

County Councillors Report – May 2019

Hospital

There will be a transition period between the current style of working and the new model of working it cannot just swap overnight. The Health board are looking into how this can best be managed and it is a complex model. There are discussions with WAG about funding the first phase which will involve the identification of a site and will be of much interest to the community in due course.

Cardi Bach route

Attended the official opening at Logrin Railway Station of the Heritage collection. This was attended by the Deputy Mayor and his Consort Joan. It was the last event attended by Cllr Mansel Charles, the retiring Chairman of CCC, and the event was featured on S4C. Following this there was another meeting of the Cardi Bach group at the County Council with various Officers and a representative of Sustrans who offered to undertake the feasibility study as they were familiar with the skills involved.



Rural Affairs Committee

The working party has finalised its report with a few amendments and this will be presented to the Executive board with recommendations. There was some discussion about slurry disposal in the light of the incoming European legislation which Farmers felt was overly draconian and that the focus should be on repeat offenders not all Farmers. A number of other areas will be included in the report including housing, the economy, rural estate owned by CCC and communication issues.

Social Care and Health Committee

Work continues on the loneliness and isolation task and finish group and a meeting was held to decide on the forward work programme. The next task and finish project is to be about Carers as it is particularly difficult to recruit them in border towns and rural areas.

Policy and Resources Committee

A visit was made to the new Occupational Health unit at Parc Dewi Sant. This is a state of the art facility and the support available to staff is incredible. The facility also does work for partner organizations such as the Police. There are Doctors, Psychologists, Nurses, Occupational Health advisors, Physiotherapists etc. A number of consulting rooms and testing facilities are available.

Pensioners

I was invited to assist with any suggestions to help the continuation of the Pensioners Club and attended their monthly meeting and offered my thoughts.

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Planning Committee

Assisted a young couple with their planning application by speaking at committee and asking the committee to go against Officer Recommendation of refusal and grant permission on the basis of exceptional demographics. I was able to offer clear examples within the Ward that demonstrated sound reasons for the committee to agree with me.

Ysgol Llys Hywel

Sat on the interview panel along with Cllr. Scourfield and two Teachers were appointed. The children also take part and ask their own questions of the candidates which is a good experience for the young panel.



Foster Panel

This panel undertakes the annual reviews of Foster Carers and assessments of new Foster Carers. The process is very comprehensive and there is a lot of background work undertaken by the Social Workers. The sessions last all day and are mainly held in the Morfa family centre at Llanelli but sometimes at Cartref Cynnes in Carmarthen. The care home Cartref Cynnes is well worth a visit and is open to the public with a restaurant and a laundrette for large items.

St Davids Avenue

Gave a talk to the Mothers Union about work as a County Councillor and there was a question and answer session afterwards.

County Council.

The AGM was held this month and I will be acting as Consort to the Vice Chairman and subsequently as the Chairman's Consort next year. This will involve many events but Ward duties will come first. I attended a book launch in Llandovery and a Charity supper with the Mayor of Llanelli on behalf of the Chairman.

Enquiries

Have requested assistance from CCC with a number of issues. Rubbish at the top of North road layby, overfull bins in the North road car park, yellow lines by the North road car park which is a repeat request, leak on Trevaughan road, raised kerb on Park street, raised drain on St John street, loose hot tap, grass cutting at St Davids avenue, signs on St John street, various private resident enquiries including longstanding antisocial behaviour issue towards a neighbour.

Cllr Sue Allen