

Llantwit Major Town Council

Cyngor Tref Llanilltud Fawr



“IMPROVING THE WELL-BEING OF LLANTWIT MAJOR”



ANNUAL REPORT

For financial year 2019/2020

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Introduction

Welcome to Llantwit Major Town Council's Annual Report for 2019/20, where you will find details of the work the Town Council has been undertaking over the past year. I have been very honoured to serve as Town Mayor during this period and have continued to build on some of the initiatives from the previous Mayor Cllr David Ellis and develop some new initiatives/projects to enhance our growing town and to make it such a wonderful place in which to live and work.

At my inauguration last May, I outlined that I intended to maintain and build on "Making Llantwit Major a safer, more prosperous and a more sustainable town in which to live". In addition, I have also personally been involved in working towards the restoration of the town regaining Fairtrade status and improving the Age Connects role with the local people.

In my period of office, the Town Council has refurbished 2 rooms at the rear of the Old School which are now available to rent on a casual basis. Furthermore, the upstairs of the Town Hall has been refurbished to accommodate small wedding receptions and other functions. It is good to see this building being used again for such joyous occasions. In addition, I was privileged on behalf of the Town Council to officially open the newly built Sports Pavillion a wonderful facility that the residents of Llantwit Major and the surrounding villages can enjoy. My thanks to all the groups involved in this project but a special vote of thanks to the Town Clerk, Cllr Dave Foster and Cllr Jeff Evans for all their hard work in bringing this project to fruition.

An online Booking System has been introduced where you can now view the booking diaries for the venues managed by Llantwit Major Town Council. Please visit our newly refurbished website to check availability on the following venues: Llantonian Hall, (main hall and Heritage Centre) Old School, and Compass Building.

With the assistance of the Officers of the Town Council and many other willing helpers, we have enjoyed a range of very successful and well-supported events throughout the majority of the year in aid of my three chosen charities, Valeplus, Llantwit Major Stroke Support Group and Woody's Lodge. Events have included coffee mornings, a Murder Mystery,

Sunday Lunch, Valentines Evening, and Youth Concert which combined have raised over £3650. Regrettably several other fundraising events had to be cancelled during March/April/May due to the current coronavirus situation. In addition, my Civic Service in St. Illtud's Church in July was a very memorable and joyous occasion. Similarly, the very moving Remembrance Day commemorations in November will live long in everyone's memory. To try to keep residents informed of all that is happening, I have published a 3-monthly blog in the local newspaper and on the Llantwit Major hub.

Over the last year, I have also had the honour to represent the town and further enhance the profile of Llantwit Major. Furthermore, I have attended a number of functions across the Vale of Glamorgan and visited a wide range of organisations. I have been privileged to meet many residents of the town and to get to know other mayors and dignitaries in the Vale of Glamorgan. I would like to thank all my fellow Councillors and especially my Deputy Mayor, Gerwyn Thomas, as well as my wife and consort, for all the help and support they have given me throughout the year to help me achieve my aims.

I would also like to thank all those people who came forward and registered with the Town Council for the support scheme to help many residents in the town during the current coronavirus outbreak.

Finally, I would like to express my sincere gratitude to the staff at the Town Hall, who have worked tirelessly to ensure all the events and projects have run smoothly and efficiently. Without their help, support and advice none of our achievements over the last year would have been possible. Due to so many people who give their time and commitment so willingly to the town, Llantwit Major is indeed a thriving community and a great place to live!!

Councillor R Gant
Town Mayor

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 and Social Media Sites. Feedback is always encouraged from local residents.

The report covers the municipal year of Councillor R Gant term in office as Town Mayor and Chair of the Council, which started in May 2019.

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 and still growing.

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 13 elected Councillors and 1 co-opted Councillor representing 4 wards, West Ward, South East Ward, North Ward and Boverton Ward. There is a team of 6 staff working both full time and part time delivering services on a daily basis.

The Council is responsible for many facilities, including 5 community buildings (2 of which are listed), bowling green, tennis courts, 2 playparks, 2 open spaces, recreation field, ornamental pond, cemetery and allotment site. Under the Reshaping Services Projects (being initiated by the Vale of Glamorgan Council) discussions are being undertaken to take over more facilities within the Town.

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 19/20 the Council estimated that it would require an expenditure of £282,656 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; £241,536 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 llantwitmajortowncouncil.gov.uk.

CHAPTER ONE: A PROSPEROUS LLANTWIT MAJOR

What we think we did well:

- We completed the Sport Development Project to improve the Sport Facilities within the Recreation Ground. Four new streetlights were installed along the path running through the Recreation Field, four tennis courts have been resurfaced and repainted in purple and green and a new extension built onto the Sports Pavilion within the Bowling Green complex. All facilitated with the assistance of a £128,000 Welsh Government Rural Development Grant and funding from the Town Council, Social Club, Bowls Club and the Tennis Club.
- The Compass Building has been refurbished internally and externally and is now hired out to various community, voluntary and business organisations on a regular basis.
- The Old School Headmasters Office has been refurbished and now hired out on a permanent basis to a Local Counselling Service, for the benefit of the Community.
- Last year three Wedding Receptions were held in the Town Hall, incorporating the new wedding package which provides a wedding venue for the whole weekend at a cost effective price. 2020 will see the first civil wedding service to be held in the newly licensed Council Chamber.
- The general public can continue to view all our Hiring Facilities via our new website set up on 2019 and our online Booking System. Thus enabling the Town Council to continue to successfully promote and market our venues to all categories of our town.
- The Town Council provided financial support and guidance to the newly formed Christmas Committee to ensure that Llantwit Major had a successful Christmas Lights display throughout the town.

- Continued to support the Chamber of Trade and maintain good working relationships with the businesses of the town. Continuing to support a plastic free town by still providing a water refill station point and collection point for recycled plastic bottle tops.
- Successfully set up a Fairtrade Committee aiming by June 2020 to renew the Fair Trade Status within the town. We have encouraged businesses to sell Fair Trade products, promoted fair trade at the Christmas market, run fair trade competitions and provide literature and information to businesses re the Fair Trade aims/objectives. We have been liaising regularly with Fair Trade Wales to achieve our goal our renewing our Fair Trade status for Llantwit Major.
- Successfully obtained a Sports Wales Grant to install new fencing around the Tennis Courts.
- Successfully obtained a Community Chest Grant to install Musical Play Equipment in our two Play Parks.
- For the fourth year running we financially funded and organised an Acting Touring Company to come to Llantonian Hall to put on performance in January 2020 of 'Jack and the Beanstalk' for the residents of the Town.
- Provided financial support to Llantwit Youth Council to ensure it continues to successfully run in Llantwit Major. Providing opportunities for the young people to work closely with the Town Council to improve services and facilities for the town. In 2019 they received a Journalistic Award for producing a Report highlighting the continuing litter problem within the town.
- The Town Council continue to fund local events within the town including LM10K Community Running event and VE Day 75 Celebration.
- Continue to support the expansion and development of Llantwit Major Tennis Club and assisting with helping to review the funding opportunities to install

floodlights on the four courts to enable the courts to be played on all year round.

What we think we could do better:

- To provide better support for local children towards Summer / Holiday /Sporting 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.
- Continue to further support family day projects and community events.
- To continually review Vale of Glamorgan Council and Welsh Government funding opportunities to provide additional grants available to improve/develop facilities for our town and assist with putting on existing and new events for our town.

Facts and Figures:

- Over 200 residents attended the Llantwit Major Pantomime held on the 3rd January 2020.
- The Youth Council meets 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. The Youth Council is recruiting, and membership is continually growing.
- The Old School continues to house two oversubscribed Play Groups. One Playgroup has taken over two rooms upstairs in the Old School due to increase in demand.

- The Tennis Club has increased membership to 150 members and will hopefully continue to grow and develop as further facilities eg floodlights are installed at the Club.
- The Bowls Club, at present, has approximately 80 playing members and 40 social (non-playing) members. They ran Open Days last year to try to encourage new members now that the new extension (including new changing rooms and meeting rooms) has been built.

What was said about us:

“Without the continuing support and advice and guidance from the Town Council that Tennis Club would not been in the position they are today. We are so pleased with the resurfaced courts and fencing and looking forward to continue to work with the Town Council on other funding opportunities such as floodlighting and redeveloping the Club House” Llantwit Major Tennis Club

"Town Council have been extremely helpful to us. They have organised our room hire very quickly and efficiently. And being able to rent a room without having to sign a lease for a long period has been instrumental in us being able to provide a counselling service in Llantwit.

Our room is beautiful and perfectly suited to what we do. The Town Council worked hard at getting the room and our entrance ready for us and we feel fortunate to be able to rent a room of the Town Council”.

Tanya Jespersen

Just Be Counselling

Youth Council with their Award for the Litter Reoprt



Bowls Club Extension



CHAPTER TWO: A RESILIENT LLANTWIT MAJOR

What we think we did well:

- Continuing to provide 96 Allotment Plots to local residents. Continue to maintain the site by keeping the grass paths cut and the hedgerows maintained. There are over 16 people on the List waiting for a plot to become available.
- The new benches installed at our site are made from recyclable material, friendly to the environment. New benches have been installed in 2019 in the Cemetery and Seaview Park.
- The Town Council have been working with the Vale of Glamorgan Council to take over Stradling Park, via an Asset Transfer. A small piece of land in the centre of Llantwit Major that has become overgrown and neglected. The Town Councils aim is to create a safe, quiet, environmentally friendly area for the residents of the town.
- A Best Front Garden Competition was run in 2019 encouraging residents to look after their garden and improve their environment.
- A Schools Garden Competition is being ran in 2020 the theme being 'Grow you own produce' whilst still adhering to the Fairtrade values whilst they develop their gardens.
- Working with 'Plant Llantwit' in supporting the planting of new sapling trees in Seaview Park.
- Created a new wildlife area outside Llantonian Hall. Providing an environmentally friendly area as well as providing a bright and colourful area on a piece of unused land.
- Our Handyman has made more recyclable Plant Boxes that have been placed around the town and for the window ledges in the main Town Hall. A planting

programme is undertaken twice yearly with suitable seasonal bedding plants and shrubs.

- Continuing to support the water refill project and initiative to make Llantwit Major plastic free. The Town Council designed and purchased 200 canvas shopping bags for residents and tourists to buy. To encourage everyone to use recyclable bags in the future.
- Continually monitor and undertake any maintenance work required to ensure the trees in our parks meet all the health and safety requirements.
- The Town Council are continuing 'Topple Testing' in Boverton Cemetery to ensure the safety and preservation of the gravestones.
- Work has been undertaken and is ongoing in both the Old School and Town Hall. We have followed CADW and Vale of Glamorgan Planning recommendations to preserve and renovate these buildings. For example, a Stone Mason used traditional lime and mortar cement to repair part of a stone wall in the Town Hall. The Old School Back annex had the 1960s plaster removed from the interior wall, so the existing stone is re-exposed to allow the walls to breathe and prevent mould and damp.

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:

"It is always a joy to take the children to West Street Pond to see the fish and ducks. A lovely maintained area that is part of the tradition of the old area of our beautiful town"

Llantwit Major Resident

Best front Garden Competition Winner



Llantwit Major Allotment Site



Flowers outside the Town Hall



CHAPTER THREE: A HEALTHIER LLANTWIT MAJOR

What we think we did well:

- Completed on time and within budget the Sports Development Project. The refurbishment of four tennis courts, four new streetlights and an extension to the Sports Pavilion after successfully being awarded a Grant from the Welsh Rural Communities Fund.
- Successfully installed fencing around the Tennis Courts making it a safe and more inclusive area for the community. This project was part funded by a Sport Wales Grant. Vale Plus, an organisation assisting adults with learning difficulties, held regular tennis lessons on the tennis courts during the Summer 2019.
- Musical equipment was installed in Llantonian Hall and the U10's Play Park to provide additional inclusive equipment for the community.
- We provided a free children and parent fitness class that ran each Sunday during the summer months as well as a free weekly Adult Boots Camp on the Tennis Courts.
- The Recreation Field was officially opened as a Field in Trust Site by their Chairman Brynmor Williams in 2019. The field is now a designated open space sporting area that cannot be built/developed on for 100 years.
- To continue to work with the Rugby Club to improve facilities on and around the Recreation Field.
- To continue to work with the Tennis Club to improve the facilities on the site, including floodlights and improvements to the Tennis Pavilion.
- To continue to work with the Bowls Club in maintaining the Bowling Green Surface to a high standard for both social and competitive play. Qualified coaches of the club each Summer have taught primary schools, scouts and boys brigade groups how to play lawn green bowling. The Bowls Club have used

- the rugby club to play indoor short mat bowls during the winter season whilst the pavilion is being rebuilt. All sporting organisation on the Recreation Field and developing strong links, working together for the benefit of the whole community.
- The Town Council offer reduced Hiring Fees to the local Age Connect and Parkinson Group to provide keep fit/community classes in Llantonian Hall.
- The School Gardens Competition will be held in 2020 and will encourage children to grow their own fruit and vegetables whilst learning the importance of fairtrade.
- The Town Council are once again the main sponsors in supporting the running of the LM10K/5K and 1K Community Run held over the August Bank Holiday Weekend. Last year over 500+ runners took part in the event starting and finishing on the Recreation Field.
- VE Day 75 Celebrations this year will include an WW2 Assault Course for teenagers. This will be held on the Recreation Field and the Town Council are working with MOD St Athan to put on the event.
- The Town Council are working with the Horticultural Society and sponsoring a Best Front Garden Competition. Encouraging residents to get out into their gardens and create areas in the community we can all enjoy.
- Continue to fund and maintain the Community Heart Beat Defibrillator in the Red Phone Box in the centre of town.
- The Town Council are still trying to progress with Annington Homes on West Camp the ownership of the old tennis courts with the eventual aim of installing two football goals / basketball posts for the teenagers in the area.
- The Town Council offer reduced rates to various organisations to encourage healthy activities. Organisations include Parkinson Group and Age Connect.

- The Old Headmasters Study has been refurbished and is now hired on a permanent basis to a Local Counselling Service, the first facility of this kind within the town.
- The Town Council have supported a Happy to Chat Bench situated outside the Town Hall. For people who feel isolated in their daily lives, the benches are an opportunity to make a connection with someone new. They also give people who want to help the lonely members of their community a way to do so.

• **What we think we could do better**

- Continue to work with the Vale of Glamorgan Council and other local organisations to provide and promote activities for children after school and in the school holidays.
- Continue to work with the Tennis Club to achieve their goals of installing floodlights on the courts and resolving the ongoing issues re the newly laid macadam tennis surface.
- Ensure we continue to provide safe playground equipment in our Parks and always look at improving these areas and where possible ensure inclusive usage.
- Look at further Grant funding opportunities to provide free fitness classes /activities/equipment for all ages of the Community.
- Continue to liaise with all schools/clubs etc to make them aware of the facilities the Town Council can offer to help make Llantwit Major a healthier town.

Facts and figures

- Since the Tennis Club has reopened its four resurfaced tennis courts numbers have increased to 150+ members.

- Llantonian Hall is used weekly by Age Connect Groups to provide regular keep fit/wellbeing classes for the older population of Llantwit Major.
- Parkinson Group and the Stroke Association hire Llantonian Hall monthly to provide support and wellbeing to those in the Community who are suffering from these debilitating illnesses.
- The Town Council are supporting Llantwit Major Dementia Friends in aiming to make the town aware and become a dementia friendly town.

What was said about us:

“The LMHS would like to thank the Town Council for making their premises available for our committee meetings and the Llantonian hall for our monthly lectures. In 2019 we were pleased to support your 'Best kept front garden' competition with a judge and to host the Mayor for the prize presentation at our horticultural show”.

Horticultural society

“The Llantwit Major Parkinson's drop in cafe would like to thank the Town Council for their support over the past year, without this the cafe would have struggled to survive. Our grateful thanks also go to the Town Mayor, Cllr Gant, for his support. The help and guidance the cafe have received from the Town Clerk and the admin support team has been invaluable. Everything has been done in a very professional manner, nothing has been too much trouble for them. Thank you one and all.”

Parkinson Support Group

Overview of Recreation Field and facilities



Exercise class on tennis Courts



New musical equipment in Llantonian Park



CHAPTER FOUR: A MORE EQUAL LLANTWIT MAJOR

What we think we did well:

- Town Council awarded Grants to local 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,
Llanilltud Fawr in Flower,
Llantwit Major 10K,
Llantwit Major Christmas Lights
Llantwit Major Brownies
Llantwit Major Scouts
St Illtuds Church Flower Committee

- The Town Council took over in 2019 and ran the Llantwit Major Remembrance Parade.
- The Town Council are organising various VE Day celebrations to take place in the town between the 8th and 10th May 2020. Events planned included a children's Street party, 40/50's Band Night, WW2 Assault Course and two church remembrance/celebration services.
- The Town Council run the annual Mayors Youth Concert in St Illtuds church promoting the local musical talent of our community.
- The Town Council support various organisations that have been set up in Llantwit Major including the Twinning Committee, Fair Trade, Dementia Friends and Christmas Committee.
- The Town council are continuing to administer and work with the Vale of Glamorgan Council and local resident's / farmers to reinstate a public footpath in Trebeferad.

- The Town council have supported the Mayors chosen charities. These being Vale Plus, Woodys Lodge and Llantwit Major Stroke Association. Working with the local branch of the Royal British Legion to take over organising the Llantwit Major Remembrance Service Parade.
- The Town Council continue to support the Twinning Committee in Llantwit Major re re-establishing links with the French town of Le Pouliguen.

What we think we could do better

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

Facts and figures

- The Town Council offers reduced rates on all its facilities for those using them to raise funds for charitable organisations or those holding weekly/monthly event classes for those which help residents.
- Over 1000 people attended the Remembrance Day Parade in November 2019.
- 7 Grants were handed out to local organisations.

What was said about us:

“ I don't think anyone realised the enormity of the task which was decided by representatives of the community that night. By March a long shopping list emerged which included new lights, a lantern parade, reinstating the small trees, relocating the main tree, a stage switch on event and grotto. Our budget was £10,000. We had £2.17 and 240 days. Thanks to the sheer tenacity, skills sets and enthusiasm of the community, we delivered. In fact we more than delivered, and for the first time included Boverton in the celebrations. The committee could not have achieved this without the unstinting support of the Town Council, not only from a financial perspective, but for the advice, and the crucial and unstinting guidance from the Town Clerk, The Deputy Town Clerk, the staff and Councillors. The committee remain very grateful to LMTC for actively demonstrating how a community can rise to a seemingly impossible challenge and put our community lights firmly on the Christmas Map for years to come”

Christmas Committee

I just wanted to thank you for purchasing furniture for our Hut , it is very much appreciated by us as leaders and of course the Rainbows and Brownies .It was so nice that you supported us again this year after the very generous grant you gave us last year when we were opening a new Brownie Pack . That grant helped us get up and running with all the resources we needed to be a fully functioning unit .It is encouraging as volunteers to know we have the Town Councils support and we are especially excited to be able to be involved with the Fair Trade initiative. Thank you for the resources you have provided us with and I am sure the girls will have a great time making badges , as well as learning all about Fair Trade .Thank you once again for your continued support , and hopefully there will be lots more projects we can get involved in in the future .

Llantwit Major Brownies

Presentation of Grant Aid Cheque to Major Music



Remembrance Day Parade





CHAPTER FIVE: A LLANTWIT MAJOR OF COHESIVE COMMUNITIES

What we think we did well:

- The Town Council have refurbished externally and internally the Compass Building and it is now hired out to regular Hirers including the Ukulele Group and Spanish Lessons at cost effective rates.
- The Town Hall is now fully refurbished and was hired out last year over three weekends for weddings at affordable costs to local residents.
- The Council Chamber is in May 2020 being used for its first official licensed wedding service.
- The Old Headmasters Surgery is now hired out on a longterm lease for a Local Counselling Service, the first set up in Llantwit Major, providing much needed support for those suffering mental health issues within our town.
- The Town Council continue to support the History Society by providing them a room in the Old School at a cost effective annual rental agreement.
- Where possible (and financially viable) all work and tenders undertaken by the Town Council will use local Companies to carry out repairs and services to Town Council Buildings and Properties.
- The Town Council have upgraded all their phones and computer hardware within the Office and the Cloud is now used by Staff and Councillors to view Council Documentation.
- The Town Council installed a new Website which is fully compliant with the Welsh Government guidelines re accessibility. The Website and Facebook are used to promote events and inform residents of Town Council information / reports etc.
- The Town Council installed a CCTV unit around the Town Hall to assist with the safety of the Town Hall staff and the residents of the Town.

- The Town Council have set up a Fairtrade Forum for the town. Working with businesses to regain Fairtrade status for our town.
- The Town Council continue to work with organisations to further develop our towns profile and provide a cohesive community. Organisations include Town Twinning and the Chamber of Trade.
- The Town Council are working with the Vale of Glamorgan Council on a asset transfer project and reshaping services projects. Projects include:

Public Toilet Blocks

Car Parks

Stradling Park

What we think we could do better

- Continue to improve the Town Council profile through Multi-media social network sites (e.g. start using Twitter). Create better links with local newspapers to further promote Town Council activities.
- Encourage 'all' Councillors to use the Cloud to access Agendas and Minutes online to reduce the paper output in the Office.
- To continue to work with and further improve links with voluntary organisations with the town.
- To continue to push forward potential Asset Transfer/Reshaping Services/Grant Funding Projects with the Vale of Glamorgan Council.

Facts and figures

- Despite challenging times Llantwit Major still has the lowest vacancy rates in the Vale of Glamorgan with a figure of 4.45%. This is well below the Welsh average of 13% and UK average of 10%.

- Tourism in Llantwit Major is ever increasing. Many come to the Visitors Centre to obtain information on St Illtud's Church, the Blue Plaque Trail and the Heritage Trail.
- Town Councils to continue to look at ways to promote Llantwit Major as a tourist town in both the vale and nationally. We sold over 160 'Cariad Llanilltud Fawr' Canvas Bags and 60 'Love Llantwit Major' stickers as well as displaying 11 'Love Llantwit Major' flags around the town during the summer months.
- The Town Council have worked with the Vale of Glamorgan Council to install £10,000 of new directional signage in Llantwit Major, showing ways to the Town Centre, Beach and Rail Station.

What was said about us:

"I have worked with the Town Council to renew our Fair Trade Town status. I have found the Town Council staff and councillors to be approachable, friendly, helpful and professional. All minutes of meetings and documents relating to the Fair Trade application have been accurate and efficiently produced. Meetings have been well focused, productive and effectively run".

Chris Westoby

Town Hall Wedding Venue



CCTV installed in the Town Hall



'Love Llantwit Major' Flags



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

What we think we did well:

- The Town Council are now responsible for organising the Remembrance Parade each year for the town which involves over 20+ organisations and 1000 spectators. The Poppy Wall Hanging is placed outside the Town Hall to commemorate Remembrance Day which over 400 local residents helped to make.
- The Town Council is at present organising VE Day 75 Celebrations for the town. Once again residents and school children are coming together to make bunting for display around the Old Town, local businesses are sponsoring the event and some provide refreshment for all the activities planned over the bank holiday weekend.
- The Town Council ran a project that designed, manufactured and installed a Sculpture out of British Steel by the Roundabout on the Northern Access By- Pass along the B4265. Various organisations/businesses were involved in the Project including Gwyneth Price (Artist), AP Engineering and Alun Griffiths Ltd. The Sculpture depicts the Artists image of Llantwit Major today.
- The Town Mayor organised the fifth Annual Mayors Youth Concert, highlighting the musical talent of the children of Llantwit Major and the surrounding area.
- Town Councillors supported the re-establishment of the Town Twinning Committee and some Councillors are part of the September 2020 visit planned to Le Pouliguen, France to further encourage and develop links with the French town.
- All new signs displayed in our Town Council Buildings and Open Spaces are written in both Welsh and English.

- The Town Council continue to care and maintain their listed Buildings (Town Hall, Old School and Cenotaph) working with CADW and the Vale of Glamorgan Council to ensure the buildings comply with the architectural/historical regulations/guidelines.
- The local History Society house their archive room in one of our premises. The archive room is open once a week to residents and visitors.
- Canvas Bags, Car Stickers and Flags produced for promoting tourism within the town were bi-lingual (half of the merchandise was printed with Welsh wording and half English wording)
- 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 stronger links with the Town Councils of Le Pouliguen, France and Llantwit Major.
- The Town Council Staff and Councillors try to improve their knowledge and use of the Welsh Language.
- The Town Council Staff improve their knowledge of the history of Llantwit Major for visitors that come into the Town Hall for tourist information.

Facts and figures

- Over 1000 people attended the Remembrance Parade marching through the town with a Service held around the Cenotaph.
- Over 500 people will take part in the VE Day 75 Celebrations.

What was said about us:

"I would like to thank you and the town Council for all your hard work working alongside the Llantwit Major Branch of the Royal British Legion and MOD St Athan with regards to organising the Remembrance Parade 2019 and the total effort you have put into the organisation of the forthcoming VE Day celebrations. The Council had to take over the Remembrance Parade organisation due to the fact that the Royal British Legion Head Office stating that branches could no longer be the organisers of such events, the council took on this mantle without any hesitation which shows how they hold these important events in such high esteem. The preparation of the VE Day celebrations has shown again how the council and other organisations can work hand in hand to deliver a symbolic event, it must be said that the council members and staff have carried out most of the work to deliver yet another event that the whole town can be involved with." ***Roger Elliot***

"Major Music and myself in particular have worked very closely on organising the annual Mayor's Youth Concert. I am always impressed with their professionalism, their attention to detail and making themselves approachable at all times. As a result the concert runs very smoothly and is very well attended. The Town Council are also very helpful if I am organising a fundraiser either by helping with questions I have or by advertising my events throughout the town". ***Alyson Jones***

Sculpture erected along the B4265



Mayors Youth Concert



CHAPTER SEVEN: A GLOBAL RESPONSIBLE LLANTWIT MAJOR

What we think we did well:

- That the Town Council continue to promote Llantwit Major as a plastic free town. They continue to offer a water refill point in the Town Hall and a point to drop of all plastic milk bottle tops for recycling.
- The Town Council try to reduce the usage off plastic items by using carboard cups straws at events.
- The Town Council designed and produced 200 canvas shopping bags depicting the 'Love Llantwit Major' logo. This is to encourage residents to use recyclable bags for shopping and promoting our town as environmentally friendly.
- There are now over 96 Allotment Plots run and regularly inspected by the Town Council. The Town Council ensure all Tenants and Council Staff follow and adhere to the recommended environmental guidelines.
- The Town Council run a Best Front Garden Competition and School Garden Competition to encourage the town to grow their own fruit and vegetables.
- The Town Council promote Fairtrade and use Fairtrade Tea, Coffee, Chocolate and sugar at all events to support the social and environmental standards of developing countries.
- The Town Council are still working with the Vale of Glamorgan Council re the asset transfer of Stradling Park. A disused and overgrown small pocket park in the centre of Llantwit Major. The Town Council wish to take this over and create an environmentally attractive area for the residents of Llantwit Major.
- All new indoor and outside furniture installed by the Town Council (where possible) is made from recyclable material (e.g. Plant Boxes in the Town Hall, Benches in the Cemetery and Seaview Park).

- We recycle weekly all waste cardboard/paper and plastic that accumulates in the Town Hall Office. All shredded paper is taken up to the Allotment Site for tenants to use as mulch on the Allotment Plots.
- West Street Pool is thriving, and more fish and wildlife are now living in the pond. The two Koi Karp, rescued from Dyffryn Gardens are healthy and have been on the pond for over 2 years. Jemima the duck sadly passed away however the pond is now regularly visited by wild ducks. A Contractor is annually employed to clean the pond to ensure its continuing preservation for the future.
- Continue to provide recycled poo bags in the Office. Encouraging resident of the town to pick up their dog faeces.
- The Town Council employ Daily litter picks of all their parks and open spaces.
- The Town Council created a new wildlife flower bed outside Llantonian Hall.
- All lights/bulbs/external lamp posts are now replaced with LED or solar lighting.
- Successfully opened the Recreation Field as a 'Field in Trust' Site. No development can be undertaken on the field for 100 years.
- Provided an Annual Grant to Llanilltud Fawr in Flower so they can continue to provide flower displays throughout the town centre.
- **What we think we could do better:**
- We will continue to look at ways of supporting sustainable approaches in recycling, waste management and use of resources.
- Further develop our range of Fairtrade products within the Office (e.g. Cleaning products, stationary).
- Re-establish ties with the Chamber of Trade, now the new Committee has been elected, to work together to further promote our goal of making our town plastic free and fairtrade.

- Continue to work with Plant Llantwit to plant and maintain saplings/hedgerows on Town Council land.

Facts and figures

- 6 new sapling trees planted in Seaview Park.
- Over 96 Allotment Plots with a Waiting list of 20 residents.
- Over 12 entries in the 2019 Best Front Garden Competition.

• What was said about us:

“So great for the town that the Recreation Field is a Field in Trust Site. So nice to know that an area of open space cannot be developed on for houses or a retail park” LM resident

“The West End Pool is a wonderful asset to the residents of Llantwit Major. Many families, walkers etc visit daily for the wildlife and unique surroundings. Llantwit Major Town Council ensure the cleaning, maintenance and the complete upkeep of the pond, are part of their regular commitment. It is testament to Llantwit Major Town Council that the pond is such good condition for all to enjoy”. Patricia Lancaster

Recreation Field opened as a Field in Trust Site



West Street Pool



Allotment Site



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 bringing 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 the 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.
- 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 of 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 continue to actively support the Chamber of Trade and work with local businesses to improve and shape local services within the town.
3. The Town Council provide Grants to assist with funding local organisations (e.g. Boys Brigade, Llantwit Major Brownies and Llantwit Major Scouts, LM10K) to continue to provide a service to the community.
4. Town Council continue to support many local organisations including Major Music, the Dementia Café, Fair Trade Forum, Town Twinning Committee, Llanilltud Fawr in Flower, Christmas Lights Committee, the Tennis Club and the Bowls Club to assist with their reforming, continuation or further development.

What will take longer to achieve?

1. To continue to try and improve relations with organisations and businesses within the Town and find ways to get more people involved within their community.
2. To continue to support local organisations and businesses (such as the Chamber of Trade, Llantwit Major Dementia Friends, Fair Trade Forum, Plant Llantwit, Christmas Light Committee, Events Group etc).

3. To further promote our Town Council facilities and Parks to provide opportunities of organisations within the community to tackle 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. Getting organisations to work together for the benefit of the community.
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. Successfully completed a Welsh Government Grant to provide pedestrian lighting around the Recreation Field. A lit up path to provide safe access to pedestrians accessing the town centre. The Grant also resurfaced four tennis courts and extended a Sports Pavilion providing sport facilities for the residents of our community at affordable prices
2. We have offered free children and ladies boot camp exercise classes in 2019 at two of our venues in the town, Seaview Park and the Recreation Field.
3. We offer reduced rates to various organisations who hire our venues (e.g. Parkinson's Group, Pensioners Club). We also offer reduced rates for all Charity organisations hiring our facilities.
4. We offer Annual Grants to organisations to ensure Community Groups are supported (e.g. local Brownies and Scout Packs). Providing children with access to after school activities.
5. We provided a 'Happy to Chat' Bench outside the Town Hall. A place where those in a vulnerable position can sit, talk and be offered support by residents of the town.
6. Continue to provide 96 Allotment Plots at very low rates for residents of the Town. This includes providing plots for local organisations (e.g. Plant Llantwit) and locals with learning disabilities, to provide a place where they can learn new skills at affordable prices. The average price of an Allotment plot for a year in 2019 was £13.00, this includes water rates and general maintenance and cutting of the paths by the Town Council.

7. The Town Council has, with the assistance of a Sports Wales Grant, managed to install new musical inclusive play equipment in both of their parks. All new equipment purchased/ if possible is inclusive equipment.

What we can start doing today?

1. To continue to source Grant and Fund opportunities to provide additional services and community events for our town.
2. To liaise with the community (i.e. through written questionnaires and social media apps) on how as a Town Council we can improve our town and tackle inequalities within our community.
3. The Town Council continue to work with community groups and businesses at ways to improve the services within our town.
4. To provide further community events for the town (e.g. Annual Pantomime, VE Day Celebrations, look into putting on an Open Air Cinema event) for all sectors on the community encouraging social and educational learning.
5. Promote more widely the Town Council facilities. To publicise and advertise our Halls to encourage the community to take part in classes ranging from Yoga to Archaeology.
6. Work with the Vale of Glamorgan Council Youth Services team to provide more activities (e.g. sports clubs, holiday camps) for the children of Llantwit Major.

What will take longer to achieve?

1. Working together with all organisations / businesses of the town to improve equality in the Community.
2. Continue to look at ways to improve our environment (e.g. working with Plant Llantwit, Vale of Glamorgan Council).
3. Use our facilities further to provide better use of our facilities for the under privileged.
4. Continue to support and develop our play parks and sport facilities. Look at further funding opportunities to provide free sport activities for the community.

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. A project that is being considered to fulfil this brief is regeneration of Stradling Park, an overgrown park in the heart of Llantwit Major.

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. The Town Council support the Youth Council financially 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. Two Councillors regularly attend the Youth Council Meetings.
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 (e.g. Boys Brigade, Llantwit Major Brownies) providing after school activities for children of the Town.
5. The Town Council are working with the Tennis Club to produce a Grant Application to apply for funding to install floodlighting on all four tennis courts. Providing opportunities for play all year round and provide opportunities for other sport groups/organisations to use the area for after school activities.
6. Ran free exercise classes for children at Seaview Park during the summer months.

7. Continue to maintain and upkeep two play parks on the Recreation Field. Have installed inclusive/musical equipment for both parks with funding from a sports development grant.

What will take longer to deliver?

1. To work with the Vale of Glamorgan Council to offer Town Council facilities to provide better and more regular Play Scheme Activities for Llantwit Major children during all holiday periods and provide additional after school clubs for children (e.g. children's running groups, girls netball etc).
2. Continue to work with the MOD St Athan and Annington Homes to look at creating a Play Park for teenagers 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 (e.g. 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 in Llantwit Major becoming 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. The Recreation Field became the final piece of Town Council Green Open space land to be registered and officially opened as a Field in Trust Site.
2. The Town Council are in the process of working with the Vale of Glamorgan Council to complete an asset transfer to take over the running of Stradling Park, an area of overgrown wasteland and transform it with wild flowers and shrubs and create an open space/relaxation area for the residents of Llantwit Major.
3. The Town Council continue to support making Llantwit Major a plastic free town. They have produced 'Love Llantwit Major' Canvas Bags for people to buy and use instead of purchasing plastic bags from retailers.
4. The Town Council aim to renew in 2020 the towns Fairtrade status. Encouraging shops and businesses to stock fair trade products and residents/local organisations to buy fair trade to protect our environment.
5. The Town Council offer a water refill point at the Town Hall.
6. The Town Council continue to run 96 Allotment Plots, providing opportunities for residents to grow their own fruit and vegetables. There is in 2019 a waiting list of 20 people.
7. The Town Council continue to maintain the towns historic monument, the Cenotaph. It is cleaned twice yearly. We maintain and repair our listed buildings the Old School and the Town Hall. The Town Council applied and was approved a Planning Application to install new guttering around the Town Hall. It was replaced with lead guttering in keeping with the original materials.

What will take longer to deliver?

1. The Town Council continue to work with various organisations to fulfil environmental projects for the Town. We are working with the Chamber of Trade to promote tourism, make our town plastic free and regaining our Fair Trade status. The Town Council are liaising with Plant Llantwit to establish a programme to replant trees and shrubs throughout the town.
2. Continue to look at future projects to assist both with tourism and help the environment. Projects include Electric Bikes in the town, further bike trails and trying to establish and maintain footpaths in the town through the Footpath Forum Committee.
3. Continue to maximise the benefit of our environment by continuing to promote our town as a place to visit. Further develop the 'Love Llantwit Major' theme. Continue to try to develop Llantwit Major as a tourist town to visit in the Vale for walking, cycling, the beach, historical landmarks, shopping and place to come to eat and socialise. The Town Council need to develop stronger links with the Chamber of Trade, Businesses and local/national organisations to further promote and build our town status.
4. Continue to adapt the Town Council assets to maximise their potential for community use as well 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

Whilst the Annual Report was being collated for 2019/2020 the town and country faced the unprecedented challenges faced with the outbreak of the coronavirus epidemic.

For 2020 the Town Council's main priority will be to help the community anyway they can during this difficult time.

A database of volunteers, support workers and delivery services for the community has been set up and will be maintained by the Town Council as long as is required, working 7 days a week to ensure a service is provided in the town for those in self isolation.

The Town Council will continue to review and adapt the services provided dependent on future government guidelines.

The Town Council will also face new challenges now Brexit has been finalised. The impact of leaving the EU is uncertain for Town Councils and may impact on the funding available to our local community from both the Borough, Welsh Government and the United Kingdom.

The Town Council also face challenges from the Vale of Glamorgan Council with potential reshaping service project and asset transfers of land. This will impact on the Councils workload and manpower.

Whilst undertaking the challenges above it is important the Town Council maintain and develop their existing buildings and open spaces. Look at better ways to promote our Halls and Buildings for weddings/ social/business and community events. Further investigation must be undertaken to find alternative social media platforms to promote our assets and events so all categories of our populations are able to see what is on in our town. The Town Council must make

the community aware of what their Town Council does and who their local Councillors are.

The Town Council must continue to find ways to encourage all organisation within our community to work together to promote their town to help to increase business and tourism to the area.

2020/2021 is going to provide many new challenges for the Town Council. The Town Council must be the focal point of the town, working with all organisations to ensure our town is safe and economically sound whilst further promoting our town as a place to come and visit.

Project undertaken 2019/2020

1	New extension to Sports Pavilion
2	Street Lights on Recreation Field
3	Tennis courts resurfaced
4	Fencing around tennis courts
5	Musical Play equipment in Llantonian Park
6	CCTV installed in Town Hall
7	Guttering around Town Hall
8	Organised Remembrance Sunday
9	Wedding Receptions and marriage ceremonies now available in Council Chamber/Town Hall
10	Sculpture constructed and installed
11	Compass Building renovation and hiring out to local organisations
12	Recycled benches purchased and installed
13	Stradling park – initial investigation to take over from Vale of Glamorgan Council
14	Reshaping Services – looking into taking over Car Parks / Toilet Blocks from Vale of Glamorgan Council
15	Renewing Llantwit Majors Fair Trade status
16	Organising VE Day Celebrations for the town
17	Running Youth Concert for town
18	Best Front Garden Competition
19	Running Mayors Charity events (including Murder Mystery Night, Sunday Lunch, Quiz/ Coffee Mornings)
20	Supported & liaised re Christmas Lighting up in town
21	Supported continuation of Youth Council
22	Ran children's free exercise classes
23	Continue to administer /progress reinstating footpath in Trebeferad
24	Promoted Llantwit Major with producing flags , bags, stickers depicting 'Love Llantwit'
25	Old Headmasters Study refurbished and rented out to local counselling service for the community
26	Purchased large 'Love Llantwit' flags for displaying throughout the town

27	Coordinating volunteer / supporters database during coronavirus outbreak
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Projects supported 2019 to 2020

1	Town Twinning Association
2	Chamber of Trade
3	Plant Llantwit
4	LM10K
5	Happy to Chat Bench
6	Grant Aid donations given to various local organisations including BB / Brownies etc

Bright festive lights illuminate Llantwit Major for Christmas

IT was a great warm white cluster lights, with the Llantwit Major last Saturday, November 30, as the town was packed all day – culminating with the switching on of the Christmas lights.

This year, the lights were switched on by Sam and Shauna of the Hang Fire Southern Kitchen, who started out in a small shop in Llantwit. The switch on, a lantern parade started at CF61 and made its way to the town hall.

They were accompanied for the switch on by the Mayor of Llantwit Major, Cllr. Bob Gant. The town hall and town square was lit up by thousands of

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'Town's community ethos shines through'

LLLANTWIT Major is fortunate to have lots of independent shops with business owners who are very committed to the town. They offer a friendly, personal service and helpful

advice. Supporting local shops boosts the local economy because the money stays in the town.

We also have great pubs, restaurants and cafes where people will receive a warm welcome and can relax and have a coffee, snack or meal.

A visit to Llantwit

can also involve a visit to historical sites, the beach or the magnificent coastline.

One of the great things about the town is its community ethos. We are fortunate to have voluntary organisations such as Llanlltud Fawr in Flower, which works to make the town centre look good throughout the year.

The strength of the local community was demonstrated recently by the way local residents worked to revive the tennis club; there are lots of other thriving sports and community clubs in the town.

Llantwit Major Town Council continues to work very hard to improve local facilities and was awarded £181,000 in grant aid from various organisations in the past year



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which enabled a new sports pavilion to be built adjacent to the bowls pavilion and, of course, new state-of-the-art tennis courts have been created.

'Don't delay green schemes' urges Llantwit Major campaigning group

THE chairman of a local campaign group said he hopes Llantwit Major Town Council will act quickly on environmental issues.

Plant Llantwit aims to plant 1,000 trees in the local area, along with a mile of hedgerow, but its chairman Gareth Jones told The GEM he is concerned there might be delays.

He explained: "The town council wants to spread our planting over 10 to 15 years when all the experts are saying 'act now'. How can this be so controversial?"

"We had high hopes of planting a significant number of trees in Sea View Park this autumn, but these plans have been dashed by the council who voted by a large majority against

it – in favour of four or five trees and a short length of hedge this year. They want a phased introduction of more trees over the next 10 to 15 years.

"This seems hard to understand when multiple climate change experts are calling for immediate action and state that we only have a small window, up to 2030, in which to try to prevent increasing temperature levels spiralling out of control."

Mr Jones said that at a time when record 45.9-degree temperatures had hit France, he was anxious that councillors should recognise the threat posed by climate change.

In response to Mr Jones' concerns, Llantwit Town Council released a statement explaining that it had not

voted against the proposal and had suggested a way forward.

The statement said: "An individual wrote to the town council requesting permission to plant a significant number of trees in Seaview Park."

"Councillors discussed the letter and suggested she liaise with Plant Llantwit to look at working with them as they had the same objectives."

"Plant Llantwit have approached the council seeking clarification of the land owned by the town council. It was recommended that they receive advice from the Woodland Trust and Vale Council planning department who have officers in this area of expertise. It would also be beneficial to speak to Persimmon and Barrett

Homes, as well as the Northern Access Road developers, who are all currently working in the area."

"Once areas have been identified and planting and maintenance plans drawn up, the town council would be more than happy to meet with them."

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Mayor's 'thank you' to Victorian fair organisers

LLANTWIT Major Mayor Cllr Robert Gant has thanked the town's events group for organising the successful Victorian fair.

Cllr Gant said: "I want to thank everyone who supported the Victorian fair day. It gave me great pleasure to officially open the event."

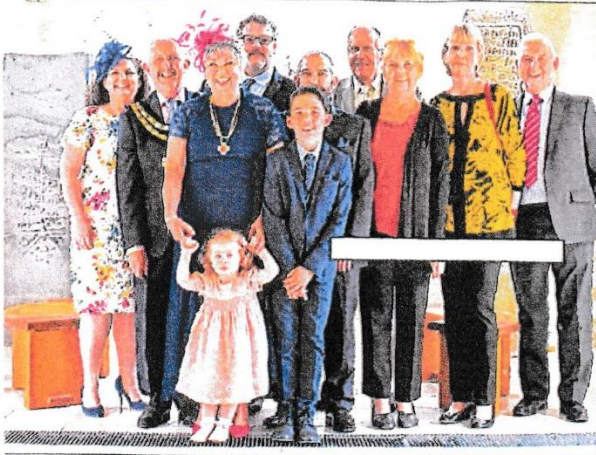
"Checking the history of this event, it was established in 1983 and it is a credit to past and present organisers that the event continues today. Thanks to the events team who provided a full programme of events throughout the day."

"Also, thanks go to all the shops, stall holders and sponsors who supported the event and entered into the spirit of it. It was wonderful to meet so many people not just locally, but from as far afield as the USA. I do hope everyone had an enjoyable day and will take away fond memories of it."

There's more information on Llantwit Major events group on Facebook.



Llantwit Major's Town Mayor's Civic Service is well-attended



On July 21, Llantwit Major Town Council held their Civic Service for the Town Mayor, Cllr Robert Gant. The service was well attended with the rd Lieutenant, Vale MP Alun Cairns, the AM Jane Hutt and Mayors and councillors from across the Vale present. The Service was held in St Illtud's Church, Llantwit Major and conducted by Father Craig Vaughan. Cllr Gant was accompanied by his consort, Cllr Gant and the Deputy Town Mayor, Cllr Gervyn Thomas and his consort, Mrs Thomas. Chains of office were carried by Cllr Gant's daughter and grandson, Clare and Sebastian, as well as Cllr Thomas' grandson, Fraser.

Readings were given by Cllr Gant's daughter and son, Clare and Justin. Standards included the Boys' Brigade, the Brownies and Rainbows, Scouts and Cubs, 2300 (St Athan) Squadron, Boverton WI and Llantwit Major Royal British Legion. A poignant moment during the service was a ceremony held to lay-up the old Royal British Legion standard and dedicate the new standard. This was followed by the Act of Remembrance, with a bugle sounding the Last Post and Reveille. The Town Mayor extended his special thanks to Father Craig Vaughan and the choir of St Illtud's Church, led by Lynn Brown, for their contribution to the service.

Flying the flag in Llantwit Major!



One of the colourful flags on display in Llantwit Major.

THE Town Study Steering Group (a committee made up of the Town Council, local organisations and businesses) have just completed a project to design, purchase and install 'Love Llantwit Major' and 'Caru Llanilltud Fawr' flags around the town. The 10 flags will be left up throughout the summer to provide additional colour to the area, promote tourism and act as a gateway leading visitors to all areas of our historic town. A spokesman from the Steering Group said: "We would like to say a big thank you to Darren Wills of Treganna Designs for kindly designing our flag free of charge. Also, a further thank you to all the shops and restaurants that kindly allowed us to put up the flags outside their premises. "The group are hoping to investigate using the 'Love Llantwit Major' design further to produce cotton bags, car stickers and key rings to further promote Llantwit Major to residents and visitors to our wonderful town."

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500 people are out running in the Llantwit Major 5k and 10k races

ALMOST 500 runners of all ages were in Llantwit Major on Bank Holiday Saturday morning to take part in the annual 10k and 5k Races.

This year the event was held in near tropical conditions, making the multi-terrain course incorporating the Heritage Coast Path more demanding than usual.

Despite the heat, competitors recorded some impressive times in both races. Medals were presented to all runners at the finish by the Mayor of Llantwit Major, Cllr Bob Gant and the Deputy Mayor, Cllr Gervyn Thomas.

The races could not take place without the assistance of Llantwit Major Rugby Club and the main sponsors Llantwit Major Town Council. The organising committee also appreciate the sponsorship of Brecon Carrig and Filco Foods who supplied water to ensure all were well hydrated on the course and at the finish. Thanks also go to Llantwit Major Co-op, who supplied bananas, and Chris Davies Estate Agents.

Donations were also received from Trans Global Group and UK Hydrosides Ltd.

In addition to this, the races would not have been possible without the support of the numerous volunteers out on the course and at the start and finish.

The results were as follows:
10k Male - Dan Bodmin 36.39; Callum Priest 41.21; Christopher Jaynes 41.29.

10k Female - Rebecca George 47.07; Tammy Nurse 49.36; Charlotte Johns 50.38.

5k race: Tom Aufret 25.40; Tom Sheldon 26.40; Joshua Morgan 26.49.

Following the 10k race, the David Synon Memorial Trophy was presented by the race runners parents.

The main events were complemented by the Children's 1k fun run around the rugby field with over 100 young athletes taking part, each of whom received a finisher's medal.

Report by John Deakin.



As you might expect in Llantwit Major, there was a large contingent from the town's running club, the Major Milers. Some of the club's members are photographed above by Andy Wicks.

Remembrance Day in Llantwit



Town's charity youth music concert raises more than £700

ST Illtud's Church was packed on Saturday, February 1 to watch the fifth annual Town Mayor's Youth Concert.

The audience were entertained by performers in styles ranging from opera to rock, with a pianist, a cellist and a harpist all providing a memorable evening of music.

The evening was compered by Alex Zalassair. The following individual and groups then entertained the crowd:

- Black Scenes – an up-and-coming Rock Band.

- Monty Huckfield – a young and talented singer who performed an amazing rendition of 'We will Rock You'.

- Rhianna Hogg – a female vocalist.

- Heledd and Rhys Wynn Newton – who performed a harp and cello duet.

- Llantwit Major Comprehensive School – performed shows from their up and coming summer show Les Misérables.

- Pendoylan School Choir – beautiful harmonies performed by the school choir.

- Elinor Macdonald Gent – a female vocalist.

- Tonus Boyles – an excellent piano recital.

- Atlantic College – once again they performed a fabulous set.

A council spokesperson said: "Our thanks go to Major Music and Alyson Jones who organised and provided all the backing music and equipment for the event for the town. Also, to Canon Edwin Counsel who kindly allowed us to use St Illtud's Church as a venue which provided a memorable setting for the evening."

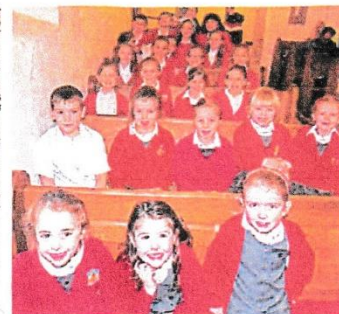
"The Llantwit Major Mayor, Cllr Bob Gant, was raising money for his chosen charities of Woody's Lodge, Vale Plus and Llantwit Major Stroke Support Group. Over £700 was raised on the evening to support these worthy charities."

"A big thank you again to all the performers and helpers who once again put on a night of great entertainment for the town of Llantwit Major."

Photos taken by Andy Wicks



ABOVE: Rock band Black Scenes



ABOVE: Pendoylan School Choir.



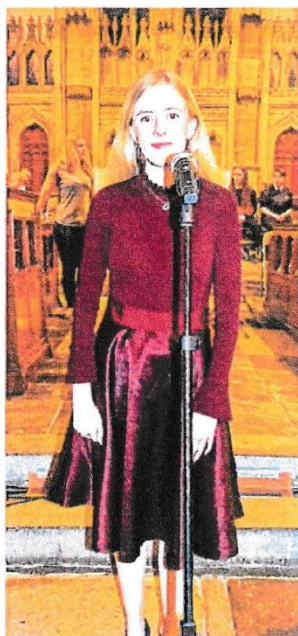
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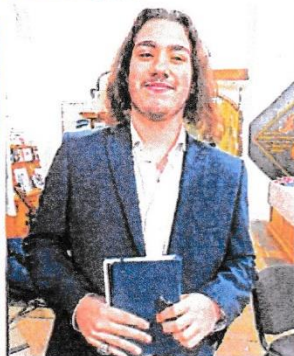
RIGHT: Rhianna Hogg and Monty Huckfield.



LEFT: Cllr Bob Gant and consort.



ABOVE: Elinor Macdonald Gent



ABOVE: Master of ceremonies Alex Zalassair.

Young musicians star in concert at the Senedd



THE annual Music in the Vale competition for young singers and instrumentalists held a concert in the Senedd sponsored by Vale AM Jane Hutt on October 3.

With harpists, singers, cellists, a flautist and cornet player the concert was warmly received by the audience, including renowned opera singer Rebecca Evans who is Patron of the music charity.

Pictured above are: Jane Hutt, Rebecca Evans, Cllr Robert Gant, Mayor of Llantwit Major Town Council, and the prize winners of the Vale of Glamorgan Young Musicians

Llantwit Major Horticultural Show is full of colour and imagination



ON Saturday, August 17, the Llantwit Major Horticultural Society presented its 45th annual flower and vegetable show to the people of our town and the neighbouring villages from our new venue in the Llantwit Hall, writes show secretary Tim Prior.

The growing year beforehand had similarities and challenging conditions to last year, weather extremes not hugely enjoyed if you are a gardener or grower relying on consistency. The recent winds and rains were most unwelcome for our budding flower arrangers, it also caused havoc in the vegetable patches. With this in mind I have great admiration for the 37 exhibitors that created the wonderful displays.

Our Society would like to thank the following businesses for their support and contributions. Our show sponsor Filco Supermarkets and the MADL fund. Raffle prizes were gratefully received from Waitrose and Partners Cowbridge, Topstak, The Co-Operative Group, D.T.Browns, Pugh's Garden Village Wenvoe, Filco Supermarket Llantwit Major and LMHS members. We also thank our exhibitors, our visitors and the supporters who worked tirelessly throughout the day. All of you made the day for our community.

There were a total of 207 exhibits, this was slightly down on last year as some of our previous exhibitors had other long-standing arrangements. However the quality more than made up for this shortfall, well done to you all for keeping the standards high. The judges were very pleased with all the exhibits on show, an expression that we all felt on walking around the displays. Our

produce judge Mrs Sheena Sarjeant was impressed with the quality and quantity of home produce that she had to judge, and it must have been a veritable delight sampling the many cakes, jams, marmalades, chutneys, home brews and the fine cakes made by the children.

Along the vegetable and fruit tables there were pears, plums, apples and onions, sweetcorn, beetroot, cabbages and cucumbers, giant runner beans and many more. We had imaginative exhibits in the children's section and from our novice vegetable growers.

Ella Stark, Phoebe Thomas (aged 3) touched hearts with their baking, miniature gardens, animals made from fruit and vegetables and foliage displays. For the first time we had a children's class of five different vegetables and this was won by Daniel Winter-Hartley.

There were more novice items which is encouraging and the overall winner was the Nicholas Harter-Watts from Wick. Within the show were exhibitors Liz Renton, Sylvia Comben, Cath Thomas, Jarrod Windsor, Annabel and Bill Aspinall all receiving prize money. Chris Jones won Best in Show and the best flower exhibit. Tim Prior won the best vegetable exhibit with five matching onions and was awarded with the National Vegetable Societies silver medal.

The Chamber of Trade plaque was awarded to Alison Leach who also won the prestigious RJS Banksian medal for the most money won in classes 1 to 47 an outstanding achievement. The Top Vase of mixed flowering stems, a beautiful arrangement won by Janice Simmonite. Chris Jones again excelled winning trophies and cups for most points in the floral classes, decoratives and lastly overall winner in the Home produce section. Well done Chris.

Elaine Brown won the D.T.Brown cup for most entries, 19 in all and the best fruit exhibit, fantastic. The LMHS has one award which should have a large 'E' for effort on it and it is awarded to the individual(s) who over the months have maintained an allotment in Llanmaes Road. This has been awarded to Chris Burford, congratulations.

One young exhibitor was all successful in winning prizes, large red rosettes and certificates of excellence. The LMHS cups and trophies were presented by our society chairman Bill Lee on behalf of Filco Supermarkets.

This year Llantwit Major Town Council re-instigated the competition of 'The best kept front garden' for our community, private gardens loved by the owners and shared with us. The eventual winner after judging was Paula Kirkham, many congratulations Paula. The Mayor of Llantwit Major Councillor Robert Gant presided in presenting the Town Council Cup to her.

We hope that our exhibitors enthusiasm will encourage more flower and vegetable growers to add to our show of next year which will be held on the 15th August 2020. You do not have to be a LMHS member to exhibit so why not give it a try!

Please note, all the photographs were taken by Matt Fallows of the Vale Photographic Club and a large selection can be viewed on the Society website at: www.llantwit-major-horticultural-society.com. You can also visit our website and find out about the lectures, trips and meetings

New Town Mayor for Llantwit Major

ON Thursday, May 9 the Annual Meeting of Llantwit Major Town Council took place when Cllr Robert Gant was elected Town Mayor for 2019/20 and named his wife, Lynne Gant, as his Consort.

Cllr Gerwyn Thomas was elected deputy Town Mayor.

Cllr Gant said: "Thank you to my fellow town councillors for considering me worthy for the post of Mayor, it is a great honour and privilege. Many congratulations to my predecessor, Cllr Dr Ellis, for a very successful year as Town Mayor."

"In particular, I would like to commend Cllr Dr Ellis on re-establishing the Llantwit Major



Twinning Committee."

Cllr Gant confirmed he will continue with the objective set last year: "To make Llantwit Major a safer, healthier and more sustainable

town in which to live".

Cllr Gant has nominated Llantwit Major Stroke Support Group, Llantwit Major Vale Plus and Woody's Lodge as his three chosen charities.

Llantwit Youth Council win Keep Wales Tidy award



CONGRATULATIONS to on behalf of FEE (The Foundation for Llantwit Youth Council who Environmental Education).

are the winners of the Wrigley Litter Less Campaign National Award 2019.

The Youth Council's Litter Report was awarded first place for the Article 15-18 Category.

Young Reporters for the Environment Litter Less Campaign in an international journalism competition run by Keep Wales Tidy or Facebook page.

Early festivities for Christmas group



MAYOR of committee chairman, Llantwit Major, John McCarthy, with Cllr Bob Grant, and deputy mayor of the Vale, Cllr Jayne Norman, attended the Llantwit Major Community Christmas Committee's fundraising afternoon last Saturday at Llantwit Hall. At the get-together, the town's festive lights and trees.

Vale MP's Dementia Friends session



ON Friday, May 31 Vale MP Alun Cairns delivered a Dementia Friends briefing session to a group of carers and constituents in Bethel Baptist Church, Llantwit Major.

Mr Cairns also worked with Llantwit Major Dementia Friends to organise another session last week for local businesses at Llantwit Hall.

The Alzheimer's Society's Dementia Friends programme is the biggest-ever initiative to change people's perceptions of dementia. It aims to transform the way

With participants able to attend a face-to-face briefing session or watch the online video, Dementia Friends is about learning more about dementia and the small ways you can help. From telling friends about the programme to visiting someone you know living with dementia, every action counts.

Mr Cairns has recently become a Dementia Friends Champion, meaning he can independently deliver Dementia Friends sessions. He said: "I want to thank everyone who attended the briefing. It was really encouraging to see members of our community in attendance who are keen to learn about how we can support people

for participants to share ideas, which was useful in finding ways to continue making progress in Llantwit."

Sue Phelps, country director of Alzheimer's Society Cymru said: "To date there are 2.8 million Dementia Friends and over 400 dementia-friendly communities in the UK, with more people learning about the condition every day."

"Dementia Friends aims to tackle stigma around dementia and make Wales a better place to live with dementia. We are delighted that Alun Cairns has chosen to become a dementia champion and improve the lives of people living with dementia in

Come to the bright lights of Llantwit Major!

THERE are so festive season there many reasons to are a whole lot of visit Llantwit Major extras. The pace of life is calmer, and you can take your time when out

browsing for presents. Llantwit also offers a number of excellent places to stop and take a break - with a wide range of cafes,

pubs, and restaurants. And of course, there is the history to be found in the old town centre, all so close together and with St Illtud's Church and the Galilee Chapel at its centre.

This year, on Saturday, November 30, the highlight of the pre-Christmas build-up will be the switching-on of the town's Christmas lights, and there will be extra lights this year, as the Vale Council's Regeneration Team has successfully applied for funding from the Welsh Government.

Leading up to the

lights switch on, which this year will be done by TV chef's Sam and Sharna from the Hangfire Smokehouse, the town's Christmas committee has organised a 'Festival of Lights' - including a lantern parade through the town, and in the town hall, Santa will be in his grotto from 2pm.

The lantern parade will start at 5.15pm, while the lights switch on will be at 6pm.

In and around the town hall, there will be a snow machine, mulled wine, carol singing and an indoor market.

Elsewhere in the

town, around the shopping precinct, the local events committee has arranged more attractions and activities.

There will be children's entertainers and fairground rides, and a stage area where local choirs and bands will be playing.

There will be craft stalls, and the Llantwit Major and Cowbridge Lions will be making their famous burgers, with the proceeds going to charity.

There will be a collection for the Vale of Glamorgan Big Wrap, which aims to provide presents for disadvantaged children and young



people in the Vale. Also, between 10am and 6pm, there will be a charity raffle, and another activity planned is a 'snowman treasure hunt' for children to enjoy. It's a day that is

Murder mystery evening

JOIN in the fun with Llantwit Major Town Mayor's next fundraising event, a Murder Mystery evening in Llantwit Hall.

The Mayor's Murder, presented by Stroke Support Group production company A and Woody's Lodge.

Mr Moose Mystery, will take place on Saturday, November 16 at 7pm. Tickets are available from the Town Hall in Llantwit Major (01446 793707) and all money raised will go to the ValePlus, Llantwit Major

All ready for Llantwit's racing day!



On your marks...

MOST 500 runners of all ages were in Llantwit Major on the 10k Holiday Saturday morning to take part in the annual 10k and 5k Races.

This year the event was held in near tropical conditions, making the 10k-terrain course incorporating the Heritage Coast Path more demanding than usual.

Medals were presented to all runners at the finish by The Mayor of Llantwit Major, Cllr Bob Gant and the Deputy Mayor, Cllr Gerwyn Jones.

For a full report, see page 36, back page.

Find a defibrillator - save a life

LANTWIT Major councillor, Gordon Wilkie, has compiled a list of defibrillators in the area with the hope that this knowledge may help save lives.

Local residents are asked to make themselves familiar with the locations of the defibrillators and if possible, attend a free training course to learn CPR and how to use a defibrillator.

The St Johns Ambulance organisation are happy to provide occasional cup training courses in the community, providing there is a suitable gamiser and venue for training and a group has sufficient numbers to attend each training course.

It is intended to run free CPR/defibrillator training courses from

January 2020 and it is hoped the town council will agree to organise them. Defibrillators can be found at:

Boverton: Boverton Castle Public House.

Llundow: Village Hall;

Llantwit Major: Llantwit Major Bowls Club;

Llantwit Major Leisure Centre;

Llantwit Major Police Station;

Llantwit Major Rugby Club;

The White Hart Public House (inside telephone kiosk);

St Athan: Three Horseshoes Public House;

MoD St Athan, East Gate;

MoD St Athan, West Gate;

St Athan Golf Club;

Stigglestone: The Victoria Inn.

Wick: St James Church.



Llantwit Major Town Mayor, Robert Gant, tries out the green at the bowling club.

New bowls club extension opened

TOWN Mayor Cllr Robert Gant officially opened the new extension at Llantwit Major Bowls Club last week with the deputy mayor Gerwyn Jones, Cllr David Powell, Cllr Gordon Wilkie, and Cllr Graham Morgan. The Mayor cut a ribbon before being shown around the new extension by club president Mike Adams, and had a bowl on the green. In fact, the Mayor's bowl was so good, the club is trying to recruit him!

The new extension replaced a small wooden building obtained from the RAF on Wick Road in 1960, which was the

only building until 1974, when the main building was built. The new extension now completes the club with new changing rooms and toilets including disabled facilities, and a new entrance which makes the green more accessible, and allows greater visibility of the green from outside.

The club wishes to thank the town council and staff, and members for all their hard work and help with obtaining grants, raising funds and getting planning permission for the new facility.

For more information on the club, visit www.lmhc.wales, call 01446 311599 or call in.

'Muddy road dangerous' say Llantwit Major councillors

LLANTWIT Major councillors say mud and stones on the roads outside the local Persimmon construction site are making it dangerous for motorists and cyclists.

They also claim the company has failed to abide by the terms of its planning consent and has worked outside the designated hours.

On its website, the house developer is encouraging people to purchase houses at the 'beautiful semi-rural location' of Heritage Park, but one nearby resident, Cllr Peter Dickson, says that while construction is taking place, the environment is far from pleasant.

He explained: "There has been excessive amount of mud and a lot of stones on the road. On May 30, I skidded - it was a misty, wet day. The mud is coming off contractors' vehicles as they leave the site. I saw the road sweeping vehicle up on the Llandow road and it was stationary with the driver reading a paper."

"They are meant to have washing facilities for vehicles, but they are not at the gates as far as I can see. I am particularly concerned about cyclists and motorcyclists who are at much greater risk."

Planning permission includes washing down lorries and keeping the road clean, but Cllr Dickson says that although the Vale Council has issued an enforcement order, the problem persists.

He also says the company has worked outside the agreed hours, starting at 7.30am in the mornings when it should not start operations until 8am, and also working at times on Saturday and Sunday when it should not have.

Cllr Dickson has also complained to the site manager about excessive loud music and bad language.

He added: "My question to the Vale Council is, if you have issued an enforcement notice, why aren't you

taking action?"

Fellow councillor Gwyn John said: "The road cleaning vehicle does not seem to be doing its job - the road has been caked in mud and in wet conditions there's a danger of skidding on it. The Vale Council needs to take action by fining them."

Councillors have met with the site manager, but say the problems still haven't been sorted out.

Cllr Peter King, the Vale Council cabinet member for neighbourhood services and transport, told THE GEM the state of the road was being checked regularly: "Enforcement action has been taken in the form of a breach of condition notice which was served on the site developers in March."

"We have also taken action to address the condition of the highway. The road sweeper was deployed twice on Thursday last week and the state of the road is being regularly monitored."

"We will also investigate reports of a breach to operating hours and check that the developers are meeting all other obligations."

Persimmon Homes issued an apology and said it had spoken to its employees and the on-site contractors.

A spokeswoman said: "We would like to thank residents for their patience, and apologise for any inconvenience or disruption caused."

"We are working hard to ensure the permitted hours of operation are observed by our employees and any contractors working on our behalf, and have reminded them of their responsibilities, and the consequence of failing to comply."

"We have also implemented the measures agreed with the local authority to ensure that any disruption is minimised. These measures include active monitoring of dust, dampening of roads and any dust generating activities, and the operation of a road sweep to remove debris from the carriageway."



Projects of Events during the past year

New Street lights installed in the Recreation Ground



CCTV Installed in and around the Town Hall



Official Opening of the Recreation Field as a Field in Trust Site



Carol Singing with the Councillors



'Love Llantwit Major' Canvas Bags



Newly refurbished Tennis Courts at Sunset



The new Llantwit Major British Legion Flag unveiled during the Mayors Civic Service



LLANTWIT MAJOR TOWN COUNCIL NEWSLETTER

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Mayors Murder Mystery

It's been a successful start to the Mayors Charity events. Starting off with a Coffee Morning back in June followed by a Luncheon at St Athan Golf Club on Sunday 14th of September.

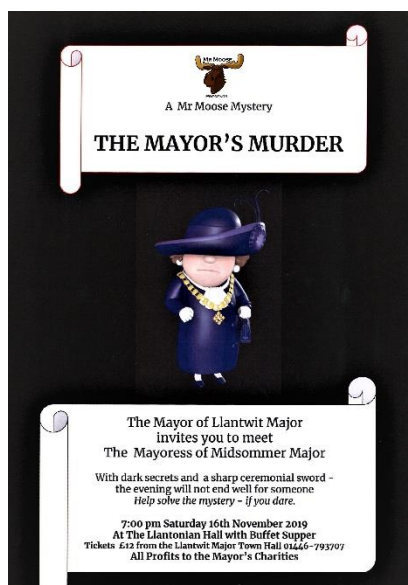
Join in the fun with Llantwit Major Town Mayor's next fundraising event, a Murder Mystery evening in Llantonian Hall.

'The Mayor's Murder', presented by production company A Mr Moose Mystery, will take place on Saturday 16th of November at 7pm.

Tickets are £12 and available from the Town Hall in Llantwit Major (01446 793707). Buffet supper included.

With dark secrets and a sharp ceremonial sword – the evening will not end well for someone. Help solve the mystery – if you dare.

All proceeds will be donated to the Mayors chosen charities; Valeplus, Stroke Association and Woody's Lodge.



Weddings

The Town Hall saw it's fourth and final Wedding of the summer in September. It was wonderful to see the hall decorated so beautifully for each event. Congratulations to all the happy couples.

If you are looking for an alternative, affordable venue, call Llantwit Major Town Council on 01446 793707 or email info@llantwitmajortowncouncil.gov.uk



Online Booking System

You can now view the booking diaries for the venues managed by Llantwit Major Town Council. Please visit our newly refurbished website to check availability on the following venues;

Llantonian Hall, Town Hall (main hall and Heritage Centre), Old School, Compass Building.

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Jack and the Beanstalk

Back by popular demand, it's the return of Gerry Graham Pantos to Llantwit Major.

This year's show is 'Jack and the Beanstalk'. There'll be two performances on Friday, 3rd January 2020 in Llantonian Hall, at 3pm & 5.45pm.

Tickets are available from the Town Hall at £5 per person with under 2's free.



Llantwit First Independents

Llantwit First Independents hold council surgeries at the Old School, Wine Street, Llantwit Major on the first and third Saturday of every month, from 9.30am until 11.30am.

The Councillors are there to give residents help and advice.

Future surgeries are;

2nd and 16th November 2019

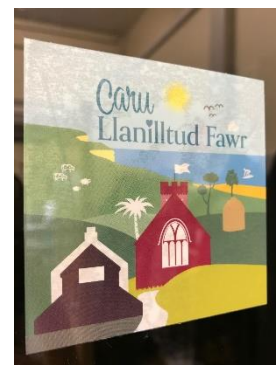
7th and 21st December 2019

4th and 18th of January 2020

Caru Llanilltud Fawr

The Town Study Steering Group having been working hard in coming up with ideas on how to promote our town. After approaching Treganna Design to design the graphics, the steering group decided on flags running through the town, car stickers and reusable shopping bags all promoting the 'Caru Llanilltud Fawr' image.

Shopping bags and car stickers can be purchased from the Town Hall. All funds will be put back into the pot for more promotional merchandise.



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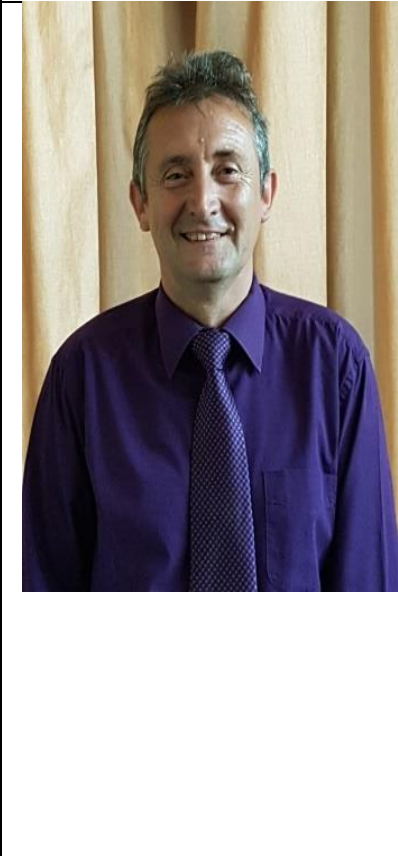


Front Row (Left to Right): Councillor E Williams, Councillor Mrs S Hanks, Councillor G Wilkie, Councillor D Foster, Councillor Mrs J Norman, Councillor D Powell, Councillor Mrs G Hughes, Councillor G Morgan



Back Row (Left to Right): Councillor G John, Councillor G Thomas (Deputy Town Mayor), Councillor B Gant (Mayor), Mrs Lynne Gant (Mayors Consort), Councillor Dr D Ellis, Councillor J Evans

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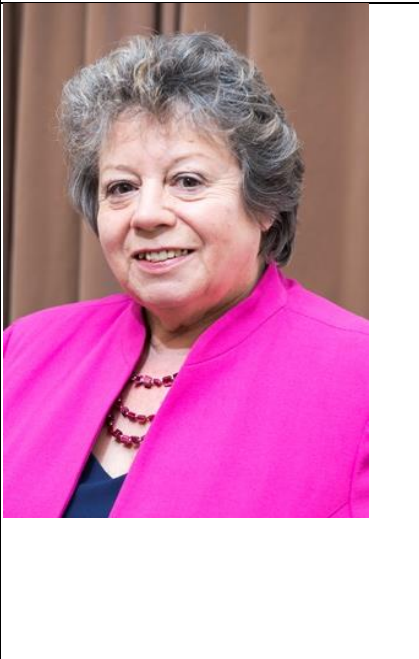
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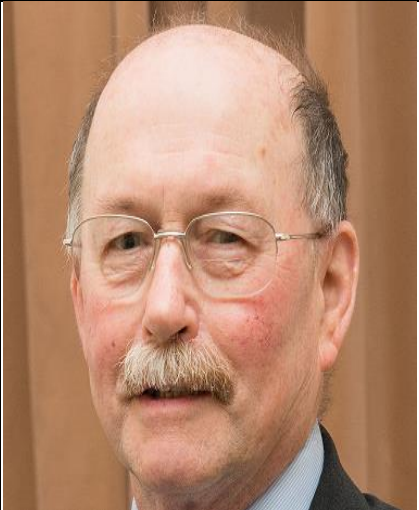

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