Llanelly Community Council

Annual Report 2019-2020

In addition to the ongoing expenditure identified in the budget LCC has for the first time used the Community Led Plan 2019-2024 to identify areas of spend during the current financial year. There have been significant improvements in the Council’s achievements as a result as can be seen below.

Gilwern Community Centre

LCC appointed a hall administrator to replace the previous management committee which has improved booking procedures and income. Major problems with the heating system over two winters have hopefully been overcome. A service agreement has been reached with MCC to retain the Library and create a Gilwern Hub, and the Library has been moved to a more advantageous position in the building. The toilets have been modernised and baby changing facilities added. The kitchen has been moved and renovated. The interior of the building has been redecorated. The security and fire systems have been updated. Additional storage has been added and some clearance work has been started around the area. These improvements have prepared the Centre for the future.

Gilwern Playing Fields

LCC has worked with Gilwern AFC to develop the entrance road and footpaths and began consultations over changes around the Scout Hut. A full ROSPA survey has been undertaken and LCC will work with MCC to use surplus S106 funding to update the playground and the cycle track. Tenders are being sought as year ends.

Clydach Village Hall & Playing Fields

LCC organised a public meeting with representatives of MCC and private companies to improve broadband facilities. LCC continues to pay Clydach AFC to maintain the grounds. LCC agreed to changes needed to the Village Hall to be leased to Welsh Government during the Road improvements.

Llanelly Welfare Hall

LCC has continued to be involved in discussions between the Management Committee and MCC on the future of the hall. LCC continues to pay for cleaning and waste disposal at the Hall.

Maesygwartha

LCC continues to work with a local action group to develop the telephone box.

Public Toilets

As a result of an MCC inspection LCC continues to work to improve these for the benefit of the community and tourism. COVID19 has resulted in their temporary closure.

Footpaths

LCC has worked with MCC to ensure the completion of the Ty Mawr footpath and its link in to the school. LCC is continuing to work with the canal trust and Brecon Beacons National Park to improve the Towpath from bridges 101-102 and 104-105. LCC has worked with Costains to seek to ensure reinstatement of the footpaths at the end of the road scheme.

Public Safety

LCC and MCC have worked with Gwent police to have regular police surgeries at the Gilwern Hub. LCC held a public meeting in speed awareness and worked with Gwent police to develop a speed awareness group in Gilwern. LCC has worked with MCC to improve signage and parking. LCC has supported the national 20mph campaign.

Education

LCC has worked with Gilwern School in a Dog awareness campaign and IT for the Elderly workshops with support of Gilwern U3A.

LCC has held a dementia Awareness workshop with the support of Gilwern U3A.

Commemoration

WWI Benches have been placed in Gilwern, Clydach North and South and Llanelly Hill. LCC has financially supported Gilwern U3A’s “WW1 Llanelly Parish Remembers” a commemorative book that has been given out to local churches and institutions.

Festivals

LCC has supported GilFest organised by Gilwern Roots and the Victorian Christmas organised by Hope Church, and also the Christmas lighting around the Villages.

Environment

LCC has increased the number of dog waste bins and the frequency of collections as well as trying to improve dog waste attitudes within the Community.

LCC has begun discussions with MCC in relation to possible allotments in Gilwern and with Welsh Government over possible legacy environmental projects.

Grants

LCC has made the following grants in 2019/20:

Gilwern Bowls Club

Gilwern Scouts

Pretty Pins

MCC Library Summer Reading Scheme

Gilwern Roots

Hope Church

Clydach AFC – yearly agreement

Accounts

Bank account as at 31 March 2020:

£

Balance at 1 Apr 19 103131

Receipts 128636

TOTAL 231767

Less Payments 152218

**BALANCE AT 31 Mar 20 79549**

The Council will be considering other requirements within the Community detailed in the Community Led Plan 2019-24 during 2020/21.