



Llandrindod Wells Town Council

Annual Well-Being Report

The Well-being of Future Generations (Wales) Act 2015
The Local Government and Elections (Wales) Act 2021

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Introduction

Contact

The Council rents office space within the Old Town Hall in Llandrindod Wells and the contact for the Council is the Town Clerk (Jane Johnston PSLCC, CiLCA (Wales)).

Llandrindod Wells Town Council falls within the middle of the county of Powys and is the fifth largest council (by electorate) in Powys.

The town is very much a tourist area and relies heavily on its visitors to boost the local economy.

The Town Council has 15 elected councillors with one full time member of staff. Council is divided into five wards:

- North
- South 1
- South 2
- East
- West

The current precept raised from Powys County Council is £205,711 (2022-23). The Chairman (Mayor) and Vice Chairman (Deputy Mayor) are elected annually in May

The following information forms part of this Annual Well-Being Report and relate to the important details regarding the elected Council members who serve the community, the Council's Committees and key contact information.

Representatives on outside bodies as Appendix 1

Members

The following members served on the Council during 2022/23:

Cllr Laurence Weerdmeester Price	North Ward	Chair/Mayor
Cllr Wade Curzon	North Ward	Vice Chair/Deputy Mayor
Cllr Jamie Jones	North Ward	
Cllr Steve Deeks-D'Silva	North Ward	Co-opted
Vacancy	North Ward	
Cllr Marcia Morgan	South 1 Ward	
Cllr Kerry Evans	South 1 Ward	Resigned
Cllr David Markinson	South 1 Ward	Co-opted
Cllr Jill Shaw	South 2 Ward	
Cllr Kim Nicholls	South 2 Ward	
Cllr Steve Sims	South 2 Ward	
Vacancy	South 2 Ward	
Cllr Jonathan Jones	East Ward	
Cllr Jase Hawker	East Ward	Resigned
Vacancy	East Ward	
Cllr Sian Meredudd	West Ward	
Cllr Benjamin Williams	West Ward	

What are the requirements of the Well-being Act?

The Act is about improving the social, economic, environmental and cultural wellbeing of Wales. It will make the public bodies listed in the Act think more about the long-term; work better with people and communities and each other; look to prevent problems; and take a more joined-up approach. This will help to create the Wales that people want to live in, now and in the future.

The Act places a duty on community and town councils to take all reasonable steps towards meeting the local objectives included in the local well-being plan that has effect in their areas.

If a community or town council is subject to the duty, it must publish a report annually detailing its progress in meeting the objectives contained in the local well-being plan. The Act requires public services boards (**PSB**) to involve community and town councils in the process of improving the well-being of their areas, regardless of whether the duty in section 40(1) of the Act applies to those councils. All community and town councils are classed as “other partners” of public services boards and must be consulted by those boards on the assessment of local well-being and subsequently on the local well-being plan. They will also have the opportunity of engaging with the public services board when invited to do so. The **Powys Public Service Board’s Well-being Plan** concentrates on four areas: **Social, Economy, Environment and Culture**.

Well-Being Goal	Description
A more prosperous Wales	An innovative, productive and low carbon society which recognises the limits of the global environment and therefore uses resources efficiently and proportionately (including acting on climate change); 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.
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 (for example climate change).
A healthier Wales	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.
A more equal Wales	A society that enables people to fulfil their potential no matter what their background or circumstances (including their socio-economic background and circumstances).

A Wales of cohesive communities	Attractive, viable, safe and well-connected communities.
A Wales of vibrant culture and thriving Welsh language	A society that promotes and protects culture, heritage, and the Welsh language, and which encourages people to participate in the arts, and sports and recreation.
A globally responsible Wales	A nation which, when doing anything to improve the economic, social, environmental and cultural well-being of Wales, takes account of whether doing such a thing may make a positive contribution to global well-being.

Llandrindod Wells Town Council's responses to Well-Being Goals:

Well-Being Goal	Councils Response	Goal Category	Status O/Ongoing C/Completed
A more prosperous Wales	The Town Council makes budget provision for Community improvement activities e.g.	Soc/Econ	Completed
	Festive Christmas lights in the town centre	Soc/Econ	Ongoing
	The Town Council continues its work in upgrading its current web site. Plans for new website in 2023/24	Soc/Econ/ Culture	Ongoing
	The Town Council has representatives on the Governing bodies of local Primary schools and appoints representatives on local voluntary and charitable organisations. See Appendix 1	Soc/Econ/ Culture	Ongoing
	Electric vehicle charging points installed at the High Street Car Park by Powys	Econ/Env	Completed
	Provision of Wi-Fi for the Town Centre area and Community in partnership with Powys County council	Soc/Econ Cult	Completed

A resilient Wales	The Town Council always considers biodiversity and associated environmental issues in its projects.	Env/Econ	Ongoing
	A Climate and Nature Emergency have been declared.	Env	Completed
	Continue to work on actions in line with the Climate/Nature Emergency with future development of a Task & Finish Group to work on this project.	Env	Ongoing
	Organise a Climate Conference in June 2023 in conjunction with Powys County Council for all town & community councils in Powys	Env/Econ/ Soc	Ongoing
	Provision of Bird and Bat Boxes within recreational areas to encourage nesting	Env/Econ	Ongoing
	Installation of Bug Hotels for benefit of mini-beasts.	Env/Econ	Ongoing
	Maintain local Nurture our Nature Pollinator and Sensory Garden	Env/Econ/ Soc	Ongoing
	Planting of 400 woodland native trees in partnership with Powys County Council via the Woodland Trust project on suitable land above the Golf Club. Members and volunteers assisted with the planting.	Env/Econ/ Soc	Completed
The Council actively participates in Planning Application consultations and actively promotes eco-friendly installations, i.e. bird and bat boxes and electric charging points. Alternative heating sources and eco-friendly materials are also encourage.	Env/Econ/ Soc/	Ongoing	

	Members are encouraged to car share when attending meetings and events	Env/Econ/ Soc	Ongoing
A healthier Wales	Installation of community benches throughout the town and areas of native pollinator plants.	Soc/Env/ Cult	Completed
	Planting of trees and shrubs for the Queen's Platinum Jubilee and associated seating to provide a relaxing open space.	Soc/Env/ Cult/Econ	Completed
	Development of the Pollinator/Sensory Garden under Local Places for Nature Grant which allows individuals and groups to experience the sensory properties of the plants. Path maintenance and improvement work continues.	Soc/Env/ Cult/Econ	Completed
	Appropriate planting of shrubs and plants in central flower beds.	Soc/Env	Ongoing
	Work with Radnorshire Wildlife Trust on the local wildflower garden. Grant funding support provided.	Soc/Env/ Econ	Completed
	The provision of allotments for residents use.	Soc/Env/ Econ	Ongoing
	Provision of open spaces and Leisure Parks for residents and visitors	Soc/Env/ Econ/Cult	Ongoing
	Half-Pipe Skate Ramp to promote healthy activity	Soc/Cult	Ongoing
	Currently seeking plans for a new Skate Park	Soc/Econ/ Env	Ongoing
Plans to take over a run-down play area at Tremont Park for development.	Soc/Econ/ Env/Cult	Ongoing	

	<p>The Council is currently working in conjunction with local sports and wellness groups to facilitate additional sports provision and facilities within Llandrindod Wells. The Council has assigned a significant budget in support of this project.</p> <p>The Council manages a junior football pitch which is used by local junior teams and in the league. This area is also used for Play Sessions by Play Radnor and other activity groups.</p>	<p>Soc/Env Econ</p> <p>Soc/Env/ Econ</p>	<p>Ongoing</p>
A more equal Wales	<p>The Town Council has representatives on the following local organisations promoting well-being and volunteering opportunities. See Appendix 1</p> <p>The Town Council works in partnership with Severn Wye Energy Agency to operate a Re-Use Hub, providing facilities such as a Uniform Exchange, Seed Swap, Baby Bank, Library of Things, community room facilities and outreach programmes.</p> <p>The Council has links with Mid & North Powys MIND, Dementia Matters in Powys, Credu and other organisations with specific needs. Grants are often provided for specific activities.</p>	<p>Soc/Econ/ Cult/Env</p> <p>Soc/Econ Cult/Env</p> <p>Soc/Econ/ Cult</p>	<p>Ongoing</p> <p>Ongoing</p> <p>Ongoing</p>
A Wales of cohesive communities	<p>The Town Council supports the enhancement of its town.</p> <p>Financially supporting the work of volunteer groups by contributing finance to provide hanging baskets, community planters and flower beds.</p>	<p>Soc/Econ/ Cult/Env</p> <p>Soc/Env/ Cult/Env</p>	<p>Ongoing</p> <p>Ongoing</p>

	<p>Provision and operation of town centre toilets and Lakeside Park toilets. These are fully funded by the Town Council.</p> <p>Organisation of the Queens Platinum Street Party in partnership with Fuelled by Cake. Fully funded by the Town Council.</p> <p>The Council regularly supports the Llandrindod Wells Foodbank by allocating grants</p>	<p>Soc/Econ/Env</p> <p>Soc/Econ/Env/Cult</p> <p>Soc/Econ Cult/Env</p>	<p>Ongoing</p> <p>Completed</p> <p>Ongoing</p>
A Wales of vibrant culture and thriving Welsh language	<p>The Town Council generously supports financially the activities in the town.</p> <p>Provision of grants to the Pavilion Mid Wales, Llandrindod Community Events, Radnor Fringe Festival, Carnival Committee, local schools, Fuelled by Cake and other groups to facilitate community arts and event.</p> <p>The Town Council is supportive of the work of local volunteer groups which provide cultural events, exhibitions and enhancement features to the community. Council members often volunteer at community events to support the local groups</p> <p>Gazebos, tables and chairs are loaned to groups for community events and entertainment.</p> <p>Annual Christmas Lights Switch on Event is held.</p>	<p>Soc/Econ/Env/Cult</p> <p>Soc/Econ/Env/Cult</p> <p>Soc/Econ/Env/Cult</p> <p>Soc/Econ/Env/Cult</p> <p>Soc/Cult</p>	<p>Ongoing</p> <p>Ongoing</p> <p>Ongoing</p> <p>Ongoing</p> <p>Ongoing</p>

	<p>Provision of Bandstand for community concerts and festivals.</p> <p>The Town Council supports local community groups and organisations by providing an Annual Grants Fund and Small Grants Fund to support the organisations' activities.</p>	<p>Soc/Cult/ Econ</p> <p>Soc/Cult/ Econ/Env</p>	<p>Completed</p> <p>Ongoing</p>
A globally responsible Wales	<p>The Town Council supports the work of local groups and entertainment providers</p> <p>Financial support is given to the Twinning Association which brings together 3 communities. Llandrindod Wells, Bad Rappenau & Contrexeville have been towns for over 30 years. This involves cultural exchanges and youth visits for sports activities and cultural visits.</p> <p>The Council works closely with Trawsnewid Llandrindod Transition (TLT) to facilitate projects such as the Community Pomarium, Incredible Edible. The Council has representation of this committee working on local projects.</p> <p>The Council wishes to work towards improving its efforts to operate in a Green and environmentally friendly way and to encourage its suppliers to act likewise. It intends establishing a Task & Finish Group dealing with Climate and Environmental matters</p>	<p>Soc/Cult/ Econ</p> <p>Cult/Soc/ Econ</p> <p>Env/Soc Econ/Cult</p> <p>Econ/Soc/ Env/Cult</p>	<p>Ongoing</p> <p>Ongoing</p> <p>Ongoing</p> <p>Ongoing</p>

Appendix 1 – Town Council Representatives of Local Groups and Committees

External Groups	Representative/s
Cefnlllys C P School to 2027	M Morgan
Fairtrade Group	Sian Meredudd
Friends of Rock Park	Sian Meredudd
Llandrindod Carnival	B Williams
Llandrindod Eisteddfod Committee	K Nicholls
One Voice Wales	Sian Meredudd
PACE	Sian Meredudd
Powys Pride	L Weerdmeester-Price
Spa Town Trust	Sian Meredudd
Town Silver Band	M Morgan
Trawsnewid Llandrindod Transition	S Meredudd
Trefonnen School to 17.05.25	B Williams
Twinning Committee	Chair & Vice Chair

Council Committees/Working Groups	Representative/s
Crabtree Green Allotments	Sian Meredudd Chairman Vice Chairman K Nicholls J Shaw Jamie Jones
Festive Lighting Committee	Chair Vice Chair J Shaw Jonathan Jones S Deeks-D’Silva
Finance Committee	Chair Vice Chair B Williams M Morgan Jamie Jones S Deeks-D’Silva
Personnel/Staffing Committee	Chairman Vice Chairman Immediate Past Chair

	B Williams K Nicholls Jamie Jones Jonathan Jones
Employment Appeals Committee	S Meredudd S Sims M Morgan J Shaw
Skate Park Committee	K Nicholls W Curzon M Morgan S Deeks-D'Silva Jamie Jones 6 co-opted members (external)
Policies & Procedures Review Committee	W Curzon B Williams K Nicholls S Sims S Deeks-D'Silva
Princes Avenue Leisure Park Committee	B Williams S Meredudd L Weerdmeester-Price W Curzon S Sims
Temple Chambers Committee	L Weerdmeester- Price W Curzon S Deeks-D'Silva M Morgan
Friends of Lake Park (Working Group)	S Sims K Nicholls J Shaw J Jones M Morgan L Weerdmeester-Price

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