

County Councillors Report - September 2018

Have reported several potholes leading up to the Llanboidy railway crossing just after the Whitland Town Council September meeting. Reported minor potholes around Whitland Town and Henllanfallteg and discrepancies in drain cover edges on King Edward street.

Attended a meeting of the Hywel Dda University Health Board at Carmarthenshire County Council Chamber on the 26th September which was webcast and publicised by TV and radio. Option C was voted out and further consultation with the public about community based options need to be considered alongside finance for a new build. Another meeting of the HDUHB was to be held in private on the 27th September to consider A and B in more detail. Have already raised to the Medical Director the possibilities of reinstating the Cardi Bach line as a route from Ceredigion to CCC via Pembrokeshire. I have hard copies of the presentation for Cllrs information and they are visible as a webcast for six months on the CCC website.

A request for a disabled bay has been actioned on behalf of a resident. This takes time as all requests are gathered to submit together to WAG by CCC. Pavement on Spring Gardens needs to be installed once last plot developed but a site meeting is to be held to bring this forward if possible due to trip hazards. Following up tarmac of the island in the Car park behind the Rugby Club as that is also untidy and a trip hazard. It has been previously requested. Involved with Planning enforcement issues involving garage and noise. Motability scooter batteries issue for resident. Suggested fibre optics UK grant for rural areas be utilised on old railway tracks. A dilapidated property may be brought back into use via CCC. Dealt with a hedge removal complaint. No litter notices requested by the St John street cash point (or bin could be placed nearby) and a matter for Town Councillors.

Attended the Foster Panel, Planning, Social Care and Health, Communities Committees and Full County Council. Attended Welsh Language Advisory Panel and Tackling Poverty Advisory Panel. County Councillors training this month on the CCC Homelessness strategy and attended the Rural Affairs conference with my own choice of break out-sessions on Tourism and Agriculture.

Met with the new Headteacher of Dyffryn Taf, Mr Kennedy, to review the Bus Park progress. A joint meeting to be arranged with Officers.

Undertaking a grant application for the Dementia Friendly Towns group and Llanfallteg Cllrs are to have the three quarter hour training. Maybe some of our Cllrs might like to join them in November? Attended the Community Council meeting of Henllanfallteg early in September.

Monday 1st October part of the Local Development Plan Advisory Panel.

Turbine noise and Local Development Plan -Will be asking for supplementary planning guidance to ensure night time decibels are the same or less than daytime decibels in the new development plan. Will be requesting removal of unfinished developments in Whitland from the plan allowing more recreational space for residents.

Whitland Town of Culture 2019 Public Meeting initiative is to be taken forward to the Whitland Parc Committee Public meeting on the 4th of October at the Rugby Club as it is really one and the same initiative. There can be funding for a unique event as part of this initiative in 2019. Two ladies from Mentrau Iaithe Cerys and Helydd are covering the area and willing to assist us with Town of Culture 2019 if WTC agree it to be beneficial to the Town along with agreement of many other groups. Whitland already has a strong cultural identity and many activities within the Town. I do not think there is much extra to be done for this initiative from CC Peter Hughes Griffiths, Executive Board Member for Culture and Communities. A Town diary was mentioned to help us all see what's on. Councillor Sue Allen

