



Llannon Community Council Annual Report on Contribution to Carmarthenshire's Well-being Objectives

Introduction

<p>Outline of Council</p> <p>Indication of what could be included:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Number and names of councillors• Name of Mayor/Leader• Name of clerk and officers• Geographical area of Council• Number of residents represented• Any other relevant information	<p>The Council consists of 15 elected members and meets on the third Wednesday of every month at 6:30pm. The Council is in recess in August.</p> <p>Chairman: Dot Jones Vice-Chair: Lesley Williams Leader: Gary Lewis Jones</p> <p>Councillors: Nathan Holman Llinos Mai Davies Emlyn Dole Phillip Clive Edwards Evan William James Michael Jones Sion Acciaioli</p>
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	<p>Alun Owens Dan Snaith M Kim Thomas David Ryan Thomas Phillip M Williams</p> <p>Clerk: David Davies Community Development Officer: Sarah Mc Dorion until June 2019 Susan James April 2020 Finance Officer: Chris Bowkett</p> <p>Geographical Area: Cross Hands, Cwm-mawr, Llannon, Tumble.</p> <p>Number of residents - 5,559 (2018)</p>
<p>What is the Council's Vision/Objectives?</p>	<p>The Council is committed to encouraging community development and delivering better customer service while acting as a local voice for the communities it represents.</p> <p>Re-develop public leisure facilities to improve well-being The Council has re-developed Tumble and Llannon children's play areas and has proposals to improve Cross Hands play area. This has come following consultation with children from local schools who expressed a strong wish to make all the playgrounds accessible to all. A significant project, Riot / Riat Skate Park and proposed sports facility will also be accessible for all ages, physical and intellectual abilities.</p> <p>Opportunities for local residents to engage in healthy living activities, improving local health The council is exploring new ways of utilising our large open spaces and of reminding local people and organisations that these spaces are assets and can improve health and wellbeing. Access to footpaths has been improved and we are now looking at creating interpretation panels that will explore the history and ecosystem and also at ways of using the spaces/health benefits. We hope this will stimulate more interest in using these spaces.</p>

	<p>Mental health issues Within Carmarthenshire 28% of residents suffer from mental health issues. 40% live within 400m of a large green open space. Llannon Community Council would like to explore the figures for the ward and create a project and ongoing initiatives that will enable participation and a greater understanding of self and wider community. Linked to above paragraph, it would also like to foster an effective partnership with mental health service providers to create wider initiatives, awareness events and participation projects.</p> <p>Improve community resilience During COVID-19 the council contacted local business, giving ideas on how they could diversify their way of working to meet the changing needs of their customers. Current information was disseminated on the council website, appropriate social media pages and notice boards. New funding for large and small business was also shared. A foodbank has been set up to support families and individuals who have been affected economically by the virus. Currently, we are exploring ways to streamline and develop the council website and social media so that these are more relevant and accessible to the people that we serve. The council is acting as an intermediary, enabling residents to access many public service providers and charities that can support them. As members of local organisation boards we can give direction, guide, and communicate information in order to enable wider community resilience.</p> <p>Anti-social behaviour in younger adults There continues to be some antisocial behaviour from some local young people. There is a need to explore this further. Sometimes, the reason for such behaviour is perceived as the lack of facilities for young people in the area, perhaps the young people's lack of knowledge of what is available is also evident. Consultation on the Wellbeing of Future Generations Act indicated that local young people wanted more leisure fun spaces, specifically parkour and skateboarding. As a result of this the council is at stage 2 of a 'state of the art' skate park.</p> <p>Reduce drug and alcoholism in the area The council will seek data on the current level of drug, alcohol and substance abuse in the area and will work closely with various service providers to explore the issues that relate to the ward. We will create positive opportunities that will enable and support individuals and families who have been affected by drug and alcohol addiction.</p> <p>Improve community participation, engagement, and intergenerational activity</p>
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Llannon Community Council has an active but aging volunteer group that supports council community-based activities, workshops, hall activities and community projects. They also act as advocates, highlighting the work of the council. Recently due to COVID-19 the council has recruited 30 new volunteers who are of a much younger demographic. The volunteers have helped with packing and delivering foodbank parcels. They have also helped with picking up shopping for those who are self-isolating. A youth committee 'Riot' has been created to work in partnership with the community council on a skate park in Tumble. They have co-led and facilitated public consultation sessions and interviews with consultants. All have become huge advocates for community needs and the work of the council. We are exploring setting up a 'Wellbeing of Future Generations Act' participation panel made up of representatives of the various volunteer group along with representatives from various service providers. This will support the action planning going forward.

Thriving Welsh language

The council promotes the use of the Welsh language by providing all council formal documents and advertising for community initiatives in Welsh and English. Social media posts that are sent to us are currently not always translated. Most of the councillors and staff speak Welsh and English and can engage with the public bilingually.

The Council will promote classes for Welsh learners and further education classes through the medium of Welsh. The council offer community grants to relevant causes one of which is the Urdd Gobaith Cymru 2021 Carmarthenshire National Eisteddfod.

The council will continue to improve standards and promote the Welsh language.

Community Safety and First Aid

Assessments and method statements are used for all initiatives and we plan closely with the three emergency services to ensure all are safe.

The community council helped provide and supports the maintenance of defibrillators in Llannon, Tumble and Cross Hands. The community council has disseminated Covid-19 health and safety guidelines to wider community and peer organisations.

<p>How has the Council embedded the five ways of working into its planning and working arrangements?</p>	<p>Long Term The importance of balancing short-term with long-term needs.</p>	<p>The council when purchasing new products or investing in new opportunities will always consider the impact on strategy and adhere to Well-being objectives Act.</p> <p>Working practices, policies and staff contracts are being reviewed in line with current legislation changes and guidance from 'The Goodwork Plan' to ensure that the wellbeing for future generations principles are embedded in all that we do.</p> <p>The council is considering applying to 'Investors in People' in order to provide targets and a yearly quality assurance.</p> <p>Training of councillors and staff will be set up to promote understanding and enable all.</p> <p>We are working on going 'paperless' to reduce our carbon footprint.</p> <p>Local green open spaces and children's play parks are being re-developed or created in collaboration with young people from the area and with guidance from local children, families, and specialists.</p>
	<p>Prevention How acting to prevent problems occurring or getting worse may help public bodies meet their objectives.</p>	<p>The council is working on lowering anti-social behaviours of local young people. The council has ambitious plans to create a state-of-the-art skate park. The council is also focusing on creating more social opportunities and events for local young people, working with the new committee established by young people. We also plan to work more closely with the Tumble Family Centre.</p> <p>There are issues regarding deprivation in the area. The council is liaising with service providers such as social prescriber, citizens advice, county social services, County Connect2 and so on to provide individuals, families and businesses support before they reach crisis point.</p> <p>The council will improve local awareness of the area's history, ecology, local opportunities. It will highlight local achievements to improve self-esteem, education, and skills and to foster a stronger coherent community. It will do this through events, projects and advocacy.</p> <p>We will work more closely with the the various action groups within the ward (local and national) who are focused on supporting the natural environment and 'ownership' of spaces by local people.</p> <p>The council environment committee has established community orchards, with the support of local schools whose pupils planted fruit trees in five of the council's six parks. The council supported the local volunteer group, Cadw Mynydd Mawr yn Daclus, in its efforts to create a hedge and windbreak in the council public cemetery. Currently the council has acquired</p>

		<p>funding to cover equipment and material for a butterfly garden. We are looking at new ways for people to get involved during COVID-19 and going forward.</p> <p>Post Covid-19 we will re-establish healthy activities such as yoga, exercise classes within Tumble Hall, footpaths and promote the cycle track.</p>
	<p>Integration Considering how the public body’s well-being objectives may impact upon each of the well-being goals, on their other objectives, or on the objectives of other public bodies.</p>	<p>The council has completed wellbeing consultations with all villages in the area. The goals arising from these consultations are in line with the PSB Well-being Objectives. The council plans to engage with the PSB priorities and will work to support these.</p> <p>The council will work closely with service providers to ensure that future objectives meet as many objectives as possible. For example, working with Social Prescriber, we are able to integrate their goals to ours, enabling Social Prescriber to reach more local people or enable their customers to access council services. Councillors sit on local services boards or committees such as Tumble Family Centre.</p> <p>Via the updated website and social media account, the council will ensure local people and businesses get the right information and help at the right time.</p> <p>Passion for culture is strong; the council will utilise this asset to enhance local wellbeing through interpretation trail, walks and talks, multi-cultural art, and heritage events programme. Also, the council will, try to stimulate awareness and discussion of cultural and personal identity.</p> <p>Education and access to skill development training will be improved through collaboration with The old Cinema Cross Hands, DWP and Business Wales to help specifically the working poor and to enable individuals and businesses to prosper. (In Carmarthenshire 8 in 10 are working but still 1 in 3 are living in poverty)</p> <p>The council funds community groups and organisations throughout the year: those bodies will from now on need to present a report outlining their wellbeing outcomes. Information will be extracted and, if appropriate, included in the next update. This will assist in emphasising the importance of the act and strategy on all walks of life and levels of business.</p>
	<p>Collaboration Acting in collaboration with any other person (or different parts of the body itself) that could help the body to meet its well-being objectives.</p>	<p>The council works in collaboration with local health services, care homes, local voluntary groups, the Upper Gwendraeth Community and Sports Association, other community councils, schools, council staff, Welsh Ambulance Service, Fire Services, Police Services and action teams. More recently the council has worked with local sports providers, Citizens Advice, CAVS, Connect 2 and Social Prescriber to help run the Gwendraeth</p>

		<p>Foodbank. It has been funded by this council, Carmarthenshire County Council, Gorslas Community Council and Western Power. Furthermore a community company called Cymdeithas Mynydd Mawr Ltd has been established to take a lead on the sports facility building plus the youth led Riot/Riat group Skate Park stage 2 bid and implementation.</p>
	<p>Involvement The importance of involving people with an interest in achieving the well-being goals, and ensuring that those people reflect the diversity of the area which the body serves.</p>	<p>Councillors' relationships with their constituents has been the key to awareness of local needs, decision making, planning and appreciation levels. Public notices, the web, social media, and participation on various committees also go some way to gather information and inform. The Riot group is beginning to increase the council's awareness of the needs and issues that young people encounter whilst working together to create a much-needed open wellbeing space for all. Also refer to all groups outlined in other sections.</p> <p>A 'Well-being of future generation participation panel' will engage and involve people of all ages, backgrounds, and expertise; enabling all to actively co-produce the coming year's wellbeing activities.</p>
<p>What approach has the Council taken to embed the four PSB well-being objectives into its plans?</p> <p>Healthy Habits People have a good quality of life, make healthy choices about their lives and environment.</p> <p>Early Intervention To make sure that people have the right help at the right time; as and when they need it.</p> <p>Strong Connections Strongly connected people, places and organisations that are able to adapt to change.</p> <p>Prosperous People</p>	<p>-Llannon Community Council has taken an active approach to embedding the four PSB objectives into its plans.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Widespread consultation across the villages, asking questions about local wellbeing concerns and goals. The results from these consultations have informed how services are and will be delivered. - Llannon's monthly council meetings are delivered with the four objectives in mind, and decisions are prioritised with these in mind. Agenda and reports with discussion points are sent out in advance in order to allow for digestion of information and dialogue before the meeting. - We will continue to explore how we can make our meetings more accessible and transparent for councillors and community alike. - Llannon Community Council is utilising the public hall in Tumble to deliver subsidised or free information and support sessions to community members and professionals through third sector groups and charities; for example foot clinic, heart clinic, children's theatre school- Academy, community consultation. - Via external funding 1% of tickets issued for music and theatre shows will be discounted for those who are at risk of not engaging – for example, isolated individuals, LGBTQ+, Young Carers, Care Leavers, BAME communities and so on. 	

To maximise opportunities for people and places in both urban and rural parts of our county. and Places

- The Council will produce a quarterly paper Newsletter dropped through the letterbox of all residence within the ward – giving brief overview of activities, good news stories and contacts.
- There is a group of Carmarthenshire Community Development Officers that meet and support each other regularly. This offers staff an opportunity to review progress and compare achievements and goals.
- Report Writing and collecting information - We will create Indicators which focus on the four objectives going forward
- We will deliver an annual report available publicly so that actions can be scrutinised, and progress assessed.
- Wellbeing Plan will be constantly reviewed

What approach has the Council taken to embed the national well-being goals into its plans?

From now on;

- A 'Wellbeing of future generation participation panel' will engage and involve people of all ages, backgrounds and expertise; this will enable all to actively co-produce future wellbeing activities
- Newsletter to engage, inform and call for feedback on and participation in decision making
- Six monthly consultation events in Tumble, Llannon and Crosshands community spaces
- A MUO will be sent out to all organisations that receive financial support or physical participation from the counsellors i.e. sit on boards – all organisations to submit wellbeing outcomes. (disseminate best practice and embed principles)
- Councillors to also feedback using the PSB Wellbeing objectives during Committee meetings and Council update reports.

Report of Steps Taken & Progress Made

Carmarthenshire PSB Well-being Objective	Steps to be taken by the Town/Community Council that contribute to the Well-being Objective	Progress <i>What have you done so far?</i> <i>How are you tracking progress?</i> <i>How effective have you been? (RAG Status)</i> <i>What is the improvement for different communities?</i>
Healthy Habits: People have a good quality of life, and make healthy choices about their lives and environment	Re-development of Llannon Village children’s playground.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Councillors attended the Llannon Community Association meetings and held consultation with local school children. Feedback informed the development. • The park is nearing completed Unfortunately, due to COVID-19 the council have been unable to carry out a post activity consultation.
	Skate Park Development	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Secured a good size funding grant to initiate the project. • Created a new constituted group Cymdeithas Mynydd Mawr (local residents, sports and events services) that include the Riot/Riat group established and led by young people. • Tendered to three skate park designers • Following interviews and public consultation, the council has been instructed to take the project to the next stage.

		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Technical and Engineering work/consultation/design work has continued during COVID-19 lockdown. Additional funding is required – ‘amber status’
	<p>Carvery</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • This has run for over a year and happens once or twice a month (seasonally) • Run by staff and volunteers, this year the service has been extended to offer delivered meals for those who are unable to travel to the hall, due to transport, psychological and financial concerns. • Meal totals (income and expenditure) are recorded monthly to track finance. • No formal assessment of direct benefits to users has been made other than from anecdotal feedback. Anecdotally this group offers a significant benefit to mental health, encourages social interaction, and provides a nutritious healthy lunch which they may not have otherwise. • The council recognises that more can be done to assess the effectiveness of this service especially on those who are deemed to be isolated and unable to participate in more mainstream activities. • The numbers of customers have hit 300 per session during COVID-19 and unfortunately, we are unable to keep up with the demand

		<p>whilst social distancing, so this for the time being has been put on hold.</p>
	<p>Meals on Wheels</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • This has run for the last year. • Run by staff and volunteers all meals are sent out to older people who are at risk of not eating healthy nutritious meals. • Referrals are made by self, family, and social services. • Meal totals (income and expenditure) are recorded monthly to track finance. • No formal assessment of direct benefits to users has been made other than from anecdotal feedback. Anecdotally the older people look forward to seeing the volunteers who will stop for a chat plus the food is a lifeline for many who are unable to cook for themselves a healthy meal. Many do live with dementia and sticking to the same volunteers maintains wellbeing. • Recently due to illness, the pool of customers have gone down, the council is exploring what we can do differently and ways to reach out to more people in need. • The newsletter may go some way to reach out to more residents and those in need plus links to social services.

	<p>Llannon Community Association</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Llannon Community Association is a group of Llannon residents who are determined to address key issues in their community. • The Association works with Llannon Community Council when consulting and engaging local community. • Thus far they have been instrumental in acquiring funding for the local children’s playground. • The Association has gone on to create a COVID-19 Self Isolating Support Group and is currently assisting those who are self-isolating or shielding with food shopping and medication.
	<p>Karate</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Tumble Hall provides a space for weekly youth karate classes that encourage and promote health, social interaction, and wellbeing. • This is currently on hold due to COVID-19
	<p>Line Dancing</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The council has enabled a volunteer to set up weekly line dancing sessions. • This is now a well-established and flourishing group and is attended by older adults. This session has provided older adults who are at risk of becoming isolated the opportunity to socialise, exercise; balance, co-ordination and spatial awareness whilst building on their cognitive processing skills and memory.

		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • There has not been any assessment of the effectiveness of this session other than anecdotal feedback. • The council will work with the coordinator to evaluate the sessions, using feedback to improve future sessions. • This has been put on hold during COVID-19.
	<p>TLC Academy – Stage, Dance and Music School</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • This has been going for over a year now • The sessions run once a week during school term time. • Aimed at children aged 5 to 13 years. • Run by professional performers • The children perform a yearly show and perform in local community events. • Via acting, directing, choreography, design, theatre, play write etc. The sessions compliment formal Key skills by enhancing soft skills such as confidence and self-esteem, presentation skills, analysis and interpretation of text, problem solving and team working. • No formal assessment of direct benefits to users has been made other than from anecdotal feedback. Anecdotally the children thoroughly enjoy the sessions and parents have seen a change in confidence in their children. A formal assessment is required.

	Cross Hands Action Team	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • An action team has been set up by local residents of Cross Hands with a focus on re-developing Cross Hands Park. • The park and pavilion area is now owned by Llannon Community Council after an asset transfer. • This is currently on hold due to COVID-19 although members are volunteering at Impact 242 Cross hands who are facilitating a foodbank, book and CD swap, hygiene parcels for NHS staff and so on.
	New CDO to largely focus on Well-being of Future generations act and strategy.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Currently working on all actions set within this report • Working with staff to contact group coordinators who use the hall - to explore avenues to ensure the maintenance of health and wellbeing of all parties
	Cadw'r Mynydd Mawr yn Daclus / Keep Mynydd Mawr Tidy	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Litter picking group that meets once a month. Volunteers (open to everyone) litter pick over the Ward. • Instrumental in sourcing grants – most recently they were rewarded KWT butterfly garden funding for equipment and material. • This group have a fb page and raises awareness of environmental issues within our community and beyond. • It is affiliated to Keep Wales Tidy. It has also completed environmental projects

		such a hedge for public cemetery and purchase of benches.
Early Intervention: To make sure that people have the right help at the right time; as and when they need it	Building awareness of local issues such as alcoholism and drugs	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The council is keen to source more data on the specific problems in relation to drugs and alcohol in the area. • We will renew our relationship with Alcohol Concern Wales who is providing support on strategy. • This project is currently on Amber, and requires more development time. • This is on hold due to COVID-19
	Citizens Advice Support Clinic	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • In 2019 the council started working with Carmarthenshire Citizens Advice Bureau. • It is providing space free of charge in Tumble Hall for CABs to offer advice sessions to residents on issues such as fuel poverty, universal credit and other concerns. • This relationship has continued via the referral process for those accessing food parcels from the Foodbank. • Welfare calls to local residents and those accessing foodbanks during COVID-19 have highlighted several underlying health, wellbeing, and financial concerns – these individuals have been referred on to CABs. (mutual working relationship)

	Community Information Sessions	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Tumble Hall hosts information sessions delivered by external organisations and charities. • In 2019/2020 local residents attended information sessions about Epilepsy and Dementia. Trading Standards facilitated sessions on common scams and how to avoid them. • Once COVID-19 lockdown is eased we are keen to build on the success of these sessions and expand the programme.
<p>Strong Connections: Strongly connected people, places and organisations that are able to adapt to change</p>	Public meetings / community events and activities at Tumble Hall and beyond	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The council informs the community via information posts on social media platforms and, increasingly, on the council website. • Over the past few years, the events manager has successfully increased attendance of live music events and has gone some way towards highlighting some of the councils work i.e. Luncheon club and meals on wheels. • Recently a new CDO and new Hall Manager/RFO has been employed -will be able to work closely with community to develop initiatives and community and engagement strategy that will bring people, places and organisations together.

	<p>Park Redevelopments</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Development of the park in Tumble is being co-produced with the Community Council by two voluntary groups. • These groups have gone some way to kept the community informed and involved. • The Riot/Riat skatepark group has an awareness campaign on social media with a goal to increase the number of people interested in this development. • An additional group 'The Upper Gwendraeth Sports and Community Association' is made up of representatives from local sport and community groups More recently they have also formed a company. • Applying for funding has slowed down due to COVID-19, however engagement and consultation with the community has continued. More needs to be done to keep the community informed and engaged in this project. • Via current engagement with volunteers it appears that most think that building work etc is imminent, however we require additional funding.
	<p>Tumble Hall – New Meeting Room</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Tumble Hall is a resource which has been used as a hub for many years.

		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Last year the council developed an underused 'lounge bar' as a meeting room. • The room is equipped with a 70inch smart monitor, Wi-Fi, electric and USB point throughout. A kitchen area is located to the west of the room. • Council committee meetings and subgroups have met here, along with community special events, i.e. counselling sessions, recruitment days, heart clinic. • Unfortunately, due to COVID-19 lockdown we have been unable to evaluate the true impact of the room on the usage of the hall. • The access to the new room is problematic, it is accessed via stairs and a chair lift. • The new Wellbeing of future generation' participation panel will meet in this room – publicity and exploring how we can improve functionally of this room and other rooms in the hall will be on the agenda.
<p>Prosperous People and Places</p>	<p>Tumble Sports and Education Facility</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • This development will provide more opportunities for people to access wider learning, sports training and skills development. • The multi-functional space will complement the new skate park with also a viewing area where media and spectators can watch all sporting activities.

		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The facility will create employment and volunteer opportunities in areas of catering and hospitality, sports coaching, and management. • This project is an amber status as it is awaiting funding. • Consultation with community is ongoing, we also need to assess the changing need of the community based on COVID-19.
	<p>Environmental Group</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The council sub- committee aims to support the environment and the wellbeing of residents through projects such as litter picking, planting trees, wildflowers and butterfly gardens, plus engage community and offer direction to community led programming by bringing awareness of nature as an asset for wellbeing. • Sensory gardens and trails across the ward will go ahead once lockdown is eased. • Very recently the community council has been awarded a grant from Keep Wales Tidy for a butterfly garden.
	<p>Volunteering Opportunities</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Various volunteering opportunities are available at Tumble Hall. • The council is working with CAVS to promote the opportunities. • Opportunities include packing food parcels and delivering parcels for the foodbank,

		<p>helping facilitate sessions in the hall, helping deliver carvery and meals on wheels plus helping those self-isolating by picking up shopping and medication.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Currently only the younger demographic can help with the above due to a high proportion self-isolating or shielding. • We have also tapped into the local sports club to complement our pool of long-term volunteers. • Working with CAVS we have created and updated volunteer policies and working practices
	Food Bank	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Established to support low income families to transition from benefits to Universal credit. • Run by councillors and volunteers. • This finished in June 2019.
	Gwendraeth Foodbank	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • This foodbank has been available since April 23rd 2020 and will continue to at least September 2020. • The foodbank has been directed by Carmarthenshire County Council and is set up to support families and individuals who have been economically affected by COVID-19. • Over 500 food parcels (units) have gone out as of 09/09/2020.

		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Each customer receives a welfare call and or text message each week and if required the individual is referred to another service to support needs such as Citizens Advice, Connect2 and Social Prescriber • Funding has come from the Llannon Community Council, Carmarthenshire County Council, Gorslas Community Council and Western Power • The foodbank is working with other foodbanks to support those most in need, including Impact 242 Crosshands and Burry Port and 5 independent foodbanks across Llanelli and Ammonford.
	<p>Create opportunities for local people and businesses owners to up skills and train.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Collaboration with DWP, local training providers and local public meeting places. (High proportion of small businesses and self-employed in the ward) • Training will take place in Tumble hall and other venues across the ward with sessions delivered by CDO and partner organisations. • Workshops will include employability skills, marketing your business, finance, customer service and so on.

Contribution to the National Well-being Goals

Other activities that the Town/Community Council is undertaking that contributes to the National Goals

National Goal	Local Activity
<p>A Prosperous Wales: An innovative, productive and low carbon society which recognises the limits of the Global environment and therefore uses resources efficiently and proportionately, and which develops a skilled and well-educated population in an economy which generates wealth and provides employment opportunities, allowing people to take advantage of the wealth generated through securing decent work.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Supporting the Energy Club - Supporting Environmental Group – Cadr Mynydd Mawr yn Daclus - The council recycles - Sustainable products and sundries used wherever possible - Campaigning to open a wellbeing and education hub - Proposal to implement skills, coaching, and training delivered to small business - Offering volunteering opportunities - Establish beginners Welsh language sessions - Celebrating diversity and global responsibility via social media, website, and events programme
<p>A Resilient Wales: A nation which maintains and enhances a biodiverse natural environment with healthy functioning ecosystems that support social, economic and ecological resilience and the capacity to adapt to change.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Protect and enhancing local biodiversity during park re-developments - Continue purchasing Fair Trade when available - The Council has committed to buying Fairtrade coffee, tea and sugar, we've been given some Fairtrade status - Ongoing support to Environmental Committee and local community led nature groups - Development of Sensory garden/paths and nature trails across all - Butterfly garden and heritage trail - Work with county to enhance the assets of the Mynydd Mawr Woodland Park
<p>A Healthier Wales:</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Redevelopment of all children park facilities - Building awareness of all open spaces that are available to be used by residents

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<p>A society in which people’s physical and mental well-being is maximised and in which choices and behaviours that benefit future health are understood</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Community awareness and health and wellbeing sessions Inc. Alcohol Awareness - Meal on Wheels - Carvery and Clwb Cinio a Chlonc (60+) luncheon club - Gwendraeth Foodbank – COVID-19 - Skate Park - Sport and Education Facility - Physical activity/Sport sessions - TLC Academy
<p>A More Equal Wales: A society that enables people to fulfil their potential no matter what their background or circumstances</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Working with community to coproduce the Sports and Education Facility - Regular Citizens Advice sessions - Business training and coaching sessions - Employability sessions for residents - Multicultural events and learning programme – celebrating achievements
<p>A Wales of Cohesive Communities: Attractive, viable, safe and well-connected communities</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Promoting local community spirit through events such as the “Villages in Bloom” competition - Support local community groups with projects such as the local carnival and fundraising events - Development Sports and Education Facility - Work with Crosshands Bowling Club to improve bowling facilities - The redevelopment of safe play areas for families in the community - Celebrate diversity via social media platforms and via events programming - Newsletter to all residents – ensuring all are connected, feel included and dissemination of information
<p>A Wales of Vibrant Culture and Thriving Welsh Language: where we have lots of opportunities to do different things and where lots of people can speak Welsh</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Focus on local history and its links to world history - Council’s Welsh language policy providing all Council minutes, agendas and advertising in Welsh and English to the best of our ability - Lifelong learning via the medium of Welsh and Welsh learners’ sessions.
<p>A Globally Responsible Wales:</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Council policy on procurement Inc. recycled materials and fair trade - Ongoing campaign regarding the prevention of fly tipping

National Goal	Local Activity
where we look after the Environment and think about other people around the World	<ul style="list-style-type: none">- Advocate recycling- Direct local environmental groups – highlighting how people around the world have encouraged environmental sustainability- Celebrate diversity, linking the Welsh story to Communities around the world with culture, heritage and arts programmes

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Implementing the Act

An opportunity to reflect on how things are going.

<p>What opportunities have the Council encountered and how have these been best utilised?</p>	<p>The Council has adopted the five key ways of working as set out in the Well-Being of Future Generations (Wales) Act 2015. This has prompted the Council to be more thoughtful and concerned about the decisions it takes and the work the Council does with the local community. The Council has had the opportunity to assume responsibility for several green areas within the ward through asset transfer and has consulted widely on how best to use these areas for the benefit of all. Most recently the council has employed new staff who will be instrumental in implementing the strategy.</p>
<p>Has the Council encountered any barriers and if so what actions have been/are being taken to overcome these?</p>	<p>Pre Covid-19 - The council has encountered some difficulties in securing adequate funding for the many projects that are currently being developed. Whilst some funding has been achieved there are still delays and long waits for responses from further grant funders. Currently, due to COVID-19, some of the secured funding has not been received due to money being re-aligned to support communities during lockdown. Sources of funding that we would have applied for are currently closed to all projects not covid related. Most capital building work/projects etc has been put on hold. Workshops, events, meetings and so on are unable to take place and are due to start on a phased return. This has had a detrimental impact financially for the hall and thus for the council with a massive social impact on the community. We are fortunate to be able to run the Gwendraeth Foodbank and offer welfare calls to our residents and continue to disseminate information via various online platforms.</p>
<p>What challenges has the Council faced and what measures have been put in place to overcome them?</p>	<p>New staff member employed to assist in the delivery of the strategy and various projects. A freelance project coordinator is employed to support the coordination of the various funding bids and action planning.</p>
<p>Are there any matters the PSB could support delivery/progress on?</p>	<p>Provide benchmarking activities to share knowledge and expertise throughout County Councils across Wales Provide online newsletter to highlight case studies and best practice in Wales – themed to the principles Offer resilience and project management training and advice particular guidance on capital buildings project manager/consultant on the feasibility and work needed to lead on the Skate Park development and Sports and Education Facility (future planning not current work)</p>