

County Councillors Report

June 2019

Swansea Bay City Deal

During the July meeting there will be a map available of all the projects across the counties involved. The seminar explained the funding has been passed to the Welsh Government and a business case is to be made for each project individually. The Carmarthenshire Wellness Centre at Delta lakes has care homes, leisure, housing and research elements. A different project management structure has been agreed following recommendations and audit reports.

County lines and terrorism

Attended an awareness training session about the distribution of drugs and how the networks are developed. Graphic scenes of intimidation were shown and information on what happens when people move into the area and take up residence with a local person referred to as “cuckooing”. Branded mobile phones are used to develop the networks similar to pyramid selling methods. The terrorism topic was updating us on methods of counteracting potential incidents and both topics about the types and ages of people involved. There are contact details that I will give to the Clerk and are also available online at Dyfed Powys Police.

Executive Board

Highlighted to the Clerk a recent decision about street lighting and there is a seminar on the topic in mid June and the Clerk will update. In the meantime I have requested CCC forward a list of the community lights to the Clerk and I understand there are around 50.

Social Care and Health

The loneliness report has been drafted and will be available publicly online shortly. I can forward that to Cllrs and also bring the Rural Affairs completed report this month for an advance viewing.

Foster Panel

There have been three full day sessions during June, two of them at Llanelli.

Planning Committee 11th June

This involved a retrospective application for a Gypsy Traveller in Garnant and the Lidl application at then former Carmarthen Police Station. Both applications had site visits on a very wet day.

Planning Committee 27th June

An application for change of use from commercial shed to place of worship and a car park extension for Skanda Vale were just two of the applications.

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Officer meeting

Met with Environmental Officer in respect of the recycle centre. The good news is that there will be some changes to reflect the different trailers available in rural areas where householders are more likely to have twin axles for example and up to 2 metre internal length will be allowed regardless of how many wheels. This change should be around July. TBC

Vice Chair / Consort events

Concert with Cor Merched Gwendraeth at Pontiets , Football Festival at Coleg Sir Gar with 96 young teams playing some on the 3G pitches. Judging the floats at Gorslas Carnival.

Civic Service

Attended the Civic Service of the Chairman of the County Council , Cllr Kevin Madge and this was also attended by the First Minister Mark Drakeford. The weather stayed fine and the tea was held across the road in one of the newer schools in Carmarthenshire. It was interesting to see what a new school actually looks like.



Education

There will be a bid for funding for Whitland schools in the modernising education programme next round. This will be around 15 million although I feel we should have double and this bid may lead to a 3-18 education set up. There has been progress on the bus park and I am meeting with the EBM for finance to discuss what is required.

Dyffryn Taf School Meeting for Community Projects

Met with the Teacher and Clerk and was then on hand for the day to meet students and facilitate

School Governors Dyffryn Taf

Received the Head teachers report and it is the end of his first year in Dyffryn Taf. Funding is tight this year but should be an improved position by next year.

Welsh in Education Strategic Committee

The draft plan is out for consultation at WAG until September.