

Llantwit Major Town Council

Cyngor Tref Llanilltud Fawr



“IMPROVING THE WELL-BEING OF LLANTWIT MAJOR”



ANNUAL REPORT

For financial year 2017/18

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Introduction

Welcome to our Annual Report for 2017/18

Within this report you will find information regarding the work of the Town Council, as well as the many organisations that help make Llantwit Major such a brilliant community.

This year I have been privileged to serve Llantwit Major as Town Mayor.

It has been a very rewarding, positive and personally challenging experience.

I have been kept very busy visiting different organisations throughout the Vale, and have organised many fundraising events during my term of office and successfully raised over £3000 for my three charities, which are the Llantwit Major Dementia Café, Alzheimer's Society and the RNLI.

I have also given donations to St Illtyds Church and Major Music, both of which have supported me in my fundraising efforts.

I would like to express my gratitude to my fellow Town Councillors and the people of Llantwit Major for all the support they have shown me over this year.

Together we have succeeded in putting Llantwit Major well on the way to becoming recognised as a '*Dementia Friendly*' Town, by local traders, councillors and members of the public undertaking training given by the Alzheimer's Society; we have instigated the '*Refill*' project, where local traders will refill water bottles for people, doing away with the constant purchasing of plastic disposable bottles; and have 'adopted' a redundant local red telephone box, and had a defibrillator installed in it, to add to the number we currently hold in the Town.

Of course, none of these achievements would have been possible without the hard work, commitment and forward thinking of our wonderful Town Hall staff. Their pride in, and dedication to, the Town of Llantwit Major is second to none, and is evident in their everyday work ethic.

We have every right to be proud of our Town and of the people who live and work here, making it a community that has so much to offer, and whilst pushing forward with new ideas, still manages to hold on to the old fashion ideals that make Llantwit Major somewhere very special indeed.

Councillor Mrs J Norman

Chairperson Llantwit Major Town Council 2017/18

Background to this Report

This report was compiled following the introduction of the Well-being of Future Generations (Wales) Act 2015.

The report shows how the Town Council has taken steps towards meeting local objectives as laid out in the local Well-being plan for our area. These objectives are based on our own knowledge and consideration of circumstances and characteristics for our area.

The Town Council have worked with many local organisations to meet the objectives laid out, either financially, administrative support or use of facilities.

Majority of 'projects' are published in the local newspaper, or on the Town Council website. Feedback is always encouraged from local residents.

The report covers the municipal year of Councillor Mrs J Norman term in office as Town Mayor and Chair of the Council, which started in May 2017.

Ruth Quinn
Town Clerk to Llantwit Major Town Council

LLANTWIT MAJOR TOWN COUNCIL

Llantwit Major Town Council serves a population of approximately 14,500. It is the third largest Town/Community Council within the catchment of the Vale of Glamorgan Council.

The Town Council was formed in 1978 although before this Llantwit Major was served by a Parish Council and this can be traced back to 1894.

Llantwit Major (Llanilltud Fawr) is steeped in history with it being named as the site of the main church of Illtud, one of the founding Saints of the monastic settlements of the 5th century AD in Wales. Nowadays Llantwit Major is surrounded by countryside and has excellent transport links, as well as to the South the Bristol Channel and the Heritage Coast line.

Llantwit Major Town Council is made up of 14 elected Councillors representing 4 wards, West Ward, South East Ward, North Ward and Boverton Ward. There is a team of 7 staff (including seasonal) working both full time and part time delivering services on a daily basis.

The Council is responsible for many facilities, including 4 community buildings (2 of which are listed), bowling green, tennis courts, 2 playparks, 2 open spaces, recreation field, ornamental pond, cemetery and allotment site.

In 2013 the Town Council resolved to work in partnership with the Vale of Glamorgan Youth Services and provide a Youth Council. This has continued to grow and representatives from the Youth Council regularly attend Full Town Council meetings and take part in discussions.

The majority of the Council's funds derive from its precept (this is the amount of Council tax allocated to the Town Council). The Council budgets both its income and expenditure for the coming financial year and then a precept request is submitted to the Vale of Glamorgan Council. For the financial year 17/18 the Council estimated that it would require an expenditure of £278,130 to allow for running costs of their facilities, projects and grants/donations. It was estimated that an income of £41,120 would be generated from its facilities, therefore the remainder, £237,010 would be funded from the precept request.

Further details regarding Council members, agendas, reports, minutes, finances and more information is available on the Town Council website www.llantwitmajortowncouncil.gov.uk.

CHAPTER ONE: A PROSPEROUS LLANTWIT MAJOR

What we think we did well:

- We have continued to develop a good working relationship with the Llantwit Major Chamber of Trade. Working together on Easter, Summer, Christmas and Remembrance Day Events. We are working with the Chamber of Trade at present on a Project to provide Water Fill Station Points throughout the Town Centre. As well providing administrative help to a small group of volunteers to look at ways to encourage businesses to use paper/fabric bags rather than plastic carrier bags and other environmentally friendly products.
- We continued to work closely with our Youth Council, who provides opportunities for young people from the local School and youth organisations to assist in improving services and facilities for young people within Llantwit Major.
- For the second year running we financially funded and organised an Acting Touring Pantomime Company to come to Llantonian Hall and put on a Aladdin Pantomime for two performances in January 2018, for the residents of Llantwit Major.
- The Recreation Ground, off Boverton Road has officially been adopted as a Field in Trust Site. We have completed an Application to the Welsh Government Rural Development Fund for improving the Communities Sporting Facilities on the Recreation Ground. The grant request involves refurbishing the Sports Pavilion, resurfacing the four tennis courts and provide Street Lighting along the footpath around the edge of the Recreation Field.
- Successfully obtained Welsh Government Funding to improve the path around the Recreation Ground. It was made wider and safer for pedestrian use.
- Undertook major refurbishment of the Town Hall to encourage local residents and organisations to hire the Ancient Building for events such as christenings, charity events, parties and wedding receptions. The stage surround built in the

1970's was removed from the Main Hall, the floor was sanded back to its original natural colour, new traditional lighting was installed, 100 burgundy coloured fabric banquet chairs have been purchased and the kitchen and toilet area has been fully modernised.

- Obtained a Field in Trust Grant to provide a Sporting Summer Activities Programme on the Recreation Ground, specifically aimed at getting more women and girls involved in sport.
- Working with Llantwit Major Tennis Club to assist with further developing and expanding the club. We are currently working towards providing the club with a long term tenancy agreement and assisting with their goal to get the courts resurfaced and floodlights installed to allow for play all year round.
- We have continued to financially support the Vale of Glamorgan Youth Services to provide a Youth Council for Llantwit Major.
- We have continued to support local Events organised within the Town which have included the Llantwit Major 10k and the Christmas Lighting Up Event.

What we think we could do better:

- To provide better support for local children towards Summer / Holiday Activity Programmes using Town Council facilities.
- Continue to work with the Chamber of Trade and Vale of Glamorgan Council Town Development Team to obtain ideas and funding for improving Llantwit Major Town Centre and increasing the footfall to the Town.
- Further support family day projects and community events.

Facts and Figures:

- Over 160 residents attended the Llantwit Major Pantomime held on the 4th January 2018.
- The Youth Council meet regularly over the year to discuss local issues and help to raise money for the Mayors chosen charities. They attend, up to 6 times a year, the Full Town Council Meetings.
- 40 plus children regularly attended the playgroup session that meet in the Old School
- The Tennis Club have at present 87 fully paid up members.
- The Recreation Ground is a protected site, unable to be developed on for the next 99 years.
- The Bowls Club has at present 51 men and 28 ladies members. Additionally there are 40 social members (non players) who enjoy monthly entertainment evenings.

What was said about us:

“We would like to thank Llantwit Major Town Council for their continuing support of the Llantwit Major 10K /5k & 1k Running event. Without their funding we would not be able to afford the road closures and chip timing costs to put on this Welsh Affiliated Athletics Race which attracts over 600 entrants”

Llantwit Major 10k Committee

Before and After Photographs of the Footpath installed in the RecreationGround



Aladin – Jafar scaring the audience in Llantonian Hall



CHAPTER TWO: A RESILIENT LLANTWIT MAJOR

What we think we did well:

- Continuing to provide allotments for the local residents. A shingle path and slabbed area for delivery of manure has been laid at the site.
- All Benches that are replaced in the Town Council Property (eg. Lorna Hughes Park, Seaview Park) are being renewed with benches made from recyclable material, friendly to the environment.
- A School Garden Competition was held in June 2017. All local Schools and Playgroups were invited to enter the competition. The Theme was Senses – Touch, Feel, Smell and Taste. Trying to encourage children to think about protecting nature and the environment.
- All plots in Boverton Cemetery are in the process of being safety checked, to ensure the safety and preservation of the older grave stones. The fencing around the Centre Circle have been replaced with natural wooden posts.
- The Town Council are installing a refill water point in the Town Hall. We are also looking at working with local businesses within the Town to replace plastic bags with paper/cloth bags.
- The Town Council are looking at creating a wild flower area on the Recreation Ground to encourage a 'Bee Friendly' environment.

What we think we could do better:

- Work closer with outside parties and the local community to encourage sustainability.

Facts and Figures:

- Our members sit on a range of community organisations, adding value to their work, strengthening community relations and reporting back to the Council to ensure public accountability.

What was said about us:

“I have just taken out an Allotment. I am looking forward to teaching my children how to grow their own vegetables and learn more about protecting their environment “

New Allotment Tenant 2018



Allotment Photographs



CHAPTER THREE: A HEALTHIER LLANTWIT MAJOR

What we think we did well:

- The Town Council has put in a Welsh Rural Communities Grant to undergo a major Sports Development Project on the Recreation Ground. Resurfacing the four tennis courts with a Macadam base, rebuilding part of the Sports Pavilion and putting street lighting along the footpath going through the sports field.
- Working with the Field in Trust Organisation to provide a Summer Activities programme on the Recreation Ground for the Elderly and Girls/Women of Llantwit Major.
- Continuing to support the Rugby Club with the general maintenance and development of the Recreation Ground. The Town Council support events organised by the Rugby Club and continue to work alongside them to develop a community sports area for the town.
- Continuing to support the developing Tennis Club in offering advice and guidance. Working together on a 21 year Tenancy Agreement and Online Booking System to allow members and non-members to use the Tennis Club facilities and encourage all ages and abilities to take part in Tennis within the Community.
- Continuing to work with the Bowls Club assisting with providing financial support in maintain the Bowling Green surface. Last year 98 men's bowls matches were played, 40 ladies matches as well as regular mixed social matches. Qualified coaches of the club have taught two primary schools, scouts and boys brigade groups how to play lawn green bowling. Also the Sports pavilion has an indoor short mat for members to practice and play during the winter months.

- The Town Council continues to maintain and improve the playground equipment in the Recreation Ground. When play equipment is being replaced / added to the Town Council will always look at incorporating Inclusive Equipment within the Parks.
- We offer a reduced rate in our hiring fees to the local Age Connect which provides a keep fit class for the over 60's.
- Within our School Garden competition we always try and encourage children to learn where their vegetables come from and how they form a healthy diet.
- For the third year running the Town Council have sponsored the Llantwit Major 10K / 5K & 1K Community Run held on the August Bank Holiday Weekend. Over 600 Runners took part in the event in 2017.
- The Town Council are working with MOD St Athan and a housing development corporation to look at incorporating two football goals and basketball posts on a used area of East Camp, St Athan. To provide much needed sporting equipment for the teenagers of the community.
- The Town Council worked with the Community Heart Beat Organisation to install a Defibrillator in the Red Phone Box on the Cenotaph Square in the centre of the Old Town, Llantwit Major. The Defibrillator can be accessed 24 hours a day. Community training is to be provided on the usage of the equipment and the Town Council will continue to fund the annual maintenance of the Defibrillator and the Phone Box.

- The Town Council gave a £100 Grant to the Llantwit Major Ladies Netball Club to assist with covering transport costs to get players to away matches as they play in both a Bridgend and Cardiff Netball League.
- **What we think we could do better**
- Continue to work with the Tennis Club and Bowls Club towards the final goal of completing the Sports Development Project.
- Encourage the local youth services to use Town Council facilities to provide holiday clubs and activities for the children of Llantwit Major.
- Continually monitor our play provisions to ensure it is inclusive for all to use.

Facts and figures

- Local Schools have been encouraged to take part in tennis coaching programs and an annual bowls club competition.
- Over 3,000 children have been coached by the Bowls Club since the competition began.
- The Tennis Club now take part in Adult Men's / Ladies and Mixed Welsh Leagues and are entering an U8's and U18's Tennis League for the younger members.
- Over thirty 60 plus residents regularly take part in Keep Fit Classes in Llantonian Hall, Reduced rates are offered to the local Age Connect Group to ensure these classes continue.

What was said about us:

"We would like to say a big thank you to Llantwit Major Town Council for being the driving force behind the Sport Development Grant Application to look at resurfacing the for Tennis Courts at the club. We hope if the Grant is successful

to attract more members to the Club and enable the Club to develop even further in the next few years”

Llantwit Major Tennis Club Committee

“Since we established the sub committees of the Bowls Club and the Town Council we have successfully ironed out all minor problems that have arisen .This last year has been very successful to plan the future years in redeveloping the old wooden changing rooms . The Town Council councillors and the very efficient ladies in the office have made themselves available on many occasions to further this proposed exciting development at the Bowls Club . Many many thanks” .

*Graham Jones
Hon. Treasurer Llantwit Major Bowls Club*

The Phone Box that is to be renovated to install the Community Defibrillator



Llantwit Major & Barry Town Tennis Club after a Mixed League Match



CHAPTER FOUR: A MORE EQUAL LLANTWIT MAJOR

What we think we did well:

- We supported three charities Llantwit Major Dementia Café, Alzheimer's and the RNLI. These three charity organisations were the Town Mayors chosen charities for her 2017/2018 year in Office. Amongst the events organised to raise funds included a Murder Mystery Night, a Musical Youth Concert, a Christmas Raffle and an Afternoon Tea Party.
- A new street light was installed in Lorna Hughes Park, thus providing a safe illuminated walkway, for school children and local residents that regularly use the path as a cut through to the local Primary School, Youth Centre and Train Station.
- Town Council Grants were awarded to the following local voluntary organisations to assist with providing additional funds to enable them to continue to maintain and run their Groups. Grants were given to Llantwit Major Boys Brigade, Llantwit Major Netball Club, Llanilltud Fawr in Flower, Llantwit Major Women's Institute, Vale of Glamorgan Neighbourhood Watch and Llantwit Major 10K, Llantwit Major Events Group and St Donats Chorale.
- A new footpath was installed on the Recreation Ground which has improved the access for families and the disabled members of the Community.
- The Town Council once again financially supported the Llantwit Crackers Christmas Day meal as well as providing four hampers for their raffle.
- The Town Council to assist with organising and supporting events to celebrate the 100 years Centenary of World War 1. The Town Council are working with

MOD St Athan, British Legion, the Chamber of Trade and many other interested parties.

- The Town Council organised an Open Evening to encourage residents to support local Neighbourhood Watch Schemes in Llantwit Major.
- The Town Council are undertaking painting the exterior of the Vale of Glamorgan Councils public toilet block in the Town Hall Car Park. The Building is in need of repair and repainting and gives a poor impression to tourists visiting the historic town of Llantwit Major.

What we think we could do better

- Include more inclusive equipment when upgrading play equipment
- Continue to look at ways to provide access to the main hall in the Town Hall.

Facts and figures

- 8 Grants were handed out to local organisations.
- The Town Council offers reduced rates on all its facilities for those using them to raise funds for charitable organisations or those holding an Event / Classes for those which help residents.
- 40,000 poppy seeds purchased to be 'scattered' around Llantwit Major.

What was said about us:

"Thank you to the Town Council for their generous donation. This will go towards our transport costs for the National Competitions we take part in. You

will have seen our success in reaching the National Finals of the Chess and we now continue to the next round of the Master Team Competition”

Llantwit Major Boys Brigade

“We would like to thank the Town Council for their continuing support of local support in Llantwit Major. The money will be used to purchase new sports equipment for the team”

Llantwit Lasers

“We are extremely grateful to the Town Council for a Grant that enables us to maintain the flower baskets in the town that are much appreciated by local residents and visitors alike”.

Llanilltyd Fawr in Flower

“Thank you so much for the £100 grant. This money enables us to continue to plant the tubs on the approaches into Llantwit Major”

Llantwit Major WI

Presentation of Grant Aid Cheque to Llantwit Major Boys Brigade



Presentation of Grant Aid Cheque to Llanilltyd Fawr in Flower



Silent Soldier to commemorate the centenary celebrations of World War 1



CHAPTER FIVE: A LLANTWIT MAJOR OF COHESIVE COMMUNITIES

What we think we did well:

- We administer the Town Study Steering Group which consists of Councillors, representatives from local organisations, police, schools and principle council officers.
- We maintain strong links with the local police, who attend our monthly Council meetings and report any concerns they have and vice versa.
- We have representatives who sit on a number of committees within the principle council, where many issues are addressed regarding community issues and ways to improve the regeneration of our town.
- The Town Council continue to work with the Chamber of Trade on increasing the footfall to the Town and improving the Town Centre for businesses, tourists and local residents.
- The Town Council have worked with the Vale of Glamorgan Council to upgrade the Highway Signs leading into Llantwit Major to try to divert Heavy Goods Vehicles from using the roads through the old part of Town to get into the Town Centre.
- The Town Council have purchased and installed two new large Tourist Information Boards along the B4265 clearly displaying what facilities Llantwit Major has to offer Tourists visiting the Town.
- The Town Council are working with the Vale and Glamorgan Council (Regeneration & Planning) looking into ways of utilising and refurbishing the Compass Building to provided local businesses affordable Office Space.
- The Town Council are working towards offering the Council Camber and Town Hall as venues for Marriage Ceremonies and Receptions. The aim to provide a affordable wedding packages for local people.

- We work with Major Music on promoting their organisation at the Annual Mayors Youth Concert. The Town Council gave a donation to Major Music to assist with covering their running costs and enable them to continue to nurture and promote musical talent within the community.
- The Town Council where possible use local companies to undertake repairs and services to Town Council buildings and property.

What we think we could do better

- To improve marketing the Town Council via Multi-media social network sites.
- To revamp and redevelop the Town Council Website, making it a more user friendly site.
- To continue to work closely with the Chamber of Trade.

Facts and figures

- There are over 40 shops and businesses based within Llantwit Major.
- The vacancy rate of businesses within Llantwit Major Town Centre is 4% compared to the average Wales Town Centre Vacancy rate of 12.1% .
- Overall 1000 tourists visited the Tourist Information Point in the Town Hall over the Spring / Summer weekends of 2017.

What was said about us:

“The team at the Town Hall have been very helpful during the organisation of the Mayor’s Youth Concert. I start asking performers in September ready for February and they help co-ordinate all aspects of the planning; booking the church, setting dates for meetings, sending out emails and minutes...

They also arrange promotion of the event, ticket sales and invitations. They are very thorough and extremely organised and have helped myself and Major Music make it a well attended and well respected event”

Alyson Jones (Organiser of Mayors Youth Concert).

Mayors Musical Youth Concert



Old and New Tourists Signs on the road leading into Llantwit Major



CHAPTER SIX: A LLANTWIT MAJOR OF VIBRANT CULTURE AND THRIVING WELSH LANGUAGE

What we think we did well:

- The Town Council have run a successful Heritage Centre for the past 10 years. The local History Society supports the Town Council with this project and provides the displays and manning for the Centre which is open every weekend between Easter and the end of August. The displays show the local history of Llantwit Major and any major events that have taken place.
- The Town Council are working with the British Legion and MOD St Athan to commemorate the 100 year centenary of World War 1 and 80 years anniversary since RAF was based at St Athan. Various events and displays are planned during 2018 to celebrate these historic events.
- The local History Society house their archive room in one of our premises, free of charge. The archive room is open once a week to residents and visitors.
- All new signs displayed in our Town Council Buildings and Open Spaces are written in both Welsh and English.
- A member of staff is a fluent Welsh speaker and all documentation if required can be translated into Welsh/English and English/Welsh.
- Any incoming telephone calls to the Town Hall are answered in both Welsh and English.
- The Town Council continually review the Council's Welsh Language Scheme.

What we think we could do better:

- Re-establish links with are twinned Town of Le Pouliguen in France and look towards supporting the re-establishment of a local Town Twinning Association.

- Improve and develop the use of Welsh Language with Town Council Staff and Councillors.

Facts and figures

- Over the past year the Heritage Centre saw over 250 visitors come and view the displays.
- Over 250 people are taking part in creating displays to celebrate the Centenary of World War 1.

What was said about us:

“The partnership between the Llantwit Major Town Council and Llantwit Major Local History Society has enhanced the Society's work in promoting the charting of the area's significant history through the Archive Room and the Heritage Centre. The Council also provides a suitable venue for the Society, which is one of the largest in Wales, to hold its monthly meetings.”

Llantwit Major History Society

Photograph of History Society Archive Room



What we think we did well:

- Llantwit Major Town Council has been a committed supporter of Fairtrade since January 2009, and ensures all beverages served at the Town Council office and functions are Fairtrade.
- Once again the Town Council held our annual School Garden Competition which is aimed at encouraging children to grow their own fruit and vegetables.
- We always aim to re-cycle items within the Town Council. No items is disposed of as rubbish, we try and use it elsewhere within our facilities if possible. Shredded paper is taken up the Allotment Site for Allotment Tenants to use as mulch on their plots.
- Some of the grass collected from the ground maintenance is placed in compost and used in our flower beds and boxes. Any trees which are felled for safety reasons or blown down in winds, are shredded and used on flower beds.
- The Town Council replaced all the old plastic chairs in Llantonian Hall and the Town Hall with fabric styled Banquet Chairs. All the old chairs were sent off to be recycled.
- West Street Pool has an Annual Maintenance Contract in place to ensure the pond remains environmentally healthy and to preserve the Pool and its inhabitants for future years.
- The Town Council are bringing six Koi Karp from Duffryn Gardens and re-stocking them in West Street Pool to try and encourage new inhabitants to the Pond.
- A full Tree Survey has been undertaken on all Trees situated on Town Council properties. Work is to be carried out on any trees that have been identified at risk (ie. can be retained or need to be felled).

- The Town Council in conjunction with Llantwit Major Rugby Club supported a campaign to persuade people to pick up their dog faeces using the Recycled Poo Bags that can be purchased from the Town Council Office. The campaign centred on the Recreation Ground where incidents of dogs faeces have been reported to the Town Council.
- Llantwit Major Town Council continue to litter pick all Parks and Open Spaces regularly to control and create a healthy and clean environment for residents in Llantwit Major.
- Llantwit Major Town Council, working with the Chamber of Trade are the first organisation in Wales to come under the City to Sea umbrella providing refill water points within their town. Also the Town Council are supporting the setting up a small committee looking at the use of plastic throughout the town and looking at alternative materials that are more globally responsible to the environment.
- **What we think we could do better:**
- We will continue to look at ways of supporting sustainable approaches to recycling, waste management and use of resources.

Facts and figures

- 3 local schools and 2 playgroups took part in our School Garden competition.

What was said about us:

“The Town council have been extremely helpful in getting Llantwit to become the first town in Wales to sign up to The Water Refill Scheme, we feel as a Chamber it will put the town on a high level of awareness re the plastic problem

and we hope to get lots of The local traders on board especially as we live so close to the coast.

Some of the cafes already have paper straws and decomposing tops for take away drinks. We are doing our bit for the town, countryside and coastline. Here's to working together on other schemes to benefit us all “.

Chair of Llantwit Major Chamber of Trade

“The local residents of the West End are delighted that Llantwit Major Town Council is environmentally friendly, which is conserved by the annual cleaning of the West Street Pool , and the regular maintenance of both the pool the surrounding conservation area”.

Tricia Lancaster – West Street Pool Resident

West Street Pool



Lorna Hughes Park



CHAPTER EIGHT: A COMPETENT LLANTWIT MAJOR TOWN COUNCIL

Within the Welsh Governments draft Local Government Wales Bill, there is a proposed section *General Power of Competence and Community Councils with Competence*. A number of ‘competency’ tests are listed to help ensure Town and Community Councils are well equipped to meet the challenges ahead. These tests are aimed at bring more consistency to the sector, with a higher standard of governance and financial management.

The proposed tests are (as at April 2016)

- Two thirds of Councillors must be elected – Councillors must be elected at either an ordinary election or a by-election
- Requirement that the Clerk is qualified – A Clerk with relevant professional qualifications, such as the Certificate in Local Council Administration (CILCA).
- Council needs to have clear audited accounts for last 2 years – sound financial management and internal control systems.

Following the release of these proposed ‘tests’, the Town Council conducted an audit of the above and found;

- 14 members were elected by an ordinary election held in May 2017.
- The Town Clerk holds the CiLCA qualification. All Town Council staff are up to date on all relevant courses in relation to their job specification.
- We have a sound management and financial controls in place. Our accounts have been clear on audit for the last 3 years.
- In addition we have a website which contains all agendas, minutes, reports, accounts and contact details.

CHAPTER 9 - Our Llantwit Major – Our Future

In Chapter 1 to 8 the Annual Report has concentrated on the National Well Being Goals as set out as in the Well Being Future Generation (Wales) Act 2015. The Vale of Glamorgan Council has also adapted their policies to include four local Well Being Objectives. These being:

- a) To enable people to get involved, participate in their local communities and shape local services.
- b) To reduce poverty and tackle inequalities linked to deprivation.
- c) To give children the best start in life.
- d) To protect, enhance and value our environment.

Chapters 10, 11, 12 and 13 detail these objectives and how, we as a Town Council, intend to work towards meeting these local goals.

CHAPTER 10

To enable people to get involved, participate in their local communities and shape local services.

This objective is to enable people to become involved in their community, help to increase a sense of belonging within the Town, increase satisfaction with life in general and ensure that Llantwit Major is confident and their voices are heard within the Vale of Glamorgan.

What we have done so far?

1. The Town Council administer the Town Study Steering Group. Representatives from various organisations within the Town meet to develop and implement ideas to improve Llantwit Major.
2. The Town Council has actively helped set up and support the Chamber of Trade. Working with local businesses to improve and shape local services within the town.
3. The Town Council provide Grants to assist with funding local organisations (eg. Boys Brigade, WI, Netball) to continue to provide a service to the community.
4. Town Council have organised and held Open Meetings, which have enabled the Tennis Club to be re-established, encourage local residents to join Neighbourhood Watch Schemes and to provide advice and guidance to the community on issues such as pensions/ banking etc.

What will take longer to achieve?

To complete the Sports Development Project, (to refurbish part of the Sports Pavilion, resurface the four tennis courts and provide lighting around the Recreation Ground). Thus creating better sporting and social facilities for Llantwit Major.

Further develop our understanding of our town and how we can get more people involved in their community.

Continue to support local voluntary and business organisation which support well-being within the town. For example Dementia (making Llantwit Major a Dementia Friendly Town), tackling isolation, loneliness and

making healthy lifestyle changes. To provide further opportunities via the Town Council facilities to implement better services for the Town.

What will success look like in 2023?

1. Skills, resources and expertise regarding engagements are shared across organisations for the benefit of the town. For example volunteers and business organisations have been working together to provide nations tribute events to mark the centenary of WW1 in Llantwit Major.
2. Contributions of all age groups are recognised within the local community.
3. Volunteers are encouraged and feel valued.
4. Sharing standards for engagement are developed.

CHAPTER 11

To reduce poverty and tackle inequalities linked to deprivation

Llantwit Major is a comparatively wealthy town and many residents enjoy a high standard of living in a safe and attractive environment. However there are still areas within the town that experience disadvantage, low education achievement and higher unemployment levels.

What have we done so far?

1. We obtained Government funding to increase the width of the footpath in the Recreation Ground, to improve access to and from the Town for families and a safer access for the disabled.
2. Supported Age Connect to fund events for the elderly, providing financial contribution towards a Christmas Tea Party and Food Hampers.
3. Reduced rental rates on Town Council facilities for those using facilities for raising funds for charitable organisations and holding events /classes to provide services to residents of the community.
4. Collaborated with the Vale of Glamorgan Council by producing Questionnaires and organising Meetings to assist with creating a new Play Park in Trebeferad, Boverton.
5. Met with the local AM, MOD representatives to look at providing equipment for older children living on West Camp. Looking to provide facilities where no (monetary) outlay is required, only a ball!

What we can start doing today?

Further promote our facilities to assist residents with fitness and learning classes to improve their well-being and development.

Undertake further Questionnaires to see as a Town Council how we can help reduce the inequalities within our community.

Look at working with local community groups to improve how as a Town Council we can better provide better access to services, information and support to our residents.

Continue to work to improve healthy behaviour messages for all population groups and those in deprived areas. For example in the Summer of 2018 the Town Council are planning to run Women's & Girls Boot Camp on the Recreation Ground funded by the Field in Trust.

To look into Grant opportunities available to provide funding to establish a football / basketball combination equipment for West Camp (the Bird estate).

What will take longer to achieve?

1. Provide better use of our facilities for the under privileged.
2. Work together with local organisations to improve equality in the Community.
3. Continue to improve the environment and support outdoor play parks, sports facilities (eg. Bowls Club, Tennis Club).

What will success look like in 2023?

1. The Community of Llantwit Major becomes safer, stronger and more resilient
2. Give residents a better understanding of how their contribution on the environment can make to their well-being.
3. Create a sustainable environmental project which brings a range of well-being benefits to the local community.

CHAPTER 12

Give children the best start in life

Working together to ensure all children within Llantwit Major have the best start in life and the inequalities that exist within the Town are reduced.

Also improve the wellbeing of parents and carers of young children who have such a big influence on their development.

What we have done so far?

1. Maintained and developed two Play Grounds within Llantwit Major, providing inclusive equipment when viable.
2. Town Council have assisted in setting up a Youth Council to allow the children of Llantwit Major to have a voice within the Town Council, what vision they have for the future growth and development of the Town.
3. The Town Council fund a Touring Pantomime that comes and performs two shows in Llantonian Hall, providing affordable entertainment for the residents of Llantwit Major.
4. The Town Council assisted various local organisations with Annual Grants (eg. Boys Brigade, Netball) providing after school activities for children of the Town.
5. The Town Council are heavily involved with the setting up of Llantwit Major Tennis Club, providing great opportunities for children to play active sports.

What will take longer to deliver?

1. To work with the Vale of Glamorgan Council to offer Town Council facilities to provide Play Scheme Activities for local children during the holiday periods.
2. Continue to work with the MOD St Athan to look at creating a Teenage Play Park at East Camp/ St Athan on the old disused Tennis Court site.
3. To continue to work with external organisations to provide activities for children (eg. Sport, music, education) utilising fully Town Council facilities to create better well-being for children and parents.

What will success look like in 2023?

1. We all understand how our organisations activities can contribute to giving children a good start in life.
2. Individual families and communities are safer, stronger and more resilient.

CHAPTER 13

Protect, enhance and value our environment

As a Town Council must collectively take action to protect, enhance and value our environment for now and future generations, ensuring as a town we are globally responsible.

What we do now?

1. We have successfully licensed our open Green Spaces and Parks (eg. the Recreation Ground, Seaview Park and Lorna Hughes Park) into registered Field in Trust Sites. This meaning that they are protected from development for the next 99 years.
2. The Town Council have maintained and provided to the Community over 90 Allotment plots, off Llanmaes Road.
3. Maintain and restore our historic monuments and listed buildings (the Town Hall, the Old School and the Cenotaph).
4. Protect the natural environment of West Street Pool and the surrounding area. Looking at restocking the fish in the pond to encourage growth and life within the area.

What will take longer to deliver?

1. As a Town Council take greater responsibility within the Town to encourage recycling, reducing plastic usage within the Town and providing a water point within the Town Hall for residents and tourists to refill their drink containers.
2. Work with Chamber of Trade to maximise the economic benefit of our environment (eg. through tourism).
3. Review the Town Council Land assets and maximise their potential for community use and value as an environmental resource.

What will success look like in 2023?

1. Continue to gain a better understanding of the impact of our actions on the environment and how much of an asset our local environment is.
2. To look at finding and funding a new area of land within the town to be developed into a new Cemetery for Llantwit Major

Way forward

Following the completion of this year's Annual Report the Town Council are planning for the challenges they face in 2018 and beyond.

This includes the additional work that will incur when the results of the Vale of Glamorgan Council Reshaping Services Programme are published.

The new Data Protection Regulations are being implemented in May 2018 which will impact dramatically on the Town Councils workload.

Also the challenges the Town Council will face with the introduction of the Welsh Language Scheme for Town and Community Councils.

The Town Council will continue to promote their activities throughout their social media sites and will look at further ways to promote and increase the knowledge of the Town Council to the Llantwit Major residents.

'Winter wonderland' wins window competition



Pictured outside Bella Rose Wedding Planners are Natalieann Jones, Steph Young, Jane Norman, Mayor of Llantwit, and Clare Ingram, chair of Llantwit Major Chamber of Trade.

THE Llantwit Major Christmas window competition was won by Bella Rose wedding planners with its 'winter wonderland' display.

The Flower Shop received a 'highly commended' for its entry. There was a high number of entrants for the competition, and it was apparent that much time and effort had gone into the displays.

The Elf Hunt is now in full swing, so collect your entry forms from Bella Rose and try and find the hidden in elves in the various shops and businesses in the town.

The winning form will be drawn on December 22, and the prize is a giant selection box. Happy hunting! CT



Sarah Thomas, Jane Norman and Wendy Thomas outside the Flower Shop's 'highly commended' entry in the competition.

New street light for Lorna Hughes Park



LEFT: The new street light in Lorna Hughes Park.

CONCERNED residents brought to the attention of Llantwit Major Town Council how dark and dangerous they felt it was walking at night through Lorna

Hughes Park to get to the train station, St Iltyd School, the Youth Centre and the Precinct.

Lorna Hughes Park is used as a cut through for people of Llantwit Major.

A spokesperson said: "The Town Council decided to address this problem and after liaising with the Vale Council, decided to purchase themselves a new LED street light for the park entrance by St Iltyd School."

"The new street light is now fully operational and will help locals feel safe walking through the park."

Out on a limb? Tree tent site proposed for Llantwit



A tree tent.

A TREE tent site could go ahead in Llantwit Major, if the Vale Council gives the proposal its consent.

An application proposes a tree tent accommodation development on land adjacent to Woodside Hamlet. It would require parking and a wash-up and toilet facility.

The application, by OOTA Property Ltd, argues it is making the best use of the land in a 'neglected and

overgrown area'. But Llantwit Major council planning committee recently registered misgivings.

It objected to the application on the grounds that there was difficult access to the site via the narrow lanes of both Ham Manor Park and Millay Lane. The committee also believes the development is unsuitable for the area.

The company will get its case to the Vale's planning committee, which makes the final decision.

News from Llantwit Major Town Council

LLANTWIT MAJOR Town Council is pleased to announce the completion of works to improve the footpath running from the rugby club car park to Iltyd Avenue.

The Town Council contributed £3,670 for this project and funding was also sourced via a grant from The European Agricultural Fund, Europe Investing in Rural Areas.

By widening the path, it will enable residents and visitors easier access to the play equipment, a safer route to and from the local schools, as well as the local amenities. Those using pushchairs can now pass without having to step off onto the muddy grassed area either side.

During the consultation with local residents over the proposal to widening the path last summer, many commented on the need for lighting in that area.

Unfortunately, at that stage it was too late to include this into the grant application, but the town

council has taken these comments on board and is applying for another grant which will provide lighting along this path and improve the tennis courts and sports pavilion, providing another community building. If successful, these works will start in September 2018.

Llantwit Major Town Council would like to thank those residents inconvenienced while the works were taking place for their patience and understanding.

Earlier this year, Llantwit Major Town Council supported local organisations with grant aid donations of up to £100 each. In January 2018, the town council will once again be looking to award small grants to local organisations and they are invited to apply.

Application forms are available from the town council offices, Town Hall, Llantwit Major. All application forms are to be supported with current balance sheets.

Closing date for completed forms is January 4, 2018.

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A sign of the times for Llantwit Major



PICTURED (left to right): Coun Graham Morgan; Llantwit Major Town Mayor, Coun Jayne Norman; Coun Andrew Clarke and Malcolm Marsh who took part in the review of town signage.

THE Town Council-led Town Study Steering Group (TSSG), comprising of members of Llantwit Major Town Council, local businesses, voluntary and charity organisations, has been looking at ways to improve the road signage into Llantwit Major.

Part of the project has been working with the Vale Council to prevent heavy goods vehicles (HGV) driving through

the old part of Llantwit Major. New signs have been set up on the outskirts of the town offering alternative routes into the town and displaying signs stating roads being unsuitable for HGV.

The TSSG has, with funding from the town council and S106 monies, bought and installed two new tourist information boards along the B4265.

These signs replace the old signs that were out of date; they showed that Llantwit Major had a petrol station, which closed in 2007.

Llantwit Major Town Council planning referrals

DETAILED below are Llantwit Major Town Council's comments regarding planning applications for August 2017.

The applications have now been passed to the Vale of Glamorgan Council Planning Department for the final decision.

West Ward
2017/00704/FUL: Bronwydd, Colhugh Street, Llantwit Major.

Proposal: Proposed single storey rear extension and internal alterations. No objections.

2017/00606/FUL: The Beach Cafe, Llantwit Major.

Proposal: Renewal of planning application 2012/00771/FUL: Extension to existing cafe. No objections.

2017/00815/FUL: Location: Plymouth House West, Dimlands Road, Llantwit Major.

Proposal: Demolition of an existing detached garage and replacement with a new two storey annexe. No objections.

The Llantwit Major Town Council Planning Committee made an observation that all contractors working on the site should access the premises from the Dimlands Road entrance.

South east ward
2017/00750/FUL: Location: 21 Daniel Hopkin Close, Llantwit Major.

Proposal: Two storey extension. No objections.

2017/00765/FUL: Location: 3 Ham Lane South, Llantwit Major.

Proposal: Single and two storey extension to existing semi-detached property including bedroom, kitchen and dining room areas and relocation of front door. No objections.

North ward
2017/00753/FUL: Location: 45 Grange Gardens, Llantwit Major.

Proposal: Garage extension to the side with en suite bathroom in roof space. Two velux windows to be installed in existing rear extension. New driveway to replace current hard standing at front of house. No objections.

2017/00700/FUL: Location: 28 Four Acre, Llantwit Major.

Proposal: Demolition of garage and construction of two storey side and single storey front extension with associated external and drainage works. No objections.

Boverton ward
2017/00810/FUL: Location: Mill Barn, Mill Road, Boverton, Llantwit Major.

Proposal: Change of use of land and building from agricultural to a single dwelling house and associated garden, together with the retention and completion of an attached building. No objections.

2017/00723/FUL: Location: 61 Church Meadow, Llantwit Major.

Proposal: Extension at rear of property and two storey extension at side of property. No objections.

LLANTWIT MAJOR MAYOR ENDS HER YEAR IN OFFICE

ON April 28 in the Town Council Chambers, I had great pleasure in handing over two cheques, each for £2,500.

One was presented to Sue Evans of The Ed Evans Foundation, and the other to Hannah Leckie of Marie Curie Penarth. These two charities had been selected at the beginning of my mayoral year in office last May.

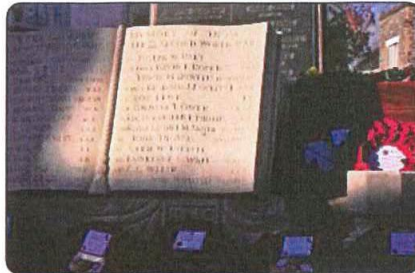
Various functions were organised throughout the last 12 months, and a big thank you goes to family, friends, fellow councillors and local people for all their support.

Coun. and former mayor, Sally Hanks



Coun Sally Hanks presenting cheques to Sue Evans and Hannah Leckie.

Llantwit Major remembers 'The Fallen'



ON Sunday, November 12, Llantwit Major paid tribute to The Fallen and the sacrifices they made to secure our freedoms.

Kelly Howlett-Booth captured these images on the day the town gathered to pay its respects.

For all the latest news from your area - glamorgan-gem.co.uk

Honouring the end of Great War

THE eleventh day of the eleventh month in 2018 will mark 100 years since the guns fell silent at the end of the First World War.

In commemoration and remembrance of this, 1,000 Beacons of Light will be lit at 7pm on Remembrance Day throughout the United Kingdom. Llantwit Major included. The Beacons will symbolise the 'light of hope that emerged from the darkness of war'.

Llantwit Major will be honouring the occasion in a number of ways, one of which will be a commemorative decorated patchwork wall hanging.

The wall hanging will be made of 400 individual textile squares and Llantwit Major Town Council will be inviting all the local groups, organisations, schools and the project.

For further information, call 01446 793707.

Llantwit Major Town Council would like to thank Foyes Fabric and Travis Perkins, which have donated the material and board for the project.

Council honours football team after April promotion



LLANTWIT Major Football Club successfully won promotion, six months ago, to the Welsh League Second Division.

In honour of this achievement, Llantwit Major Town Council invited members of the football club every success for the Club and the committee forthcoming 2017/2018 to a celebratory Season.



Llantwit Major's Citizens of the Year

ON April 8 Llantwit Major Town Council held its bi-annual Citizen of the Year awards in Llantwit Hall to recognise those who do so much for Llantwit Major, and submitted this report.

The Town Council would like to thank the sponsors of the event: Principality Building Society, Kingfishers Developments (Wales) Ltd and Llantwit Major Masonic Lodge. An enjoyable night was had by all. Prizes were presented by Andrew Clarke, Matthew Mazzatelli, Nat Peters, Kathy McCollin, Jacquie Jenkins, Nicky Foster, and Coun Mrs Sally Hanks.

The runner-up in the category of Outstanding Fundraising for Charity was Geoff Mortimer.

Geoff has spent many years raising funds for Marie Curie; he organises all the collection boxes for the local businesses and organisations in and around Llantwit Major.

He regularly gets up in the early hours of the morning to go to Cardiff Airport to try and get holiday makers to donate to the Marie Curie charity.

Geoff has raised last year a total of £22,484 for Marie Curie and for 2017 has already raised £6,000. An amazing achievement.

He has been nominated by Marie Curie for Fundraiser of the Year and therefore we feel it is only right that Llantwit Major recognise this amazing achievement.

The winner of the award for Outstanding Fundraising for Charity/Local Organisation was Micky Dixon.

The success over the last few years of Llantwit Major Amateur Boxing Club is due to the considerable effort, enthusiasm, contribution and coaching skills that Micky Dixon has provided.

In May 2015, Micky was the mainpring in organising a charity boxing event at the Cambrian Club, Rhosce, which raised £6,000 for local charities including the Welsh Air Ambulance.

The event was watched by over 300 spectators who enjoyed 10 boxing bouts. All boxers were members of Llantwit Major Boxing Club.

This well organised open air event would not have taken place without Micky's outstanding effort and organising abilities.

Business/organisation - Service to the Community award: a Special Commendation certificate was awarded to Brenda Percy.

This 'young lady' is an inspiration to us all. At over 80 she is still keeping Llantwit Major clean and tidy. She is seen daily sweeping up the leaves and collecting the rubbish around all parts of Llantwit Major.

Always cheerful, and nothing is ever too much trouble for this very special lady.

A big thank you from all Llantwit Major residents, you provide a wonderful service to the community.

The runner-up of the Business/Organisation, Service to the Community Award was Arthur Thompson. Most of Llantwit Major will know Arthur as the Funeral Director of WA Brown and a fanatical supporter of Manchester United Football Club. However this is only part of the story.

Arthur is a regular volunteer at Llantwit Major Events. He helps the event group to put up all the equipment for their summer and Christmas lighting up events.

He helps at the annual Age Connects Christmas Day dinner at Bethal Baptist Hall.

Each year, Arthur organises a Christmas service at St Illtud's Church, to remember the loved ones who are no longer with us. He also organises the annual Easter egg collection for Ty Hafan.

Arthur will provide raffle prizes for any good cause. Prizes he has donated include him chauffeur and paying for two people to have a meal at a restaurant.

Arthur does not let people know of his kindness and generosity and therefore his recognition goes unnoticed.

The winner of the Business/Organisation, Service to the Community was Elaine Smith of the Chocolate Box Shop.

Elaine is an extremely helpful and dedicated shop owner who goes above and beyond to help her customers and other members of the community. This has

helped to ensure the distinctive and unique style of Llantwit Major High Street.

She has been described by many as a friendly, bubbly lady who always has time for a chat! I believe there is even a chair to rest upon in the shop if a longer chat is required!

Her kindness extends beyond the shop and she will regularly hand deliver cards and confectionaries to people unable to get to the shop themselves.

Elaine is an outstanding citizen of Llantwit Major. Her business over the years has provided so much more than goods; it sells a real service to the community.

The runner-up of the Sports Personality of the Year was John Deakin.

John has spent a large part of his working and social life playing sport and deserves recognition for the all time and effort he has given both to football and running over the years.

John was a professional referee from 1980 to 1992 and has many tales to tell of players and managers including interesting conversations with Brian Clough.

On retirement from refereeing, John took up a full time post as the Welsh Football Association Premier League secretary. He was in the role for 20 years and has worked hard to improve the profile of Welsh football.

Since retiring, John has continued his love of sport and at 70+ still runs at least four times a week and is a member of Barry Adults Running Club where he supports and encourages the young, old (and especially the ladies) to continue running!

He is an inspiration to us all and can still run a half marathon in around TWO hours!

He still regularly runs the Barry Island Park Run and hopes to reach 50 runs within the next few weeks. If he is not running he will volunteer at the event.

The winner of the Sports Personality of the Year award is Adrian Abbot.

Adrian is dedicated to sport despite having a learning disability and cerebral palsy. He tackles every event he takes part in with tremendous enthusiasm and drive and always gives 100 per cent, a lesson to us all.

He has represented Great Britain at the Special Olympics and at the Worlds Games in Los Angeles where he won both gold and silver Medals in kayaking.

Adrian has also won Gold Medals playing at the Bromsgrove Golf Course. He takes part in all sports he can including swimming, bowling and takes part in the Bob Cook games held each year in Swindon.

Adrian is a real ambassador for sport in Llantwit Major and is so deserving of the Sports Personality of the Year award. We look forward to hearing all about his further sporting successes. Well done Adrian.

Young Citizen of the Year award runner-up is Liam Taylor. Liam is actively involved in the community as a member of Llantwit Youth Council, Llantwit Major Boys' Brigade as well as recently singing in the Town Mayor's Charity youth musical events held at St Illtud's Church.

Apart from all this Liam is being awarded a runners-up award for his charity work. Liam undertook a sponsored bike ride from Llantwit Major Rugby Club to Southerndown and back, to raise funds for the Royal British Legion.

He arranged his own JustGiving page via the internet and in all raised £353.75 for the Royal British Legion.

As Liam is only 13, we feel this is a great gesture and makes him worthy of the Young Citizen of the Years runner-up.

Young Citizen of the Year Award was presented to Nat Peters.

Nat's father, Mike, suffered a sudden and serious illness last May. Nat not only continued with his studies at Bridgend College to complete his BTEC but he became the main carer for his father.

He has taken on all the main household chores: cooking, cleaning, washing, as well as being there throughout the day to support his father while his mum continues to work.

His further education has been put on hold but his positivity, commitment and supportiveness to his whole family is a credit to him. Moving forward he is hoping

to continue his further education this September.

Due to such strong nominations for the Citizen of the Year the committee decided to present two runner-up trophies.

The first runner-up award was given to Kathy McCollin. Since moving to Llantwit Major, Kathy has become very much part of the community.

She has gone above and beyond her job as a librarian to support the community, organising many events, for example: the Queen's Birthday party, organising charity coffee mornings and film nights at the local library. Many of her initiatives involve children.

She runs storytelling sessions in English and Welsh both at the library, schools and local events. She is known to dress up in an appropriate theme for the event.

She is also very creative and organises knitting and crochet classes as well as making things to sell for charity. Her commitment and support to Llantwit Major made her a worthy candidate for runner-up of the Citizen of the Year.

The second runner-up award was presented to Patricia Hanks.

Patricia has been the driving force in establishing the Llantwit Major arts and crafts groups. Over her time as chair the group has grown and diversified. She has organised many exhibitions of the group's work. She is a prolific artist in her own right and has used her art to portray images of soldiers on duty.

In addition to all this Patricia has worked tirelessly to support and fundraise for Help For Heroes. This is a charity close to her heart as both her sons are in the Army and both served tours in Afghanistan.

Throughout all this Patricia has suffered ill health but has carried on regardless with great determination and humour. Sadly, she was unable to attend the presentation night. An inspiration to everyone and thoroughly deserving of the runners-up award.

The winner of the Citizen of Year Award is Matthew Mazzatelli. Maz (as he prefers to be known) received 95 nominations, totally surpassing any previous nominee. This shows the appreciation of the community for Maz's achievements over the last few years.

He has worked tirelessly to organise fundraising events for many charities whilst working full time as head steward of Llantwit Major Rugby Football Club.

He has supported organisations such as the British Legion, Macmillan, Welsh Air Ambulance, Marie Curie, Churchill Lines, Help For Heroes and Breast Cancer for Wales.

Maz made Llantwit Major Rugby Club the centre of the community again, it is not just a rugby club now but so much more.

Maz was the main instigator in setting up the Llantwit Major 10k, 5k & 1k Run. This is now an annual event, part of the Welsh athletics running calendar and is anticipated for 2017 to have around 500 runners. It is an event for athletes and fun runners and provides business to the community while raising money for charity.

Also Maz organises each year the 'Party in the Park' giving local music bands the opportunity to perform on stage to the Llantwit Major community. A fun family event providing great entertainment to Llantwit Major, during the August Bank Holiday weekend.

The commitment, selflessness, enthusiasm and dedication Maz gives to organising these and many more events made him the clear winner of the 2017 Citizen of the Year Award.



ABOVE: Andrew Clarke (Principality Building Society), Matthew Mazzatelli, and Coun Sally Hanks.



Nat Peters.



Kathy McCollin.



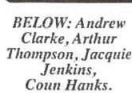
Brenda Percy.



John Deakin.



Geoff Mortimer.



Micky Dixon.

BELOW: Andrew Clarke, Arthur Thompson, Jacquie Jenkins, Coun Hanks.



Adrian Abbot.

Liam Taylor.

CHRISTMAS CRACKERS PULL IT OFF AGAIN IN LLANTWIT MAJOR!



A spokesperson said that Llantwit Christmas Crackers' lunch was "a great success".

LLANTWIT Christmas Crackers held its third annual Christmas Day lunch at Bethel Baptist Church hall for older people who would otherwise have been on their own over Christmas.

A spokesperson said: "It was a wonderful day, run by 17 volunteers without whose help the day wouldn't have been the success it was. They helped by collecting guests from their homes, to cooking the food, serving, clearing and washing up, to entertaining and even assisting Father Christmas to hand out gifts.

"The event was a success because of support from the local community, and particular thanks must go to Wiltshire Farm Pools for donating the main course again. Greenlinks for providing the buses and Jacqui and her staff from the Hair Studio for donating all the gifts for Santa to hand out on the day.

"Thanks also go to Llantwit Major Town Council and W A Brown funeral home's annual memorial service for supporting the group financially, making a huge difference.

"For entertainment, there was local harpist Nia Rees, the amazing Horace Eales leading the carols, as well as the fabulous Ukeldadies and Ukeldadies.

"None of this would have been possible if it hadn't been for Phil Hibbert, the minister at Bethel Baptist Church and all the volunteers. A huge thank you from everyone who attended.

"Organisers are looking forward to another successful event this year."

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Mayor's youth music concert

LLANTWIT MAJOR'S Town Mayor is holding the annual Llantwit Major Town Council's Youth Music Concert.

This event is to take place on Saturday, February 3 at 7pm in St Illtud's Church, 4 College Street, Llantwit Major.

This is the third successive year that the council has held the concert.

In conjunction with Major Music and local schools, many of the young performers, who either reside locally or in the surrounding areas, are performing a wide selection of entertainment for all the family to enjoy.

Tickets cost £5 per person and are available from Llantwit Major Town Council's Office during office hours, or telephone 01446 793707.

Ingenious production of Aladdin in Llantwit Major



Exit, pursued by a genie.

BACK by popular demand: Garry Graham Pantos & Productions with its wonderful show *Aladdin*.

Llantwit Hall was transformed into a 'whole new world' with the touring company's performance last week. At £5 a ticket, the audience was given a laugh a minute and it was

something for the whole family to enjoy right on their doorstep.

It is the second year the touring company have visited, which was arranged by Llantwit Major Town Council. The performances had such a positive response that the Town Council has already booked next year's show: *Sleeping Beauty*.

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1st Llantwit Major Rainbows look back on a wonderful 2017



Lots of Rainbows gathered in Cardiff to celebrate.

THE year 2017 was a year of celebration for the youngest section of the Guiding family, the Rainbows, as they marked their 30th birthday.

1st Llantwit Major Rainbows began last January by joining in the Big Birthday Cael Sump. Each Rainbow made a birthday card and then they were sent all over Great Britain and indeed the world.

Each week we would receive at least one card and the girls were always excited to see where it came from, as we then marked it on the world map. We had cards from England, Scotland, Northern Ireland, Canada, Spain, and many more.

For our next event we invited the then Mayor of Llantwit Major, Sally Hanks, to come to one of our meetings. It was a great evening with all the Rainbows having a turn



The Mayor visits.

at wearing her gold chain of office.

In July we joined with approximately 600 other Rainbows in Cardiff for a whole day of craft, games, sport and singing.

As 2017 drew to a close we had a party at Hanks, to come to one of our meetings. It was a great evening with all the Rainbows having a turn

were lots of craft and games, all rounded off with a birthday cake.

If you want to learn more about Girl Guiding, visit www.girlguiding.org.uk, here you will find all the information you need if you know a someone who would like to join or if you would like to volunteer.

Gill Powell

Llantwit Major Town Council grant aid



ABOVE: Llanilltud in Flower receive a cheque.

EVERY year Llantwit Major Town Council award grants to local organisations who are working for the benefit of the community.

This year's successful grant aid applicants include: Llanilltud in Flower, Boys' Brigade, Llantwit Major WI, Neighbourhood Watch, Llantwit Major 10k Committee and the netball club - The Llantwit Lasers.

The organisations met the town Mayor, Cllr Mrs Norman, on February 13 in the Council Chambers where they were presented with their cheques.



ABOVE: A grant to the Llantwit Major 10k committee.

Congratulations to all! "We are extremely grateful to the Town Council for a grant that enables us to maintain the flower baskets in the can collect on town, that are much appreciated by local residents and visitors Major.

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Llantwit Major Mayor's Youth Music Concert



ABOVE: Liam Taylor.

ON February 3, the Llantwit Major Youth Music Concert was held in the beautiful setting of St Illtud's Church. Cllr Mrs Norman reports:

"As Mayor of Llantwit Major, I feel privileged to have hosted the annual Youth Concert on Saturday. The wealth of talent in our local young people is phenomenal – and not always recognised."

"This concert was originally the 'brain child' of one of our past Mayors, Trish Lancaster, and was such success, it



is now in its third year, and I think it gets better and better. "It gives us the opportunity to showcase this talent and, as well as providing us with a

fabulous evening of entertainment, enabled me to raise much-needed funds for my Mayor's charities – RNLI, Alzheimer's research, and the Llantwit Major



The Mayor, Cllr Jayne Norman.



ABOVE: Members of Llantwit School's drama department

Honouring the end of Great War

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The wall hanging will be made of 400 individual textile squares and Llantwit Major Town Council are inviting all local groups, material and board for organisations, schools the project.

and individuals to knit, sew, or paint a poppy on a square. Each square is 8" x 8" and is on sale for £1 from the Town Hall and The Hair Studio.

There will be three sessions to stitch the squares together and we are looking for volunteers to come along to help on Thursday, April 19, Wednesday, June 27, and the final one during October in Llantwit Hall at 2pm.

The finished patchwork will be hung from the Town Hall during the Remembrance Service in 2018 and later on display in the town hall.

For further information, call 01446 793707.

Dementia Café. "I want to thank all those who gave up their time to take part in this concert. From the wonderfully talented performers, singers, dancers, guitarist, cellist and pianist, and not forgetting our entertaining compère for the evening, Tom Colgan, to the great guys from Major Music who spent most of Saturday setting up the sound system."

"I also owe a huge debt of gratitude to all the lovely ladies who organised the whole event."

"May I say a big 'thank you' to everyone who came and supported us on Saturday and to the local businesses who donated raffle prizes. With your help, we raised almost £900. I would like to donate £100 of this to Major Music as a token of our appreciation."



Performers from Major Music.

New street light for Lorna Hughes Park



LEFT: The new street light in Lorna Hughes Park.

CONCERNED residents brought to the attention of Llantwit Major Town Council how dark and dangerous they felt it was walking at night through Lorna Hughes Park to get to the train station, St Illtud School, the Youth Centre and the Precinct.

Lorna Hughes Park is used as a cut through for people of Llantwit Major.

A spokesperson said: "The Town Council decided to address this problem and after liaising with the Vale Council, decided to purchase themselves a new LED street light for the park entrance by St Illtud School."

"The new street light is now fully operational and will help locals feel safe walking through the park."

DR BROWNE IS HONOURED BY LLANTWIT COUNCIL



LEFT: Dr Vince Browne, who has served Llantwit Major School for 18 years, receiving the town council plaque.

DR VINCE BROWNE has been congratulated after being presented with a town council plaque in recognition of his 18 years of service to Llantwit Major Comprehensive School.

Cllr Gwyn John said: "I was delighted to nominate Dr Browne for the award as he has made a tremendous contribution to improving education in our town."

"Dr Browne came to Llantwit Major School in January 2001 and became headteacher in 2005."

"He has worked tremendously hard to take the school forward and take the school to being one of the best schools in Wales."

Photographs of Events during the past

New Allotment Slabbed area for deliveries



Town Council working with Rugby Club to promote Dog Bags



New Bench in Llantonian Park with hand prints of local playgroup children





The Mayor (Councillor Mrs Jayne Normans) Civic Service 2017

Two new Tourist signs installed along B4265





Presentation to promoted Llantwit Major Football Club in Council Chamber

New Footpath installed around the Recreation Ground



Town Hall Flooring sanded and re-varnished



Llantwit Major Tennis Club



Mayors Musical Youth Concert 2018



Town Council Staff raising money on Red Nose Day 2017

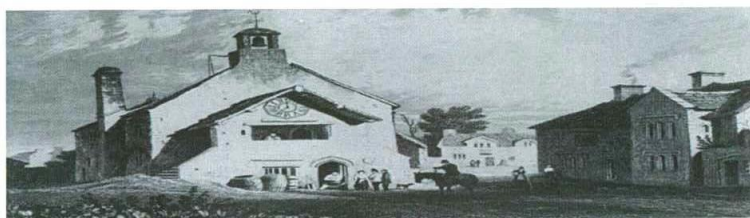


Aladin Pantomime in Llantonian Hall January 2018



New Street Light installed in Lorna Hughes Park





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New Footpath on the Recreation Ground



Old & New

Following the Town Council successfully obtaining a Grant from the Welsh Government Rural Communities, Rural Development Programme the Footpath in the Recreation Ground has been re-laid with concrete and made wider to make it safer for pedestrians walking through.

The Town Council are now in the process of applying for Part II of a Welsh Government Grant to undertake a Major Sports Development Project on the Recreation Ground. If successful, the Council hope by September 2018 to have the go ahead to rebuild the Sports Pavilion, resurface four Macadam Courts at the Tennis Club and install new Street Lighting along the Recreation Field Footpath.

New Tourist Signs

Two new Tourist signs have been purchased by the Town Council. The new 'LARGE' Brown Tourist Signs have been installed along the B4265. Pictured below with the Town Mayor are Councillor Andrew Clarke, Councillor Graham Morgan and Malcolm Marsh



who all worked on the Town Study Project to improve the signage in Llantwit Major.

Llantwit Major Civic Service

The Mayor, Councillor Mrs Jayne Norman, held her Civic Service on the 8th October 2017 in St Illtud's Church followed by a Reception in Llantonian Hall. Over 100 people attended the event and were entertained by the Choir of St Illtud's Primary School. The Mayor would like to thank everyone who helped and attended and for making it a very special day for her.



Town Hall Floor being refurbished

A Project has been undertaken by the Town Council over the last year to improve and refurbish the Town Hall. So far the kitchen has been replaced, the Old Stage surround has been removed, the interior has been repainted and last week the Floor in the upstairs Hall has been repaired, sanded down and re-varnished, bringing the wood flooring back to its natural colour.



The next plans for the Town Hall are to replace the old Lighting and then look at marketing the Building as a suitable and economical venue for Wedding Receptions, Social and Charity Events. We are in the process of applying for Licences to be able to hold Weddings in the Council Chamber. Creating a great venue to hold your wedding service followed by a Reception in the Town Hall. All within walking distance and in the heart of Llantwit Major Old Town.

Panto coming to Town Again!



For the second year running (Oh Yes we are!) Llantwit Major Town Council are organising a Touring Pantomime Company to come to Llantonian Hall to perform a traditional Panto for the Town.

There will be two shows held on Friday 5th January 2018 at 4pm and 7pm.

Tickets are £5 per person with Under 2's free. Tickets and further information available from the Town Hall. Come along and see the Genie of the Lamp.

Upcoming Events in Llantwit Major

3rd November 2017 - Town Mayors Charity Murder Mystery Evening at the West House Hotel, Llantwit Major from 7.00pm. Tickets £30.00 per person available from the Town Hall

12th November 2017 – Royal British Legion Remembrance Parade and Service at Llantwit Major Cenotaph.

25th November 2017 – Llantwit Major Christmas Lighting Up Event – stalls and activities cumulating in the Towns Christmas lighting up ceremony

5th January 2018 – Aladdin Pantomime in Llantonian Hall

3rd February 2018 - Town Mayors Youth Concert at St Illtud's Church, Llantwit Major. Tickets £5.00 per person available from the Town Hall.

Future Town Council Meetings

1st November, 2017 - Sports Development Committee Meeting

9th November, 2017- Special Meeting

Date to be confirmed - Working Group Meeting

30th November, 2017 - Full Town Council Meeting

Make Llantwit Major a Dementia Friendly Town



The Mayor and Town Council held a Alzheimer's Training Session in the Old School on 23rd October 2017 to make the Community aware of the signs of Alzheimer's and how to assist people with this disease. Following the success of the Training Session it is hoped to continue the Training and make Llantwit Major Town Council a 'Dementia Friendly Council' and the Town a 'Dementia Friendly Community'.

Town Mayors Diary for October 2017

1st October 2017 – The Mayor of the Vale of Glamorgan Civil Service, Coastlands Family Church, Barry

3rd October 2017 – Function for LMTFC in the Council Chamber

8th October 2017 – Llanwtit Major Town Councils Civic Service, St Illtuds Church

12th October 2017 – Reminiscence Group- Writing Workshop – Llantwit Major Library

18th October 2017 - Music in the Vale, Pierhead Building, Cardiff Bay

23rd October 2017 – Alzheimer's Training Session, Old School, Llantwit Major

New Town Council Employee!!



New Town Council Employee seen working in Lorna Hughes Park...Any body know his or hers name...Please let us know!!!

A Nations Tribute – 2018

Cecil 'The Silent Soldier' has been purchased by the LMTC as the first part of the Town Councils plans to mark the centenary celebrations of the end of World War 1. The Silent Soldier will be placed outside the Cenotaph in Llantwit Major on Remembrance Sunday, 12th November 2017, to honour those that have fallen in the wars.

Discussions will then take place to decide where, in Llantwit Major, is a suitable and meaningful location for the Silent Soldier to be installed until the end of 2018 to mark this very important event in our history.



Neighbourhood Watch

Vale of Glamorgan Neighbourhood Watch, supported by the Town Council, are holding a Public Meeting in Llantonian Hall on Wednesday 15th November 2017 at 6pm to discuss expanding Neighbourhood Watch in the Town. If you are interested in learning more please come along to the Open Meeting.

Llantwit Major Town Council 2017 – 2018





Front Row (Left to Right): Councillor E Williams, Councillor Mrs S Hanks, Councillor Mrs J Norman (Town Mayor), Councillor Dr D Ellis (Deputy Town Mayor), Councillor J Evans, Councillor G Thomas

Back Row (Left to Right): Councillor G Morgan, Councillor Dr P Dickson, Councillor D Foster, Councillor G John, Councillor A Clark, Councillor R Gant, Councillor G Wilkie

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