council must undertake. Council staff are clearing the "flat" portion of the building and the courtyard in line with conditions of the insurance.

¹ Those in bold are voting members of the Panel.

Independent of insurance requirements the Council had commissioned a report on the condition of the chimney and there is a requirement for urgent work to prevent it collapsing. Clerk will consult with the Built Heritage Officer at Powys and work will be undertaken as soon as possible.

8/ EVALUATION OF CHRISTMAS CELEBRATIONS

Councillors had received lots of positive comments regarding the new Christmas lights. Other highlights were the snow machine and the donkeys. The Clerk gave an update on the vandalism that broke the lights on New Years Eve, the repair work that would take place now the tree was down and the agreement for recompense from the person who had broken them.

Suggestions for next year included

- Would it be possible to provide mulled wine / apple juice to those attending?
- To consider anti climb paint and a "do not climb" sign on the tree.
- To place the fuse box for the tree higher up next year.

5/ The next Finance panel meeting will be on 17th of April 2023 at 7.00pm in the Vane Tempest room at the Plas.

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Meeting of Machynlleth Town Council Held on Monday, 30th January 2023.

1. Purpose of this Report.

To report on County Council matters.

2. Media/Press Releases (12-12-22 to 17-1-23):

Leisure Services under pressure (12th December):

All Powys leisure centres could have an extended break over the Christmas and New Year period, and some could be temporarily closed until the end of the financial year to counter escalating energy costs.

The action is being proposed by Powys County Council and not-for-profit leisure operator Freedom Leisure in response to the cost-of-living crisis and a catastrophic increase in energy costs and will be considered by the Cabinet on Tuesday, 13th December.

Proposals in detail:

Christmas closure of all leisure centres from 23rd December to 3rd January 2023.

Temporary closure of Llanfair Caereinion, Llanfyllin and Presteigne (to the public) from 23rd December to 31st March 2023 (swimming pools closed to the public and schools).

Temporary closure of swimming pools at Llanidloes, Rhayader and Builth (to the public and schools) from 23rd December to 31st March 2023.

All Saunas to close.

Leisure Centre fees and charges to increase for some activities from 1st January 2023.

Note: Cabinet approved the abovementioned proposals.

2.2 Mid Wales Shared Prosperity Plan approved (13th December):

Following the recent UK Government announcement on the UK Shared Prosperity Fund (UKSPF), the regional investment plan for Mid Wales has received formal approval.

A report, setting out the strategy on the Mid Wales UKSPF was presented to both Ceredigion and Powys County Council's Cabinets where members approved the governance and management arrangements for the Mid Wales allocation of the fund. Confirmation has since been received from UK Government that the investment plan has been approved. This now leaves the authorities to review, finalise and agree the terms and conditions of funding before looking to implement it with local partners as soon as possible.

The UKSPF will support the UK Government's wider commitment to level up all parts of the UK by delivering on each of the levelling up objectives:

- Boost productivity, pay, jobs and living standards by growing the private sector, especially in those places where they are lagging.
- Spread opportunities and improve public services, especially in those places where they are weakest.
- Restore a sense of community, local pride and belonging, especially in those places lacking local agency.
- Empower local leaders and communities, especially in those places where they have been lost.
- Through the Multiply Programme, increase levels of functional numeracy in the adult population (Multiply is an adult numeracy programme announced by the UK Government as part of the UK Shared Prosperity Fund.)

As set out in the SPF guidance, Ceredigion and Powys will deliver their SPF allocations by investing across the investment priority areas listed below:

- Communities and Place.
- Supporting Local Business.
- People and Skills.

- Multiply.

It will take time to finalise the process around applying for funding and put together agreements. Both councils will look to issue calls for applications when ready. Keep an eye on our social media feed for updates.

More information, including the Plan, can be found on the Mid Wales Regional Investment Plan for the UK Shared Prosperity Fund 2022-25 page on our website Mid Wales Regional Investment Plan.

2.3 Adult social care update (16th December):

You will be aware of the increasing pressures and challenges within the health and social care sector.

Increased demand across the sector due to Strep A, Covid, winter pressures and strike action are all contributing to high levels of service requests.

Therefore, I am informing you that we have involved the business continuity plan for Adult Services as a preventative measure.

High demand for adult social care, combined with recruitment and retention issues, and increasing levels of sickness in key areas, is impacting on service delivery.

The service will now stand down non-critical work so that it can redeploy current staff to meet business critical activities.

Dailey meetings have been set up where senior leaders within Adult Services can monitor the situation and take appropriate actions to ensure business critical services are maintained.

The council will continue to prioritise those adults who need vital social care services as a matter of urgency. However, if you have any concerns about an adult you think is at risk, or a person's situation is unsustainable, please contact the service immediately on 0345 602 705.

If you or someone you know needs practical help with daily living, there are organisations that can provide help and support. This information can be found at:

<https://en.powys.gov.uk/article/1536/Practical-Help-with-daily-living> where people can search for organisations that can help them.

2.4 Statement on a review of leisure services (16th December):

We have heard and listened to the views expressed by Members (Councillors) and the people of Powys since the Cabinet decided earlier this week to close some of our leisure facilities between January and March. The decision was made to try to address the additional financial challenges faced by Freedom Leisure in light of the significant increase in energy cost which are compounded by the decision to remove public sector organisations from the UK-wide Energy Support Scheme from March 2023.

On Wednesday we received information about the funding that will be provided to the county by Welsh Government next year. The settlement is better than anticipated. In light of this, we have decided not to implement the decision made by Cabinet on the 13th December to temporarily close three leisure centres and three swimming pools between January and March 2023.

This will lead to additional pressure on our budget this year, and we will use some of the money from next year's settlement to cover the additional costs incurred this year. This will be done by drawing on reserves this year but replenishing them next year from the increased funding provided by Welsh Government.

Many of the leisure facilities across the county are in need of investment due to their age and condition. Before we spend any significant capital funds, we will undertake a comprehensive review of the facilities and we will fully engage with local communities, those who use our services and county councillors, as well as working closely with Freedom Leisure.

To make sure that we allocate sufficient time for this comprehensive review, it will begin early in the New Year and we will share the Terms of Reference with our Scrutiny Committees. Cabinet and Scrutiny will consider the recommendations of the review in due course.

There is some urgency to undertake this review to make sure that our leisure services are sustainable in the future, particularly since we expect significant cuts in public expenditure from 2025 onwards.

2.5 Audit Wales review (19th December):

The findings of an Audit Wales review will be used to strengthen corporate safeguarding arrangements to ensure that residents are kept safe from harm and abuse, Powys County Council has pledged.

The report published today (19th December), follows a review of the council between June and September this year and contains recommendations for improvement in key areas.

The latest review found that the council had met or partially met some of the recommendations Audit Wales identified in reports they published in 2014 and 2015.

However, Audit Wales found that the council still does not have proper control of its corporate safeguarding arrangements, which exposed both the council and its residents to risk.

Audit Wales have identified further recommendations to help the council urgently focus and strengthen its corporate safeguarding arrangements.

The Audit Wales report can be found by visiting <https://www.audit.wales/>

2.6 Fine for Llandrindod Wells resident who assaulted Civil Enforcement Officer (20th December):

Attending a hearing at Merthyr Tydfil Crown Court, a Llandrindod Wells resident has been found guilty of a Section 4 Public Order offence and given a substantial fine, after assaulting a Powys County Council Civil Enforcement Officer.

On being issued with a penalty charge notice for a parking violation on Temple Street, Llandrindod Wells on the 30 June, the offender violently pushed the notice into the Civil Enforcement officer chest.

The incident was captured on the officer's body worn camera, the video from which was handed over to police who took the case to court last week (14th December).

2.7 Lidl GB recalls smoked trout and smoked salmon products (23rd December):

Powys residents who shop at Lidl are being advised that the supermarket chain has recalled several smoked trout and smoked salmon products because of possible contamination with *Listeria monocytogenes*. The products that have been recalled are:

- Lidl Deluxe Oak Smoked Scottish Lough/Loch Trout, 100g, all use-by dates between and including 20th December 2022 and 6th January 2023.
- Lidl Lighthouse Bay Smoked Trout Trimmings, 120g, all use-by dates and including 20th December 2022 and 6th January 2023.
- Lidl Deluxe Mild and Delicate Smoked Scottish Salmon, 100g, use-by date 11th January 2023.
- Lidl Deluxe Smoked Scottish Salmon with Ben Bracken Whisky, 120g, use-by date 11th January 2023.
- Lidl Lighthouse Bay Smoked Scottish Salmon Trimmings, 120g, use-by date 31st December 2022.

No other Lidl GB products are known to be affected.

Symptoms caused by *Listeria monocytogenes* can be similar to flu and include high temperature, muscle ache or pain, chills, feeling or being sick and diarrhoea. However, in

rare cases, the infection can be more severe, causing serious complications such as meningitis.

Some people are more vulnerable to listeria infections, including those over 65 years of age, pregnant women and their unborn babies, babies less than one-month old and people with weakened immune systems.

Powys County Council has been advised of the recalls by the Food Standards Agency (FSA). The FSA advises consumers who have bought any of the smoked fish products listed above not to eat them, and instead return them to the store where they were bought for a full refund. Any queries or concerns can be directed to Lidl Customer Services on 0800 977 7766 or customer.services@lidl.co.uk

2.8 Are you looking to return to social work (28th December):

Powys Adult Services supports people to live the best life they can. By focusing on what matters, we work alongside people to help them find the right solutions.

We are currently recruiting for several social work roles across our community, hospital teams and mental health teams. For any of our roles, we pay the costs of Social Care Wales registration, alongside competitive pay, and lots of opportunities for training and career progression.

We'd really welcome an interest from anyone who has recently left the social services sector, or who has retired, that is looking to move back into a social work role.

For more information on the advantages and benefits of working in Adult Services, please follow this link: Working for Adult Social Care. All our current roles are available to see here: Search and Apply for Jobs.

To discuss fixed term roles across our services, please contact Michelle Griffiths, HR Business Partner at michelle.griffiths@powys.gov.uk (working days are Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursdays).

2.9 Powys' Active Travel Network Maps published (28th December):

Following extensive engagement with communities and stakeholders, the county's Active Travel Maps (ATNM) have now been officially approved by Welsh Government.

The maps, which show current active travel routes and details of aspirational future routes within the county's 11 designated active travel localities (as defined by Welsh Government), can be viewed on the Welsh Government hosted on DataMapWales site here:

<https://datamap.gov.wales/maps/active-travel-network-maps>

The Active Travel (Wales) Act 2013 aims to make Wales a walking and cycling nation.

2.10 Still time to apply for Leisure and Hospitality Rate Relief (30th December):

There is still time for business rates payers in Powys to apply for the Retail, Leisure and Hospitality Rate Relief for 2022/23, the county council has said.

The Welsh Government scheme, which is being administered by Powys County Council, is offering eligible occupied businesses a discount of 50% on the business rates bill for a property.

The scheme will apply to all eligible ratepayers with a relief cap for all your business properties up to a £110,000.

To date, 870 businesses in the county have applied for the rate relief which has reduce their business rates by £3.4 million.

The business must be in the retail, leisure, hospitality or tourism sectors, Examples include shops, pubs, restaurants, self-catering units, sports clubs and bed and breakfasts.

Businesses who meet the eligibility criteria must apply for this rate relief. It will not be automatically awarded like in previous years.

For more information on the scheme, including how to apply, go to Retail, Leisure and Hospitality Rates Relief 2022/2023. The scheme closes on the 31st March 2023.

2.11 Progress made on Y Lanfa project (4th January):

Work progresses on Powys County Council's Levelling Up funded project to rejuvenate the local canal network in Montgomeryshire by opening up previously unnavigable sections of the canal to increase its appeal and attract more tourists to the region.

Announced by the Chancellor in the 2021 Autumn Budget, the £4.8 billion Levelling Up Fund, invests in infrastructure to improve everyday life across the UK including regenerating town centre and high streets, upgrading local transport, and investing in cultural and heritage assets. Of this fund Powys secured almost £14 for this project.

The enhancement of Y Lanfa building, its wharf and the associated listed Canal side cottages forms part of the overall project. The authority currently delivers Welshpool's Library Service from the building together with Powysland Museum.

The scheme drawings are currently being worked on and further details will follow as the project unfolds. An application for planning permission for the new scheme will be made in the New Year.

The aim of this part of the project is to improve the multi-functional use of Y Lanfa and try and create adaptable floor space which will ultimately improve the community and cultural services being offered from it.

The surrounding wharf area will be remodelled to improve the canal side setting creating a sense of place and to encourage increased use, whilst the canal side cottages will be restored and offered for commercial/community use.

As part of this project, Miller Research are gathering information through an online survey focussed on the needs of different users of the canal and surrounding area, and of visitors to the canal. To access the user survey of Y Lanfa building, cottages and adjoining space, please visit the following link: www.smartsurvey.co.uk/s/YLanfaEng/

2.12 Business Consultation (6th January):

Powys businesses are being offered a chance to comment on the county council revenue budget for the coming financial year.

The county council is inviting businesses to comment on the 2023/2024 budget as part of an online consultation exercise.

Those who are interested are invited to visit the council's website:

<https://www.powys.gov.uk> and click the link to Councils Committees and Meetings/Cabinet agenda 17th January 2023.

All responses to the consultation should be addressed to the Head of Financial Services, Powys County Hall, Spa Road East, Llandrindod Wells, LD1 5LG for this purpose by 16th February 2023.

2.13 New year, new start, new job (10th January):

This month, the council launches a new year, new start, new job campaign which aims to promote the range of job opportunities on offer.

The campaign kicks off with the launch of a fresh new look to the recruitment webpages.

The changes make it easier to search and apply for jobs. Take a look at

www.powys.gov.uk/jobs

There are currently a variety of job opportunities ranging from social care, catering, cleaning and education.

If you know someone interested in a new job, then tell them about the great opportunities and what we can offer them, from flexible working patterns to excellent training and development opportunities as well as making a positive difference in the community.

If you know someone looking to start out in their career, then let them know about the Apprenticeship Talent Pool to hear about future apprenticeship opportunities. Find out more at – <https://en.powys.gov.uk/article/989/Apprenticeships>
Help us to spread the word about the council's job opportunities by sharing our social media campaign at:

Facebook - @PCCJobs

Instagram- @powysccjobs

Twitter - @PCCvacancies

2.14 Council reviewing options for supporting people using direct payments for their care and support needs (16th January):

The way direct payments support is delivered to adults in Powys will be changing from April 2023.

A contract for the provision of direct payment is ending in March 2023 giving council the opportunity to listen and respond to people who use the service.

In future, residents in receipt of direct payments for their care and support needs will be able to access a range of providers to help them to do this.

Independent living advice that provides support around advice, management, and carer recruitment, will be managed by the council. It is hoped this change will improve links with existing council managed services to ensure a better experience for individuals and their employees.

It is also anticipated that there will be a range of payroll providers from which direct payments recipients can choose from, rather than a single option as is currently the case. These changes will be taking place over the next few months and those involved will be informed and supported throughout the process to ensure there is minimal disruption to them.

The needs of the people of Powys remains paramount and the council will continue to work with all direct payment providers and recipients to ensure that continuity of support is available for those individuals concerned and is not compromised in any way.

The council recognises the work and contribution current direct payment providers have made in the past, particularly during the Coronavirus pandemic.

Direct payments are made by the council to some people with care and support needs so that they can arrange their own help in a way that best suits them.

To be eligible the person must have received a social services assessment which supports their need for some sort of social care.

If you are looking for information or advice on care and support, then Powys County Council's Social Services may be able to help you:

- For adults contact ASSIST on 0345 602 7050 or online:

<https://en.powys.gov.uk/contactassist>

- For children and families contact the Powys Front Door on 01597 827666

Both contacts may also be used to raise concerns about the welfare of a vulnerable adult, child or young person.

If you think some equipment might make your life easier, then impartial advice is available on the Powys AskSARA website: <https://powys.livingmadeeasy.org.uk/>

The Dewis Cymru website can also be used to find local and national organisations and services that can help you: <https://www.dewis.wales/home>

2.15 Draft Budget (16th January):

Powys County Council's Cabinet has published its draft budget for 2023/2024. It balances the need to deliver sound services at an affordable cost and protects the most vulnerable in society, while continuing the council's journey towards its goal of net zero carbon by 2030.

Council Leader, Cllr. James Gibson-Watt said: "This has been the most difficult budget-setting process the county council has ever experienced. The impact of over 10% cost inflation, the consequent need to increase staff pay to meet the cost-of-living crisis and a huge increase in demand for social care as a result of flu, Covid-19 and the crisis in the NHS, have combined to create an extremely difficult position.

"But after a lot of detailed work and a better-than-expected grant settlement grant from the Welsh Government we have been able to limit the proposed council tax increase to 3.8% for council services, well below the current rate of inflation, with a further 1.2% to cover the unprecedented increase in the Fire and Rescue Authority annual levy imposed on the council".

The view was endorsed by Deputy Leader, Cllr. Matthew Dorrance, who said: "As a new Cabinet we said We would be stronger, fairer and greener and this budget delivers on all of those themes. We have focused on protecting services such as our libraries and roads: and sustaining for those services that support people at this most difficult of times, while implementing measures to cut energy costs and also us closer to net zero."

Cllr. David Thomas, Cabinet Member for Finance and Corporate Transformation, said: "If the next UK government sticks to the lean spending plans proposed by the current government, future funding settlements are projected to decline, and analysts are reporting that this would almost certainly imply a return to an era of spending cuts.

It is vital that we move the council to a position from which it can successfully meet that challenge. This budget achieves that and gives us a stable position to undertake a major review of council services to prepare them for the future."

Cllr. James Gibson-Watt added: "The economic turmoil produced by Brexit and Global uncertainty means that we cannot continue with business as usual. It has been a hard task for Cabinet colleagues to balance the books for the coming year.

"We now begin the even harder challenge, working with our local communities and partner organisations, to protect future services while delivering balanced budgets in the face of a hugely unstable future."

2.16 Please recycle all your old batteries and electrical items (17th January):

Powys County Council are urging residents to recycle all their old batteries and battery powered electricals, rather than put them in the bin.

Across the UK each year, the equivalent of 22,000 tonnes of batteries are disposed of, with only one third being recycled properly – the rest end up in the rubbish bin.

These old batteries that are just thrown away can be dangerous. When collected along with other rubbish or recycling, the batteries can be unintentionally squashed, compacted, punctured, shredded, or soaked in liquids. When this happens, often the chemicals and other harmful contents can cause damage to the environment, while some types of battery can get very hot or even ignite.

It is not just the everyday batteries that need to be recycled correctly. Many batteries can be found in portable electronic devices such as laptops, tablets, mobile phones, cameras, power-tools, remote-controlled toys, drones, electric scooters and even e-cigarettes.

3. Meeting of the Cabinet on Tuesday, 17th January:

3.1 Housing Revenue Account (HRA) rent and related charges changes for 2023/24:

Cabinet resolved:

1. With effect from 3rd April 2023 the average rent in Powys will increase by 5.26% (the average rent being £101.44 per week) for all 5,500 Council owned homes, excluding service charges.
2. That service charges charged to HRA tenants are amended with effect from 3rd April 2023 to allow the Council to recover the cost incurred in providing these services.

3. That the weekly cost effect from 3rd April 2023 for Careline is £1.21 per week.
4. The HRA garage rents in Powys with effect from 3rd April 2023 are increased by 6.5% to £13.73 per week.
5. That garage plot charges effect from 3rd April 2023 increase by £10.66 per annum.
6. That the weekly occupation charge from 3rd April 2023 charges for Gypsy and Traveller pitches will be increased by 5.36% the average weekly rent being £114.42.
7. That the charge for temporary accommodation increases, with effect from 3rd April 2023, by 5.36%.
8. That all other rental, not detailed above, effective from 3rd April 2023, will increase by 5.36%. Service charge continue to be recovered on an actual basis.

Service charges for 2023/24 referred to at 2 above:

Service charge	Highest weekly service charge	Lowest weekly service charge (where a charge is made)	How the service charge is calculated
Grounds maintenance	£2.47	£0.06	Calculated on a site-by-site basis, based on the size of the site and the cost of undertaking the work
Communal cleaning	£1.40	£1.40	Based on the total cost of the work, divided by all those who receive the service
Communal heating and lighting	£1.12	£1.12	Based on the total cost of the service, divided by all those who receive the service
Fire safety work	£1.60	£0.04	Based on actual costs per block and divided by all residents of the block
Communal washing lines	£0.44	£0.44	Based on actual costs per block and divided by all residents of the block
Repairs to communal areas in flats	N/A	N/A	Costs per block divided between all residents of the block

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County/Town Councillor J. Michael Williams.
January 2023.



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Annwyl Syr/Madam,

**Ymgynghoriad Deddf Cynllunio Gwlad
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Gorchymyn (Gweithdrefn Rheoli
Datblygu) (Cymru) 2012 (fel y'i
diwygiwyd)**

Cyfeirnod: 22/2139/HH
Cyfeirnod Grid: **E:275383 N:301368**
Cynnig: Erection of an extension to
provide a swimming pool
Cyfeiriad y Safle: Hen Stablau, Tanrallt
Road, Machynlleth, Powys SY20 8HZ

Mae'r cais ar gael i'w weld ar wefan y
Cyngor (<http://pa.powys.gov.uk/online-applications/>). Wedi derbyn yr amodau a
thelerau, dilynwch y cyfarwyddiadau ar-
lein i weld yr achos.

Rhoddir rhybudd drwy hyn fod rhaid
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fe dybir nad ydych yn dymuno gwneud
sylwadau a bydd y cais yn mynd yn ei
flaen tan dod i benderfyniad.

Dear Sir/Madam,

**Town and Country Planning Act 1990
Town and Country Planning
(Development Management Procedure)
(Wales) Order 2012 (as amended)
Consultation**

Application Reference: 22/2139/HH
Grid Reference: **E:275383 N: 301368**
Proposal: Erection of an extension to
provide a swimming pool
Site Address: Hen Stablau, Tanrallt Road,
Machynlleth, Powys SY20 8HZ

The application is available to view on the
Council's website
(<http://pa.powys.gov.uk/online-applications/>). After accepting the terms
and conditions please follow the online
instructions to view the case.

Notice is hereby given that any
observations you may wish to make must
be returned to me within 21 days of the
date of this letter. If this is not done it will
be assumed that you do not wish to
comment and the application will proceed
to determination.

Cofiwch y dylid gwneud sylwadau'n ysgrifenedig, ac y bydd unrhyw sylwadau'n cael eu cadw ar ffeil i'w weld gan y cyhoedd.

Os ydych yn credu nad yw'r cais hwn yn dod o fewn ardal eich Cyngor Cymuned, a allwch dynnu fy sylw at hyn ar unwaith.

Bydd yr holl ohebiaeth yn cael ei gyhoeddi ar-lein. Peidiwch â chynnwys eich llofnod nac unrhyw wybodaeth breifat arall megis cyfeiriadau e-bost na rhifau ffôn personol yn eich ymateb, gan y gall y rhain ymddangos ar ein gwefan.

Croeso i chi gysylltu â ni yn Gymraeg. Byddwn yn ymateb yn Gymraeg, heb oedi.

Cyfeiriwch yr holl ymatebion ymgynghori i Adran Gynllunio Cyngor Sir Powys at planning.consultations@powys.gov.uk yn hytrach nag at unigolion a enwir gan gynnwys y cyfeirnod cynllunio 22/2139/HH, o fewn testun yr e-bost.

Yn gywir,

Natalie Hinds
Planner

Please note that comments must be made in writing and that such comments will be held on a file that will become open to public inspection.

If you believe this application does not fall within your Community Council area can you please bring this to my attention immediately.

All correspondence will be published online. Please do not include your signature or any other private information such as personal email addresses or telephone numbers in your response, as these may appear on our website.

You are welcome to contact us in Welsh. We will respond in Welsh, without delay.

Please direct all consultation responses for Powys County Council's Planning Department to planning.consultations@powys.gov.uk rather than to named individuals, including the planning reference, 22/2139/HH, within the email subject.

Yours faithfully,

Natalie Hinds
Planner

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List of Invoices For Payment
7th December 2022 to 18th January 2023
January 2023 - Correct to end of day on 17/1/2023.

Dyddiad Talu / Payment Date	Enw / Name	Rhif TAW / VAT Number	Llinell Gyllidol / Budget Line	Manylion / Particulars	Swm /Amount	Sylwadau / Observations	O dan pa rym y gwnaethpwyd y gwariant / spent under which local government power.
23/01/2023	BNP Paribas			Jan/Feb 2023 rental/lease coffee machine in cafe	£ 221.83	Direct Debit 23/1/2023	
21/12/2022	BNP Paribas			Dec.2022/Jan.2023 rental/lease coffee machine in cafe	£ 221.83	Direct Debit 21/12/2022	
25/01/2023	Castell Howells			Supplies food & beverages for café (Dec.2022)	£ 1,782.50	Direct Debit 25/1/2023	
25/01/2023	Castell Howells			Supplies food & beverages for café (Nov.2022)	£ 3,494.68	Direct Debit 25/12/2022	
30/11/2022	LAS Recycling			recycling/waste disposal Nov.2022	£ 437.54	Direct Debit 30/12/2022	
31/12/2022	LAS Recycling			recycling/waste disposal Dec.2022	£ 509.07	Direct Debit 30/1/2023	
16/01/2023	PEAC Finance			photocopier leasing (Feb>May 2023)	£ 478.80	Direct Debit 27/1/2023	
23/11/2022	RJO			coffee/chocolate supplies for café (Nov.22)	£ 170.22	Direct Debit 28/12/2022	
14/12/2022	RJO			coffee/chocolate supplies for café (Dec.22)	£ 224.22	Direct Debit 18/1/2023	
13/01/2023	RJO			coffee/chocolate supplies for café (Jan.23)	£ 163.32	Direct Debit 15/2/2023	
16/01/2023	Sage			Accounting software & Technical support	£ 66.00	Direct Debit 16/1/2023	
06/12/2022	SEFE Energy			Plas gas usage Oct.2022	£ 1,537.02	Direct Debit 6/12/2022	
14/12/2022	SEFE Energy			Plas gas usage Nov.2022	£ 2,364.68	Direct Debit 28/12/2022	
17/01/2023	SEFE Energy			Plas gas usage Dec.2022	£ 3,221.30	Direct Debit 31/1/2023	
03/01/2023	Shire Leasing			Cloud Voice telephone system (Jan>March 2023)	£ 449.78	Direct Debit 3/1/2023	
06/12/2022	SSE Southern Electric			Plas electricity Nov.2022	£ 1,241.96	Direct Debit 23/12/2022	
09/01/2023	SSE Southern Electric			Plas electricity Dec.2022	£ 1,426.27	Direct Debit 26/1/2023	
07/12/2022	Total Energies			Clock Tower electricity Nov.2022	£ 43.52	Direct Debit 23/12/2022	
07/12/2022	Total Energies			Kennels/Hen Stablau electricity Nov.2022	£ 6.93	Direct Debit 23/12/2022	
07/12/2022	Total Energies			Carpark loos electricity Nov.2022	£ 552.68	Direct Debit 29/12/2022	
09/01/2023	Total Energies			Clock Tower electricity Dec.2022	£ 70.71	Direct Debit 25/1/2023	
09/01/2023	Total Energies			Kennels/Hen Stablau electricity Dec.2022	£ 7.16	Direct Debit 25/1/2023	
24/01/2023	Total Energies			Car park loos electricity Dec.2022	£ 711.61	Direct Debit 24/1/2023	
24/01/2023	Total Energies			building by Remembrance Garden electricity Oct>Dec.2022	£ 22.22	Direct Debit 24/1/2023	
20/12/2022	Worldpay			Nov.22 deb/cred card charges from café	£ 91.33	Direct Debit 20/12/2022	
19/01/2023	Worldpay			Dec.22 deb/cred card charges from café	£ 58.19	Direct Debit 19/1/2023	
01/01/2023	Xero			Accounting software & Technical support	£ 39.60	Direct Debit 1/1/2023	
Paid under delegated powers before council meeting of 30/1/2023.							
21/12/2022	Travis Perkins			handsaw, wire etc for maintenance	£ 26.52	paid on 21/12/22	
21/12/2022	Initial			janitorial supplies	£ 268.13	paid on 21/12/22	
09/01/2023	BT			phone usage Oct>Dec.2022	£ 804.82	paid on 9/1/2023	
09/01/2023	BT			internet services Jan.2023	£ 300.00	paid on 9/1/2023	
4/1/2023	SSE SWALEC			Plas electricity (Oct 2022>Jan.2023)	£ 488.67	paid on 23/1/2023	

To be authorised for payment on 30/1/2023.

6/1/2023	AMAZON			neon tubes, drains cleaner, cleaning products	£	134.59
15/7/2022	DYFED ALARMS			15% remaining of original invoice for upgrade of Plas alarm system	£	2,850.30
15/1/2023	Grace & Howe Engineers			structural surveys to Hen Stabiau chimneys	£	380.00
1/1/2023	Gwynedd Cash Register			café till rental/lease Jan>March2023	£	270.00
12/12/2022	Initial			janitorial supplies	£	217.85
16/1/2023	JMA			cut keys	£	307.37
31/12/2022	MID WALES REMOVALS			removal of broken down fridges	£	300.00
18/12/2022	Olive Branch			tree work in Plas grounds	£	3,280.00
9/1/2023	ONE VOICE WALES			training sessions for councillors	£	35.00
21/12/2022	SLCC			job advert	£	357.60
15/1/2023	Spick & Span Aberystwyth (Ron Moss)			repairs to burst pipes	£	310.00
31/12/2022	The Store (IG Owen)			various for maintenance	£	29.64
22/12/2022	WR Partners			Dec.2022 payroll processing	£	162.00
TOTAL					£	30,137.46

Cyflogau / Wages

Mis / Month	Enw / Name	Swm / Sum
30/12/2022	Wages	£ 15,092.17

Cyfraniadau Pensiwn / Pension Contributions

09/01/2023	Dec.2022 Payroll pensions	£ 4,546.89
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Cyfraniadau HMRC / HMRC Contributions

09/01/2023	Dec.2022 PAYE Contributions	£ 3,406.04
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total income	£ 83,661.40
total expenditure	£ 53,182.56
var +/-	£ 30,478.84

Bank balance at end of day 17/1/2023 £ 112,118.28

Incwm / Income

Gan Bwy / From	Swm / Sum (£)
Barclays Closing dormant A/C xxx5829	£ 7.60
Barclays Loyalty rewards	£ 14.55
bar bookings	£ 25.00
buffets	£ 59.40
café cash takings	£ 1,173.41
carpark loos door coinage	£ 159.55
equipment hire	£ 60.00
Hall hire	£ 1,300.00
market stall fees	£ 945.00
Mayor's Xmas lunches	£ 331.00
Office rental	£ 3,463.00
Precept FY2022-23	£ 72,569.00
printing/postage/photocopying service	£ 38.08
recharges to tenants	£ 257.41
room hire	£ 943.75
Worldpay café credcard takings	£ 2,314.65
TOTAL	£ 83,661.40

ALL income as at end of day on 17/1/2023

Biodiversity and resilience of ecosystems policy - Machynlleth Town Council

Background

The council has an obligation under section 6 of the Environment (Wales) Act 2016

Ecosystems Duty -

“Public authorities must seek to maintain and enhance biodiversity in the exercise of functions in relation to Wales, and in so doing promote the resilience of ecosystems, so far as consistent with the proper exercise of those functions.”

NRW's State of Natural Resources report shows that we are losing habitats and species in Wales.

The council has to **prepare and publish a plan** setting out what it proposes to do to comply with the duty.

It can include:

- How biodiversity will be incorporated into policies and strategies;
- What initiatives will be introduced to raise awareness within your organisation;
- What practical biodiversity programmes will be introduced;
- What partnerships will be developed.

‘A public authority must, before the end of 2019, and before the end of every third year after 2019, **publish a report** on what it has done to comply with the duty.’

The Duty to Maintain and Enhance Biodiversity

• Further detailed information in the Nature Recovery Action Plan for Wales (NRAP) to contribute to reversing the decline of biodiversity in Wales:

– Embed biodiversity into delivery, and raise awareness of its importance

Commitments, Sustainability and procurement policies, management plans, community engagement, awareness raising, **all functions**

– Safeguard special sites and species and improve their management

Local nature sites, protected species e.g. bats, great crested newts, birds

– Restore and create habitats

Churchyards, play-spaces, village greens

– Tackle key pressures like pollution, and Invasive Non Native species

Himalayan balsam bashing, reducing the use of pesticides

– Use and collect biodiversity evidence

Citizen science, Local Environment Record Centres

We need to raise awareness of the importance of biodiversity and embed this value into decision making. For example – a small piece of Local Authority owned woodland may be worth far more for its water retention, air particulate matter filtering, recreation area, mental health benefits, cultural value of birdsong and wildflowers than a financial value.

We need to bring these benefits into decision making to reflect the true value of our biodiversity and green space.

As climate change is one of the major threats to biodiversity, the policy reflects this.

Context

Machynlleth Town Council manages the Plas and its grounds. The grounds include historic parkland and the building is Grade 2 listed. There is a children's playground and a pump track. Parts of the grounds are leased out to the Football Club, the Rugby Club, a community garden and a local farm.

The Plas building is a listed stately home with most of the rooms rented out as offices, a café, community hall and a couple of other rooms let out for meetings.

The Council is also responsible for two sets of allotments, the town clock, the war memorial, plant pots and beds and some street seats.

Topic	Policy	Current action
Embedding the environment and biodiversity into decision making	The council considers climate change and environmental impacts when decision making.	In December 2018 the Council passed a motion declaring a Climate Emergency and subsequently accepted the report produced by the local action groups which included biodiversity actions.
Raising awareness of biodiversity & its importance	The council will use social media and put up signage to explain its land management e.g. mowing. Awareness raising and training sessions will be held for members and staff.	The council intends to do these.
Woodland management	The Council will get regular professional surveys done on the trees and take the action recommended. The Council will develop a policy of using the timber and leaving some to benefit wildlife. The council will develop a tree planting policy to ensure that the trees planted will cope with future climate changes, using native species where appropriate.	A professional survey is commissioned annually to assess the state of the trees and the actions recommended are carried out. This normally requires the felling of some trees due to risk or disease. Some tree planting has been done by the Gerddi bro Ddyfi Gardens.
Grassland management	The Plas grounds include areas of grassland that are used in different ways. The council will maximise the areas left unmown and investigate developing wildflower areas. Moles will only be removed when their molehills are in areas like the playground.	Significant areas are left unmown at present.
Invasive species	The council will monitor and remove invasive species unless there are justifications for not doing so.	There are 2 areas of rhododendron ponticum which do not appear to be spreading and provide a very popular play area for children. There is no intention of removing these but they will be monitored.
Wildlife	The council will develop and maintain habitats for species, particularly improving the monitoring and understanding of Locally Important indicator species. The council will work with other groups who use the parkland, particularly Gerddi bro Ddyfi Gardens to monitor and encourage wildlife. The Council will work towards being a bee friendly community. Locations for bird and bat boxes will be considered.	Some areas of woodland are left 'wild'. Gerddi bro Ddyfi did a Bioblitz which has provided a 'snapshot' of species in the Plas grounds in June 2022. Results included 30 tree, 20 bird, 34 lichens, 61 moth and 3 bat species. Future surveying will inform Council action. There has been discussion about installing swift boxes on the site.

Flower beds, pots etc	<p>Only peat free and organic compost or fertiliser will be used. Pesticides will only be used where absolutely necessary (eg Japanese Knotweed).</p> <p>The council will maximise perennial planting rather than annual.</p> <p>Plants that can cope with future climate changes will be used.</p> <p>Plants with native pollinator friendly flowers will be used.</p>	
Use of cleaning products etc in buildings	<p>The council will work towards only using biodegradable cleaning products and paper from sustainable forests. The amount of paper used will be minimised.</p> <p>The council will take further opportunities to procure goods which are biodegradable and/or made from recycled material using local procurement.</p>	
Use of consumables	The use of single use products will be minimised.	
Waste	<p>Every effort will be made to make sure that no waste products escape into the natural environment.</p> <p>The council will work towards collecting general waste separately in public bins so that it can be recycled.</p> <p>The council will investigate composting our green waste.</p>	
Equipment use	All new equipment will be chosen to be as energy efficient as possible.	
Energy use	The council will develop a plan to reduce energy use in buildings and grounds and to access renewable energy.	
Working with volunteers	The Council will work towards developing a group of volunteers who will help to enhance the biodiversity of the grounds.	
Allotments	The council will work with the local allotment association to encourage them to be managed organically.	
Planning	Consider impacts on biodiversity when commenting on planning applications	

Committee	Full Council
Subject	Risk Register
Date	30/01/23
Author	Town Clerk

Minutes relating to Item 12 of the Full Council meeting on 19/12/22 read as follows.

"There was a discussion during which points were raised about gritting regime, risk of slips on ice, risks of sexual assault and risks to members of the public at Council events not held on Council land (such as the Market).

Council resolved to adopt the risk policy and risk schedule as presented and to ask the Clerk to put the discussed items in a report to the January meeting so that they can be added to the risk register (unanimous)."

Accordingly the following amendments are recommended.

17. "Risk Description" be amended so it reads "Injury or other harm to member of public while on Council land or whilst attending a Council event".

17. Under "Existing Controls" – "Gritting when appropriate of areas belonging to the Town Council." be added.

19. That under "Additional Controls" the mitigating action "Staff Training" be added.

Recommendations :

- That the amendments contained in this report be made on the Council Risk Register.



Safeguarding policy

Mission statement

Machynlleth Town Council (the Council) strives to provide services and activities that minimise risk and are as safe as we can make them for the public, children, young people and adults. We aim to protect them from harm or abuse, prevent disruption to health or development and ensure safe and effective provision. We will work in partnership with local and national agencies to put in place suitable procedures for reporting, making referrals, accessing training and specialist support, when required. We will give priority to ensuring that everyone who works for us, paid or voluntary, is selected and trained with the objectives of this mission in mind.

Recruitment

When recruiting we will use appropriate procedures, safeguards and checks:

- We will request references for all posts and voluntary roles before appointment.
- We will use Disclosure and Barring Service (DBS) checks to help us assess suitability and when it is eligible to do so by determining which roles are regulated activity and are therefore subject to an enhanced check of the barred lists and those roles that are eligible only for the standard DBS check.
- We will assess any disclosed criminal record information in accordance with our data protection and equalities policies (treating ex-offenders fairly).
- We will provide an induction program for all new volunteers and staff, appropriate training to enable all volunteers and staff to carry out their duties safely and confidently, and ongoing training for the benefit of individuals' personal and professional development and the development of our organisation.
- We regularly review our recruitment procedures in response to changes in legislation and systems external to our organisation e.g. DBS checks and checklist checks.

Volunteers

We will ensure that all volunteers are treated fairly, have clear expectations of their role and are supported to fulfill that role. The Town Clerk will support all voluntary roles.

- Volunteers will be treated equally alongside any paid staff, and all volunteers will be offered the same opportunities in terms of development, responsibility, training and qualifications, and recognition for their contribution to our projects.
- Our volunteers will always adhere to the Code of Conduct when representing the Projects. Any voluntary roles, which would be an unsupervised regulated activity, will be appropriately supervised in accordance with statutory guidance.

Safeguarding Officer

We will appoint and nominate a safeguarding officer, with the role of supporting service users and other employees:



- He / she will be available to all staff, volunteers and service users to discuss any safety concerns, issues or complaints, the welfare or behavior of service users, volunteers and staff.
- He / she will have access to appropriate training to support them in these roles.
- He / she will liaise with local and national agencies, contribute to relevant policies, maintain records and maintain confidentiality, adhering to and promoting this policy within the Council.
- He / she will provide help or access to support for individuals who suffer harm or abuse.

Harm and abuse

The Council will demonstrate an understanding of harm and abuse, and we will have a legal duty to act if it occurs in our Projects. Harm may be caused by accidents, intentional abuse (physical, sexual, emotional, financial), neglect (willful or not) or factors such as bullying, prejudicial attitudes or failure to enable an individual to participate in activities that are open to the majority of his contemporaries.

We will respond appropriately to all incidents of harm to anyone connected with our service in order to reduce risks and improve our service. Deliberate acts of harm (physical, sexual, emotional and financial) and neglect are abusive to the individual and will be subject to disciplinary action, as well as reports and referrals to social services, the police, other professional bodies and the Disclosure and Barring Service (DBS) if in a regulated activity.

Significant harm

Where there is a risk of significant harm, the Safeguarding Officer will have the power to act accordingly, taking the following steps:

- Record all discussions regarding issue
- Sign and request signatures on reports and statements
- Seek confidential advice from specialist sources
- Share concerns (with consent when necessary and appropriate) internally with the Council Chair.
- Share concerns and make referrals to Social Services or Police as appropriate
- Make a referral to the Disclosure and Barring Service regarding staff or volunteers in a regulated activity whose behavior is detrimental to service users and when removed from a regulated activity

Confidentiality

The Council will ensure retention of all reports and records (including staff and volunteer records) is secure and confidential in accordance with our data protection policy and confidentiality statement, or in accordance with the DBS Code of Practice if appropriate, until or unless it is necessary to share



this material with the agencies named above. Information will only be shared on a "need to know" basis.

Communication

We will plan and prepare for appropriate information sharing within the Council and beyond. We will make sure that anyone who has difficulties communicating, hearing, seeing, reading, talking and so on has a right to speak up about things that concern them.

We will communicate this policy to all staff and volunteers. We support and encourage everyone to speak up and contact the Safeguarding Officer when there is a

- concern, or
- exposure (information about individuals at risk of, or suffering significant harm) or
- allegation (the possibility that a volunteer or staff member may cause harm to a person in their care)

Staff or volunteers may report things that are not right, which are illegal or if anyone in the workplace neglects their duties, puts someone's health and safety at risk or hides wrong doings. In the first instance they should speak to the Safeguarding Officer who has the appropriate responsibility. We would prefer using internal processes where possible to report as above, but this does not prevent them from reporting or referring to statutory agencies such as Social Services or ' the Police, in their own right as a private individual. We also support our staff or volunteers to raise concerns or disclose information, which they believe constitutes misconduct - whistleblowing (disclosure in the public interest).

To encourage everyone involved with our organisation to understand that safeguarding is everyone's business, we will:

- put the issue on the agenda of the Full Council from time to time
- provide opportunities to discuss issues and concerns, policy and procedures to reflect, review and continue to learn and improve in our safeguarding responsibilities.

(The above policy in accordance with the Social Services and Well-being (Wales) Act 2014 includes the Statutory Guidance 'Social Services and Well-being (Wales) Act 2014 Working Together to Protect People Volume 1 - Introduction and Overview')

Jeremy Miles AS/MS
Gweinidog y Gymraeg ac Addysg
Minister for Education and Welsh Language



Llywodraeth Cymru
Welsh Government

Ein cyf/Our ref JMEWL/02561/22

Dewi Jones
Clerk
Machynlleth Town Council

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9 January 2023

Dear Mr Jones,

Thank you for your letter dated 5 December 2022, asking about the mechanism for funding free school breakfast clubs.

The duty to provide free breakfasts for pupils in primary school is set down in Schools Standards and Organisation (Wales) Act 2013. Funding for this is administered to local authorities as part of the Revenue Support Grant (RSG). This funding is un-hypothecated, and the responsibility is delegated to LAs to decide how the funding is allocated to provide services. Therefore, a local authority has the delegated authority to deliver the breakfast scheme in a way in, which it best serves its own local needs and policies. This is outlined in the [statutory guidance for free breakfast clubs](#) for local authorities and school governing bodies.

The primary breakfast offer is a core element of our food in school policy and supports our ambition that no child in Wales goes hungry during the school day. It seeks to help improve children's health and concentration and assist in the raising of standards of learning and attainment. You may therefore wish to note, that the Programme for Government commits to "Maintain our commitment to provide free breakfasts for all primary school pupils."

Yours sincerely,

Jeremy Miles AS/MS
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Rydym yn croesawu derbyn gohebiaeth yn Gymraeg. Byddwn yn ateb gohebiaeth a dderbynnir yn Gymraeg yn Gymraeg ac ni fydd gohebu yn Gymraeg yn arwain at oedi.

We welcome receiving correspondence in Welsh. Any correspondence received in Welsh will be answered in Welsh and corresponding in Welsh will not lead to a delay in responding.

MTC Town Clerk

From: Roseanna Hunt <[REDACTED]>
Sent: 14 December 2022 11:53
To: town-clerk@machynlleth-tc.gov.uk
Subject: Invitation to participate in Bangor University thesis research
Attachments: WELSH participant information and consent form.docx; ENGLISH Participant Information and Consent Form.docx

Dear Dwei Wyn Jones,

My name is Roseanna Hunt, and I am an Environmental Conservation student at Bangor University. I am currently conducting my thesis project investigating social perspectives on Beavers in the Dyfi catchment, and it is my intention to hold interviews with stakeholders to understand the locally specific themes and concerns around this matter.

I took part in some of the public consultation workshops held by the Welsh Beaver Project earlier this year. I am now seeking research participants to gain a deeper and more detailed understanding of the perspectives of relevant stakeholder groups on topics such as local conservation approaches, catchment management, Beaver behaviour and ecology, and habitat restoration. I am specifically interested in speaking to people who live and work within the Dyfi catchment.

As a representative of Machynlleth, I would kindly ask if you would be willing to participate in my research by giving an interview discussing the perspective of your community on the matter of Beaver reintroductions in the Dyfi catchment?

The purpose of these interviews is to gain locally specific information on the topic of Beavers and conservation more generally that is directly relevant to the area. I will audio-record the interviews for use in my research. If you are interested, please see my participant information and consent form (I have attached the document in both Welsh and English) and let me know if you have any questions.

I am looking to hold these interviews as soon as is practical for participants in the new year, and I plan to conduct them in person where possible. I will be flexible according to the availability of research participants in terms of time and place so please give me an idea of dates that you may be able to give thirty minutes to an hour of your time.

If you personally are not available to participate in the research and give an interview, I would be very grateful if this request could be passed on to anyone whom you think might be interested and willing to take part.

Thank you for reading, and I look forward to speaking with you.

Yours Sincerely,

Roseanna Hunt

Bangor University
School of Natural Sciences
[REDACTED]

Taflen Wybodaeth a Ffurflen Gydsynio i Gyfranwyr: Ymchwilio safbwyntiau cymdeithasol am Afancod yn nalgylch afon Dyfi



Diolch i chi am ystyried cymryd rhan yn y project ymchwil hwn. Cyn i chi benderfynu a ydych am gymryd rhan neu beidio, mae'n bwysig eich bod yn deall pwrpas yr ymchwil a beth fydd yn digwydd os byddwch yn cymryd rhan. Cymerwch amser i ddarllen y wybodaeth ganlynol yn ofalus a'i thrafod ag eraill os dymunwch. Os hoffech unrhyw wybodaeth ychwanegol neu os oes gennych unrhyw gwestiynau i'w gofyn, cysylltwch â mi drwy anfon e-bost at rsh18grs@bangor.ac.uk.

Beth yw pwrpas yr ymchwil?

Pwrpas yr ymchwil hwn yw deall gwahanol safbwyntiau rhanddeiliaid lleol am afancod yn nalgylch afon Dyfi; deall beth yw'r safbwyntiau hynny a sut a pham y gallant amrywio rhwng gwahanol bobl neu grwpiau. Bwriad casglu'r wybodaeth hon yw gwella'r cyfathrebu rhwng gwahanol grwpiau trwy fod yn agored ac yn dryloyw, a sicrhau bod safbwyntiau lleol yn ganolog wrth drafod camau cadwraeth.

Beth fydd gofyn i chi ei wneud fel cyfrannwr?

Fel rhan o'r project hwn, byddaf yn cyfweld â sawl aelod o'r gymuned leol. Rydych wedi cael gwahoddiad oherwydd eich bod yn cynrychioli, neu'n aelod o grŵp o randdeiliaid allweddol.

Ni fydd y cyfweiliadau'n dilyn strwythur penodol, ac mae disgwyl i bob cyfweiliad bara rhwng 30 munud ac awr. Dim ond unwaith y bydd pob cyfrannwr yn cael ei gyfweld, a hynny mewn lleoliad y cytunwyd arno rhyngof i (yr ymchwilydd) a chi (y cyfrannwr). Yn ddelfrydol, cynhelir cyfweiliadau yn y cnawd ond byddwn yn cadw at y cyfyngiadau Covid fydd ar waith ar y pryd, sy'n golygu efallai y bydd yn rhaid i ni gynnal cyfweiliadau o bell. Bydd y cyfweiliadau'n cael eu recordio'n ddigidol.

Mae eich cyfraniad yn gwbl wirfoddol. Nid oes yn rhaid i chi ateb unrhyw un o'r cwestiynau os nad ydych yn dymuno gwneud ac os ydych am atal y drafodaeth, neu dynnu'n ôl o'r project, gallwch wneud hynny ar unrhyw adeg.

Sut caiff fy nata ei ddefnyddio a'i gadw?

Bydd y recordiad a'r trawsgrifiad yn cael eu storio'n ddiogel ar fy nyfeisiau personol (dictaffon, gliniadur), a dim ond fi a'm cynghorydd academiaidd fydd yn eu gweld. Dim ond i gysylltu â chi y bydd eich manylion personol (enw, cyfeiriad e-bost) yn cael eu defnyddio ac ni fyddant yn cael eu storio ochr yn ochr â'r data. Caiff yr holl ddata eu dileu ar ôl i'r project ddod i ben. Gellir dyfynnu eich geiriau mewn cyhoeddiadau, adroddiadau, tudalennau gwe, ac allbynnau ymchwil eraill, ond bydd y rhain yn gwbl ddiennw ac ni fydd eich enw chi nac enw'r cwmni'n cael eu defnyddio.

Cydsyniad cyfrannwr: rhowch eich llofnod a'r dyddiad isod os hoffech gymryd rhan.

Rwyf wedi darllen a deall yr wybodaeth uchod, a chytunaf i gymryd rhan yn y cyfweiliad hwn.

Enw:

Llofnod:

Dyddiad:

Participant Information and Consent Form:
Investigating social perspectives on Beavers within and between different local stakeholder groups in the Dyfi catchment



Thank you for considering taking part in this research project. Before you decide whether or not to participate, it is important that you understand the nature of this research and what participation will involve. Please take time to read this information carefully and discuss it with others if you wish. If you would like any additional information or have any questions to ask, please do contact me by emailing Roseanna Hunt at rsh18grs@bangor.ac.uk.

What is the purpose of this research?

The purpose of this research is to understand the different perspectives on beavers from local stakeholders in the Dyfi catchment area; to understand what those perspectives are and how and why they may differ between different people or groups. The aim of gathering this information is to benefit openness, transparency and communication between different groups, and to ensure that local perspectives are centered when discussing conservation actions.

What will be required of you as a participant?

As part of this project, I will be interviewing several members of the local community. You have been invited because you represent, or are a member of, a key stakeholder group.

The interviews will not follow an exact structure, and I expect each interview to last anywhere from 30 minutes to an hour. Each participant will only be interviewed once, in a quiet public location agreed upon between myself (the researcher) and you (the participant). Ideally, interviews will take place face to face but we will adhere to Covid restrictions in place at the time, which means we may have to carry out interviews remotely. Interviews will be digitally recorded.

Your participation is completely voluntary, you do not have to answer any of the questions that you don't want to and if you want to stop the discussion, or withdraw from the project, you may do so at any time.

How will data be used and stored?

The recording and transcript will be stored securely on my personal devices (dictaphone, laptop), and will only be seen by myself and my academic advisor. Your personal details (name, email address) will be only be used to contact you and will not be stored alongside the data. All interview data will be deleted upon completion of the project. Your words may be quoted in publications, reports, web pages, and other research outputs, but these will be fully anonymised and your name/company name will not be used.

Participant consent: please sign and date below if you would like to take part.

I have read and understand the information above, and I agree to participate in the interview.

Name:

Signature:

Date:

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Annwyl MacHynlleth Town Council

Mae Grantiau Cyngor Cymunedol yn cyfrannu arian hanfodol i sicrhau bod gwasanaeth Ambiwylans Awyr Cymru yn gweithredu bob diwrnod o'r flwyddyn.

Dyma'r adeg o'r flwyddyn pan fyddem fel arfer yn dod ar eich gofyn. Fodd bynnag, rydym yn gwbl ymwybodol o'r sensitifrwydd sy'n bodoli yn eich cymuned ar hyn o bryd o ran y posibilrwydd o ad-drefnu'r gwasanaeth ambiwlans o bosibl yng Nghymru. Mae partneriaid meddygol y GIG, y Gwasanaeth Casglu a Throsglwyddo Meddygol Brys, wedi darparu tystiolaeth fanwl sy'n nodi'r potensial i wella'r gwasanaeth ambiwlans awyr ar gyfer Cymru gyfan a chyfle i achub cannoedd yn fwy o fywydau bob blwyddyn. Mae'r cynigion yn destun proses annibynnol o graffu ac ymgysylltu â'r cyhoedd wedi'i harwain gan Brif Gomisiynydd y Gwasanaethau Ambiwylans. Rydym yn gobeithio y byddwch yn ymgysylltu â phroses y Comisiynydd.

Mae ein Helusen bob amser wedi bod yn ymrwymedig i bobl eich cymuned, ac erys felly. Mae ein nod yn syml – gwasanaethu Cymru ac achub bywydau. Serch hynny, yn wyneb y sefyllfa bresennol, credwn y byddai'n ansensitif anfon cais uniongyrchol atoch am Grant Cyngor Cymunedol. Os hoffech ein gwahodd i wneud cais, byddem, wrth gwrs, yn croesawu'r cyfle hwnnw.

Ariennir Elusen Ambiwylans Awyr Cymru gan bobl Cymru. Rydym yn cynnig gofal critigol uwch, a chawn ein disgrifio'n aml fel 'Adran Achosion Brys sy'n Hedfan'. Mae'r meddygon ymgynghorol a'r ymarferwyr gofal critigol yn fedrus iawn, ac yn cario rhai o'r offer meddygol mwyaf arloesol yn y byd. Mae ganddynt y gallu i drallwyso gwaed, rhoi anesthesia a chynnal llawdriniaethau brys ar safle'r digwyddiad, cyn hedfan y claf yn uniongyrchol i gael gofal arbenigol.

Rydym yn gweithredu rhai o'r ambiwlansys awyr mwyaf blaenllaw yn y DU, gan arbed amser gwerthfawr ac achub bywydau – diolch i bobl Cymru.

Mae ein cymorth i bobl Cymru yn ddiamod. Rydym yn cynorthwyo cleifion beth bynnag fo amgylchiadau eu digwyddiad, a ph'un a ydynt wedi ein hariannu ai peidio. Byddwn yn parhau i wneud hynny, nawr ac yn y dyfodol.

Diolch am roi o'ch amser i ddarllen y llythyr hwn ac am gefnogi ein Helusen sy'n achub bywydau.

Yn gywir,

Hannah Mitchell

Codwr Arian, Grantiau ac Ymddiriedolaethau

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12/01/2023

Dear MacHynlleth Town Council

Community Council Grants contribute vital funds to maintain the service Wales Air Ambulance delivers 24/7, 365 days a year.

It is the time of year when we would send you our annual ask. However, we are fully aware of the sensitivities that exist in your community at the moment regarding the potential reconfiguration of the air ambulance service in Wales. Our NHS medical partners, the Emergency Medical Retrieval and Transfer Service, have supplied detailed evidence that highlights the potential to improve the air ambulance service for the whole of Wales and an opportunity to save hundreds more lives every year. The proposals are currently subject to an independent process of scrutiny and public engagement led by the Chief Ambulance Services Commissioner. We hope that you will engage with the Commissioner's process.

Our Charity has always been committed to the people of your community, and always will be. Our aim is simple – to serve Wales and to save lives. Nevertheless, conscious of the current situation, we believe that it would be insensitive to send you a direct application for a Community Council Grant. If you feel that you would like to invite us to apply, we would, of course, welcome that opportunity.

The Wales Air Ambulance Charity is funded by the people of Wales. We offer advanced critical care and we are often described as a 'Flying ED'. The on-board consultants and critical care practitioners are highly skilled and carry some of the most pioneering medical equipment in the world. They can deliver blood transfusions, administer anaesthesia and undertake emergency operations at the scene of the incident, before flying the patient directly to specialist care.

We operate some of the most advanced air ambulances in the UK, saving precious time and lives – all thanks to the people of Wales.

Our support for the people of Wales is unconditional. We attend patients irrespective of the circumstances surrounding their incident, and regardless of whether they have funded us. We will continue to do so both now and in the future.

Thank you for taking the time to read this letter and for your support of our lifesaving Charity.

Yours faithfully,

Hannah Mitchell

Grants and Trusts Fundraiser

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Noswaith dda

Yn gyntaf, hoffwn ddangos ein gwerthfawrogiad o'r gwaith rydych chi'n ei wneud dros eich cymunedau. Fel sefydliad aelodaeth sy'n cael ei arwain gan wirfoddolwyr rydym yn uniaethu ac yn cymeradwyo eich ymdrechion!

Mae adroddiad diweddar Comisiwn Cyfansoddiadol Cymru yn argymhell yn gryf y dylid datganoli pwerau ymhellach, gyda llawer mwy o eglurder o fewn unrhyw setliad. Mae hefyd yn tynnu sylw at y ffaith nad yw'r status quo yng Nghymru yn addas i'r diben ac mae'n rhoi Annibyniaeth yn gadarn ar yr agenda wleidyddol fel opsiwn ymarferol i Gymru. Yn y cyfamser, mae'r polau piniwn yn awgrymu y bydd yr Alban yn pleidleisio'n gryf o blaid Annibyniaeth cyn gynted ag y bydd y cyfle'n cyflwyno ei hun.

Credwn fod Annibyniaeth yn opsiwn cadarn ar agenda Cymru gyfan erbyn hyn - rhaid i lywodraeth leol fod yn rhan canolog o'r ddadl.

Mae'r amser wedi dod i holl gynghorau Cymru, ar bob lefel, drafod Annibyniaeth a'r ffyrdd y gall effeithio penderfyniadau a wneir ar lefel gymunedol.

Byddai'n wych pe gallech drafod Annibyniaeth yn eich cyfarfod dyrannu grant ym mis Ionawr ac, o fewn y cyd-destun hwnnw, ystyried cyfrannu i YesCymru i hyrwyddo ein hachos a'n helpu i gryfhau'r dadleuon o blaid Annibyniaeth.

Byddai rhodd fach o £50-100 yn cael ei werthfawrogi'n fawr iawn ac yn gyfraniad gwerthfawr i'n hymdrechion i edrych ar y posibiladau a'r potensial i Gymru Annibynnol.

Diolch yn fawr am eich amser a hoffem fanteisio ar y cyfle hwn i ddymuno Blwyddyn Newydd Dda iawn i chi a'ch cymunedau gan bob un ohonom yn YesCymru.

Blwyddyn Newydd Dda!

Elfed Williams
Cadeirydd
YesCymru

Enw'r cyfrif: YesCymru Cyf
Rhif cyfrif: 19357842
Côd didoli: 52-21-03



Noswaith dda/good evening

Firstly we'd like to show our appreciation for the work that you do for your communities. As a member-led organisation of volunteers ourselves we share your goals and applaud your efforts.

The recent Wales Constitutional Commission report strongly recommends further devolution of powers with much greater clarity within any settlement. It also highlights that the status quo in Wales is not fit for purpose and puts Independence firmly on the political agenda as a viable option for Wales. In the meantime, polling suggests that Scotland will vote strongly in favour of Independence as soon as the opportunity presents itself.

We believe that Independence is now firmly on the agenda for all of Wales and local government must be a central part of this debate.

The time has come for all Welsh councils, at every level, to discuss independence and the ways in which it may impact decisions made at a community level.

It would be great if you could discuss independence at your January grant allocation meeting, and, within that context, to consider donating to YesCymru to further our cause and help us strengthen the arguments in favour of Independence.

A small donation of £50-100 would be hugely appreciated and will be a valuable contribution to our efforts to explore the possibilities and potentialities for an Independent Wales.

Many thanks for your time and we would like to take this opportunity to wish you and your communities a very Happy New Year from all of us at YesCymru.

Blwyddyn Newydd Dda!

Elfed Williams
Cadeirydd/Chair
YesCymru

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Committee	Full Council
Subject	Financial Support to Outside Organisations
Date	30/01/23
Author	Town Clerk

Two requests for financial assistance have been considered by this Council meeting. These both appear to be national circulars, distributed to every Town and Community Council in Wales. Such requests are a common component of post an email to the Clerk.

If every such request were to be placed on the Agenda of Full Council there would be a danger of never having time to discuss anything else, and so the Clerk does some filtering of such applications to prioritise local good causes. This is subjective and such decisions should correctly be made by Council rather than by the Clerk. It also means that those who make an application earlier in the financial year have a higher chance of money being left in the pot to make a donation.

In the opinion of the Clerk it would be better that a formal process is put in place where all applications receive fair consideration in full knowledge of the number of applications which will come before the Council and any available funding pot.

This process would apply to requests for ongoing / annual funding such as those before the Council tonight. Funding for new events or emergency requests for funding could still come direct to Full Council at any time of year.

If the recommendation of this report is adopted then the process for the financial year 2024-25 would look like this.

December 2023

Budget for 2024-25 agreed, perhaps with an allocation for funding external organisations / charities.

January 2024

Finance Panel meets to consider all applications received since the last such meeting. Panel makes recommendations for grants to be approved by January meeting of Town Council.

April 2024

Payments of financial contribution for FY2024-25

Recommendations :

- **Council to resolve that all requests for Financial Assistance towards ongoing costs be put before the January Finance Panel, so that any budget agreed in the December Council meeting can be recommended for distribution to the January meeting of the Council. That all such payments be made in the first week of April, at the beginning of the budget year in question.**



**Clive Pinney, Head of Legal and Monitoring
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Pennaeth Cyfreithiol a Swyddog Monitro**

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Date / Dyddiad: 18 January 2023

By email only

Dear Dewi

Plas Machynlleth & Plas Machynlleth Endowment Fund

Thank you for your letter sent to Dr Turner in November 2022. Although there has been contact between our offices by phone, please accept my apologies for not replying to you in writing sooner than this.

I have tasked Officers with retrieving and reviewing what archived information is available, and I will come back to you with further information as soon as I am able to.

Please would you let my Personal Assistant Lynda Baker know the town council meetings dates during spring 2023 so I can update you further at the appropriate time.

Yours faithfully,

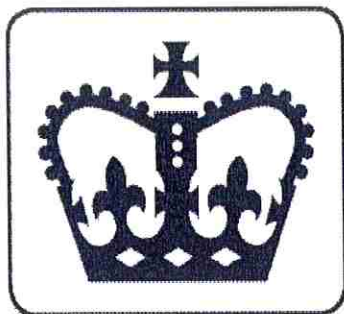
Clive Pinney

**Head of Legal and Monitoring Officer
Pennaeth Cyfreithiol a Swyddog Monitro**

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Croeso i chi gysylltu â ni yn Gymraeg. Byddwn yn ymateb yn Gymraeg, heb oedi.
You are welcome to contact us in Welsh. We will respond in Welsh, without delay.





CHARITY COMMISSION FOR ENGLAND AND WALES

Enquiry Form

Submitted:
23/01/2023 08:29:39

Are you contacting us about a registered charity?

Yes

Charity Number

217714

Charity Name

Plas Machynlleth Endowment Fund

Your name

Your email address

om

Your telephone number

Relationship to the charity

Professional Advisor

What do you need to contact us about?

Complaint about Commission's level of service

What specifically do you need to contact us about?

I have been contacting the commission for several months and have been treated as a member of the general public even though I am the professional adviser to the Trustees. Documentary proof of this has been supplied and acknowledged when I have queried the commission treating me in this way. I have received FOI partial responses as a consequence of being treated as a member of the public and despite my appeal in November I have still not received the information I have requested nor has my request to speak to a caseworker been actioned. In addition to dealing with my appeal I have also emailed Rosie Duffield to request her help.

What do you need from the Commission?

Ideally, a better service.

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□ Specifically, I would like unredacted and full information per my past requests.

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□ I would be satisfied if the commission could supply the most recent correspondence between Rosie Duffield and the Town Council as Trustee in relation to the Trustees breach of Trust and their offer to replace the permanent endowment original value at present day prices. I believe an offer of £150k was made and possibly accepted by the commission however I lack evidence that this was ultimately agreed. This is now the most pressing matter to enable me to complete my work for the Trustees

How are the trustees satisfied that this is in the best interests of the charity?

See previous emails and the above

- I have read and accept the commission's privacy terms.

I can confirm