

County Councillors Report- January 2020

Meeting with the Secretary of State for Wales.

Although the recycle centre was mentioned briefly the main purpose was to gain some support for the Car Park / Transport Interchange project along with highlighting the Cardi Bach and footfall located at the livestock mart. UK government have announced plans to reopen railway routes closed during the Beeching era. Although the Cardi Bach would be low priority utilising the route as a cycle path would keep it sustainable and safe. Electric bikes can be used as well to assist the less fit. If successful for commuting then the electric trains could be considered. (I will be pushing up daises by this time)

Dairy Site

The owner is open to discussion on further parking so if Cllrs would like to have a site meeting it can be arranged. He also has a meeting with the Ten Towns consultant this week. The screens were mentioned previously with no objection to adjustments for the present.

HWRC

The CCC consultation is now closed however I note there is to be a public meeting organised by a political party on Valentines day at the Town Hall. Residents outside of the Whitland Ward have mentioned that they did not know of the proposals or consultations at all. CCC did publicise it although the settlement was later than usual so the information did not perhaps reach all persons. Locally County Councillors in neighbouring Ward helped to highlight the unwelcome proposal along with a Town Councillor and myself in newspapers and radio. People were encouraged to respond to the consultation and the 38degree petition had over 1500 signatures last time I looked. It will be presented at the March meeting.



Net Zero Carbon

A Seminar on the net zero carbon plan was backed up with a draft plan that I can share via email with Cllrs once approved and in the meantime highlight the key points at WTC meetings. CCC aim to be net zero by 2030 which is some two decades ahead of the target. Whitland Town Council have already made a start by changing the bulbs in the public toilets to LED and also the community street lighting. Cutting down on paper and Cllrs using email is also a small contribution. Taking on areas that trees can be planted will help the community longer term. The local produce market is a big help in showing us the many products we can get on the doorstep. I particularly like the sheep cheese and honey.

Blocked Drain

I only mention this having noted the Mayors report about the public toilets. There was a blockage recently at the main car park behind the rugby club. Dwr Cymru attended and located a sticking up concrete ledge within the drain so removed it and hope the flow returns to normal. I did wonder if the two areas might be connected somehow and backing up to each other. We could ask Dwr Cymru to check with the camera.