

# County Councillors Report – September 2019

## LOCAL ISSUES

The leaking stop cock at the West side of Canolfan Hywel Dda has been rectified and following a site visit with Dwr Cymru a number of other stop cocks were replaced on this back lane. This particular leak was reported by myself and others more than once as was the one at the Train Station forecourt. There was a sink hole at the North end of this back lane some time ago which has now been filled in. A concern is that the historic and hidden leaking water may have undermined this back lane and created the sink hole but this will remain a mystery.

A number of residents issues have been dealt with including assistance to get a hospital bed for someone in A&E, 2 planning issues, overflowing bins, homeless issues, housing issues.

## PLANNING COMMITTEE

There were two quite controversial applications. McDonalds at St Clears was refused by the committee with the material reason that it was outside the development line. I requested a deferral for an Economic Impact Assessment, which was not included, and for such developments in proximity of a rural town to be considered as part of the upcoming Local Development Plan. The Rural Affairs Committee have recently completed a report which was mentioned last month and the 53 recommendations from this could feed into the Local Development Plan. McDonalds et al have the right to Appeal and, if successful, CCC pay all the costs and are not then able to benefit from any 106 contributions toward local facilities. Turning it down is a big decision which now rests with the WAG Inspector.

Pembrey housing application was also turned down on the basis of highway concerns and was featured on S4C news 1/10/19. I suggested that instead of the existing road they should purchase a house along the front of the development site and use that for access. They have reapplied for this site over a number of years and have had many years to consider this alternative option. They will no doubt appeal.



## APPEALS COMMITTEE

I serve on this committee whereby CCC staff may appeal to a panel of Cllrs prior to a case going on to Tribunal. It does not meet often but I will be involved with this panel during October.

## SOCIAL CARE AND HEALTH COMMITTEE.

The committee were commended for their recent work and report on loneliness and the next topic will be mental health and suicide in younger people and then, later next year, carers.

## CONSORT TO THE VICE CHAIRMAN DUTIES

Attended World Peace Day in Carmarthen where a flag was raised in Guildhall Square. During the speeches all councils were called upon to do the same. A message was given out "Pa werth na thry yn wawd pan laddo dyn ei frawd ? " Waldo is the author.

The Welsh Guards concert at St Peters Church was excellent and the Guards certainly had a long walk around Carmarthen with their instruments prior to the concert.

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## ASH DIE BACK SEMINAR

The picture will show best the stages of Ash Die Back but I will refer to this more in the meeting.

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### 19. Ash Tree Crown Cover



100% Healthy Crown



75% Healthy Crown



50% Healthy Crown



25% Healthy Crown

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