



Cyngor Cymuned **LLANEDI** Community Council

Annual Report

2018-2019 Civic Year



An introduction from our Chair:

Llanedi Community Council is delighted to present this, our first Community Council Annual Plan.

Preparing this plan has provided us, as a council with an opportunity to reflect upon the work we are doing and how this compliments and feeds into the work at county, regional and national levels in terms of Wellbeing.

The Annual Report shows how we are contributing to the four local well-being objectives contained in the Carmarthenshire Public Services Board's (PSB)'s local wellbeing plan (May 2018), how we are embedding the five ways of working and how we are reflecting the National Wellbeing Goals.

Whilst our Community Council has a duty to publish an annual plan under section 40(1) of the Well-being of Future Generations (Wales) Act 2015 this has not been just a paper exercise. Rather, the process of developing the plan has been incredibly useful in focussing our attention on what it is we have contributed to our communities, and by the same token, has served to help us mainstream the well-being objectives and national goals in to our processes.

As such I commend this report to you.

Cllr Tina Higgins

Chairperson 2019/2020

Llanedi Community Council

How we want to work

We want to:

- Integrate the seven well-being goals in to our decision making process
- Think long-term
- Think about prevention rather than cure by identifying and helping to remove the causes of issues in our communities
- Use our local knowledge to help us develop our own objectives, which shape local opportunities and solutions
- Involve people in decisions affecting them whenever it is appropriate to do so
- Work collaboratively, and act as a signpost out to specialist service providers
- Use this report as our bench mark and annually review how we are progressing
- To help with this, the Council commits to the following set of actions:
- Publishing our annual plan on our website.
- Developing, and publishing a well-being statement on its website.
- Incorporating the seven national well-being goals into our Community Development reporting mechanism
- Using our Community Development resources to help sustain general well-being in our communities

How are we funded?

Llanedi Community Council is primarily funded by a precept paid by local Council Taxpayers. We also receive a small amount of income from things such as bank interest and facility hire. Our budget for 2018/2019 was £211,150

For 2019/20 it is £ 216209

For the Council taxpayer, the Band D tax levied in 2019/2020 is £96.73

Where does your money go?

In 2018/2019 the council agreed the following expenditure:

• Grants	£20,000.00
• Parks, playing fields and open spaces (including Christmas Lighting)	£42,650.00
• Capital projects	£20,500.00
• Reading Room/Tycroes clock	£3,700.00
• General costs including staff, administration and community development	£100,711.00
Total	£187,561.00

In addition, the Community Council has been putting £20,000 p.a. into reserves for the last six years ready for the development of a much needed community facility in Hendy.

What do we do?

- We maintain and enhance parks, play areas, some footpaths and open spaces.
- We fund Christmas Lights in Tycroes, Hendy and Fforest, and Llanedi.
- We provide grants to local clubs, events and facilities.
- We nurture new community groups and organisations that help meet local needs.
- We undertake public consultation.
- We support the provision of community facilities such as the Reading Room/Community Café.
- We seek and secure grant aid for projects that benefit the community.
- We encourage local volunteering.

The plan below details the kinds of projects etc. that we have been involved with over the past year.

Introduction

Outline of Council	<p>Llanedi Community Council represents the communities of Tycroes, Llanedi, Hendy and Fforest and Talyclun in east Carmarthenshire.</p> <p>The council is made up of 16 Councillors:</p> <p>Cllr Iain Barrett Cllr Alan Blackley Cllr Berrian Davies Cllr Cellan Davies Cllr Emyr Davies Cllr Allan Evans Cllr Byron Evans Cllr Stuart Evans Cllr Lynne Griffiths Cllr Calum Higgins Cllr Tina Higgins Cllr Sharon Lyle Cllr Mike Nicholas Cllr Eifion Phillips Cllr Buddug Thomas Cllr Gareth Thomas</p> <p>2018/2019 Chairperson: Cllr Alan Blackley Vice Chair: Cllr Tina Higgins Clerk: David Davies Community Development Officer: Ruth Taylor-Davies who took over from Sarah McColl Dorian in October 2019.</p> <p>Geographical area: Old Parish of Llanedi including Tycroes, Llanedi, Hendy/Fforest and Talyclun in</p>
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	<p>Carmarthenshire. Number of residents: Apx 5800 (Tycroes: 2,534, Hendy: 3,302, based on 2017 Mid-Year Population Estimates, ONS) information taken from https://www.carmarthenshire.gov.wales/home/council-democracy/research-statistics/electoral-ward-county-profiles</p>
<p>What is the Council's Vision and Objectives?</p>	<p>The Council's vision is to help create and support attractive, safe, vibrant, healthy, inclusive, active and environmentally sustainable communities within our area; making it a place where everyone has equal access to opportunities to improve their quality of life.</p> <p>The Council's main objectives are:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • To contribute to the wellbeing of all residents in compliance with the Wellbeing and Future generations Act. • To continue to consult with our communities on their needs and concerns and to help address these. • To facilitate equality of opportunity and empower residents to achieve this. • To encourage environmental sustainability and help reduce climate change. • To preserve and promote the Welsh language and culture. • To create better communication networks within and between our respective communities. • To provide support for new and existing community groups/initiatives. • To enhance and maintain high quality play areas for the children of our community. • To create, maintain and enhance community facilities. • To be developmental and innovative in our approach and to encourage that ethos in others working and living in our area. • To ensure equality of purpose across our area. • To measure, where appropriate the 46 national well-being indicators at a local level and use that information to lobby for the provision of local services.

<p>How has the Council embedded the five ways of working into its planning and working arrangements?</p>	<p>Long Term The importance of balancing short-term needs with the need to safeguard the ability to also meet long-term needs.</p>	<p>The council understands the need to think long term.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • It is in the process of developing 5-year community plans which will shape decision making. These will be updated on a rolling basis to ensure the council always has an eye to the future. • It has been setting aside reserves for the last 5 years for the council's major capital project, i.e. the development of a community facility in Hendy. • It has committed to ongoing core financial support of exiting community spaces in Tycroes and Llanedi. • It is committed to maintaining our outdoor spaces and play areas and sets aside a regular finding pot for this purpose. • Capital works to date, such as the Reading Room are designed to be low maintenance and energy efficient. • We have employed a permanent Community Development Officer who is developing plans and projects with long-term benefits.
	<p>Prevention How acting to prevent problems occurring or getting worse may help public bodies meet their objectives.</p>	<p>We are mindful of the importance of prevention. For example: in terms of facilities and maintenance we have made conscious decisions to ensure we avoid problems occurring due to poor/old equipment:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Improved playground equipment in key parks • Undertake regular playground inspections • Undertake regular maintenance of equipment

		<p>and facilities</p> <p>In terms of preventing environmental, health and social issues, we have taken positive steps:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • In partnership with local GP surgeries, we have identified the major local health issues and will be looking at projects that help prevent/mitigate these. • We are actively looking at air pollution caused by traffic and the effect of particulates on health and will be developing a strategy for reducing emissions. • We have tackled issues around loneliness via the Friendship Circle, now a stand-alone group. • Through partnership we have provided specialist training • We have helped establish a local litter picking group • We have undertaken consultation relating to the LDP and reported this back to the County • We continue to liaise with County Council/Councillors re local concerns/issues that are in their jurisdiction.
	<p>Integration Considering how the public body's well-being objectives may impact upon each of the well-being goals, on their other objectives, or on the objectives of other public bodies.</p>	<p>We are mindful of the well-being goals and assess the impact of projects against them (see attached)</p>
	<p>Collaboration Acting in collaboration with any other person (or different parts of the body itself) that could</p>	<p>As a council, we work with a range of partners in order to meet our well-being objectives. This can range from local clubs to regional and national organisations.</p>

	<p>help the body to meet its well-being objectives.</p>	<p>E.g.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Our CDO is part of a network with other CDO's from the County. They share best practice and look for opportunities to undertake collaborative projects. • Developing training opportunities with public and third sector agencies. • Working with the Council's Bureau regarding funding and support. • We also actively respond to consultation e.g. from the Health Board and the County Council. • Discussing opportunities for monitoring air pollution with Swansea University. • Working with various sporting bodies and clubs • Working with local community groups. • Supporting cross-border initiatives such as the Hendy and Pontarddulais carnival fete.
	<p>Involvement The importance of involving people with an interest in achieving the well-being goals and ensuring that those people reflect the diversity of the area which the body serves.</p>	<p>We appreciate the importance of involving a wide range of people who have an interest in achieving the well-being goals.</p> <p>We also appreciate that different people are best reached in different ways. As such, we are continuously undertaking consultation, analysing gaps and finding ways to reach those who wouldn't normally wish to engage.</p> <p>Over the last year, we have:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Undertaken and analysed community questionnaires. • Undertaken on-line surveys.

		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Undertaken LDP consultation and feedback to County Council. • Set up a social media presence. • Set up a community forum in Hendy as a pilot for the other villages. • Identified 'gaps' in questionnaire response and setting out a strategy for reaching those under-represented groups.
<p>What approach has the Council taken to embed the four PSB well-being objectives into its plans?</p> <p>Healthy Habits People have a good quality of life, make healthy choices about their lives and environment.</p> <p>Early Intervention To make sure that people have the right help at the right time; as and when they need it.</p> <p>Strong Connections Strongly connected people, places and organisations that are able to adapt to change.</p> <p>Prosperous People To maximise opportunities for people and places in both urban and rural parts of our county. and Places</p>	<p>The council is actively embedding the four PSB well-being objectives into its ways of working. The consultation it has undertaken with communities has given an insight into the well-being needs of our communities.</p> <p>In summer 2019 we will be incorporating progress towards these well-being objectives in to the reporting structure of the work of the Community Development Officer, in order that councillors can monitor the council's progress.</p> <p>The PSB well-being objectives will be fully reflected in the Community Plans which are under development, and work streams/projects (present and future) will be measured against their contribution to the objectives.</p> <p>We have already listened to our communities' concerns with regard to issues such as loneliness, pollution, road safety, safer play, lack of community meeting place in Hendy etc. and are actively investigating how we can develop projects that address these.</p>	

<p>What approach has the Council taken to embed the national well-being goals into its plans?</p>	<p>The council is actively embedding the national well-being goals into its ways of working. The consultation it has undertaken with communities has given an insight into the well-being needs of its communities.</p> <p>In summer 2019 we will be incorporating progress towards the national goals into the reporting structure of the work of the Community Development Officer in order that councillors can monitor the council's progress.</p> <p>The national goals will also be fully reflected in the Community Plans which are under development, and work streams/projects (present and future) will be measured against their contribution to those goals.</p> <p>The Council has invested in appointing a Community Development Officer who is/will continue to develop a work programme alongside councillors that helps Llanedi CC to contribute towards the national well-being goals.</p>
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Report of Steps Taken & Progress Made

Carmarthenshire PSB Well-being Objective	Steps to be taken by the Town/Community Council that contribute to the Well-being Objective	Progress <i>What have you done so far?</i> <i>How are you tracking progress?</i> <i>How effective have you been? (RAG Status)</i> <i>What is the improvement for different communities?</i>
<p>Healthy Habits: People have a good quality of life, and make healthy choices about their lives and environment</p>	Establish a local litter-picking group	<p>Pilot run in 2018 Group established May 2019 Officer attends meetings to track and record progress. Too early to assess effectiveness. We have helped tackle a problem in our community by assisting a locally coordinated group to become established. We will continue to support the group.</p>
	Encouraging outdoor play	<p>The council has heavily invested (£230,000) in play areas since it has taken them over on asset transfer from the County Council. This has vastly increased the opportunity for safe, active play in our communities. The council monitors playground safety on a regular basis and has introduced a comprehensive reporting mechanism which identifies works required and monitors progress of those works. The playgrounds have seen a significant rise in usage. Children are enjoying the facilities provided. Hendy Park is being used by people for picnics and informal children's parties.</p>
	Encouraging sports	The Community Council helps support local

		<p>sporting facilities and clubs. It directly provides Multi-Use Games Areas, as well as helping to support Rugby and Football grounds in the area via grant aid, grass cutting etc.</p> <p>We have a record of formal bookings of the multi-use games areas and are in contact with the clubs/associations we support.</p> <p>By encouraging sports, we are enabling our communities to undertake exercise. Sports also help build confidence amongst participants.</p>
	Supporting Community Hanging Baskets and floral arrangements	The Community Council supports hanging baskets in Llanedi and the floral arrangement on the square in Tycroes.
	Nature Trail	Funding has been secured for a community nature trail in Hendy adjacent to the proposed site of the Community Centre. The development of the trail and its interpretation offers volunteering opportunities for local people and provides a new all-access recreation route. It will also help inspire people to appreciate their environment and their role in preserving it.
Early Intervention: To make sure that people have the right help at the right time; as and when they need it	Web Site	<p>This is under development. The aim is that as well as council and community news, it can be used to provide sources of support and advice.</p> <p>We will monitor usage and use feedback to improve services where appropriate.</p>
	Friendship Circle	The Friendship Circle was established in response to an identified need. It creates opportunities for people who would otherwise be alone to meet

		<p>like-minded people and pursue common interests/activities. This support can help people from falling in to loneliness and inactivity. We are monitoring numbers (around 40 regulars currently). Anecdotal evidence suggests that it is having a positive impact upon those who attend.</p>
	Play Areas	<p>See above. Encourages outdoor play and learning from an early age.</p>
	Providing mechanism for local groups who need to develop grant bids	<p>The Community Development Officer has a remit to help local organisations to attract project-related funding. Support is ongoing regarding Tycroes Rugby Club and Llanedi Church Hall. We will continue to monitor the success of grant bids and ongoing project development.</p>
	Supporting local Meithrin group, local Eisteddfod and PTA's via grant aid.	<p>The Council provides discretionary grants to organisations in the community that children and support young people. These grants provide opportunities they would have otherwise missed out on. In the case of the Eisteddfod and the Meithrin, the Community Council is actively encouraging the use of the Welsh language from early years. We will monitor the number of pupils from Meithrin that go on to Welsh language schools</p>

<p>Strong Connections: Strongly connected people, places and organisations that are able to adapt to change</p>	Intergenerational Project	<p>This project aims to create a more cohesive society by providing opportunities for intergenerational engagement.</p> <p>We will continue to record attendance numbers.</p>
	Community Forums	<p>The community forums are a regular citizens' panel which enable local people to feel they have a voice and a role in developing well-being within their community.</p> <p>We will monitor the numbers attending.</p>
	Friendships Circle	<p>This project as demonstrated earlier is helping to connect people across our villages that would otherwise be isolated.</p> <p>See above re monitoring.</p>
	Joint School Initiative	<p>This project aims to link young people across our communities. The first iteration is linked to sharing best practise with regards to Welsh in the playground and Siarter Iaith. The idea being that the schools learn from each other.</p> <p>We will evaluate this first stage project before developing future stages.</p>
	Digital Heroes	<p>Working with Digital Inclusion Wales, the Community Council is facilitating the training of local digital heroes who can then work with people who are less comfortable with IT to encourage and build their skills.</p> <p>We will monitor numbers involved and evaluate its success.</p>
	Heritage	<p>The Community Council see local heritage as a useful way to help people make connections.</p> <p>Examples of what has been done to date include:</p>

		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Rebecca Riots - the Community Council engaged with the community and the local school to develop a project related to the anniversary of the Toll House attack in Hendy. The school prepared artworks and essays (which have been displayed in the community café) and have replaced the memorial stone. • Llanedi History Book – the Community Council supported the publishing of a comprehensive history of the old parish of Llanedi (which once equated to the area we now cover). <p>The school has indicated that this project engaged the children and that the anniversary will become an annual feature of its calendar.</p>
	Community Events	<p>The Community Council helps the community to connect through its support of local events which includes:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Funding Christmas lighting in Hendy, Forest, Llanedi and Tycroes. • Grant aid for events like Party in the Park; Hendy and Pontarddlais Carnival etc. <p>We monitor this using informal local feedback.</p>
	Supporting Community Facilities	<p>The Community Council has taken the decision to provide annual funding for two key community facilities that serve their respective villages, namely: Llanedi Church Hall and Tycroes Village Hall. The funding the Community Council provides helps make them sustainable and therefore</p>

		provides local citizens with places to connect. We will monitor community usage of facilities.
	Community Hall Development	The Council's plans to develop a community hall in Hendy will fill a void in terms of an independent, accessible place for the community to connect.
	Promoting Community Car Share Scheme	The Community Council helps promote a community car scheme with its neighbouring village. This is a useful resource for people who would otherwise be isolated.
	Nature Trail	The nature trail has a role in helping people to connect within the community, through volunteering, informal education and recreation. It will also provide an opportunity to connect with groups and individuals from outside the area, as well as a chance to work with other public bodies.
	Web site	The council is developing a new bilingual web site which will be a useful connection to our citizens. We will monitor usage.
	Social media	We have developed a bilingual social media page and use it to communicate with citizens. Our aim is to grow the numbers of people who follow us on-line. We will monitor number of followers and engagement.
	Newsletter	The council provides a newsletter to residents which updates them about council and community news and provides information on how to feed in ideas etc. We will monitor number of contacts resulting from the newsletter.

<p>Prosperous People and Places: To maximise opportunities for people and places in both urban and rural parts of our county</p>	Establishing needs through regular community consultation	As has been stated above, the Community Council undertakes regular community consultation.
	Access to free computer and Wi-Fi usage	The council provides free Wi-Fi and free access to networked laptops at the community café. This provides residents who would otherwise not have access to on-line services to do so. We keep records of laptop usage.
	Training	We are working with providers to develop training opportunities that meet the needs of our communities. All training will be evaluated using feedback forms and attendance records.
	Development of Business Directories	We will be developing local business directories to help people find services locally. This has the potential to reduce carbon footprint as well as help keep money circulating within our own area. We will make this an on-line document and will monitor views.
	Community Consultation	This has already been mentioned above. We use our consultation to ask people what services they need locally and to find out what needs residents have in terms of business support. We will monitor this in future community consultation.
		NB the CDO provides the council with regular reports. These include a monitoring element.

Contribution to the National Well-being Goals

Other activity that the Town/Community Council is undertaking that contributes to the National Goals

National Goal	Local Activity
<p>A Prosperous Wales: An innovative, productive and low carbon society which recognises the limits of the Global environment and therefore uses resources efficiently and proportionately, and which develops a skilled and well-educated population in an economy which generates wealth and provides employment opportunities, allowing people to take advantage of the wealth generated through securing decent work.</p>	<p>We have outlined our activity above. Of particular relevance to this is</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Consultation • Training • Free access to Wi-Fi and IT. • Commitment to environmentally friendly development (e.g. planned community hall). • Commitment to local business directories. • Digital Champions <p>In terms of The Art of the Possible – Simple Changes check list from the Commissioner, we achieve the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • We pay our suppliers promptly. • We are a living wage employer. • We ensure that new developments and retrofitting of existing facilities must consider renewable energy sources and recycled materials. • We consider opportunities to second staff within and between organisations to share knowledge and develop transferrable skills. <p>In addition</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • We are developing a pollution monitoring project. • The council is moving towards becoming paperless.

<p>A Resilient Wales: A nation which maintains and enhances a biodiverse natural environment with healthy functioning ecosystems that support social, economic and ecological resilience and the capacity to adapt to change.</p>	<p>We have outlined our activity above. Of particular relevance to this is</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Nature Trail • Ongoing consultation • Training • Groups that stand alone e.g. Friendship Circle. <p>In terms of The Art of the Possible – Simple Changes check list from the Commissioner, we achieve the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • We provide spaces for wildlife. • We play a part in enabling local partnerships for all aspects of the natural environment. • We procure and plant native trees and shrubs as a first choice. • We manage verses and connected green spaces for wildflowers and pollinators. • We use peat free compost in planting schemes across our area.
<p>A Healthier Wales: A society in which people’s physical and mental well-being is maximised and in which choices and behaviours that benefit future health are understood</p>	<p>We have outlined our activity above. Of particular relevance to this is</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Nature Trail • Support sports clubs • Providing play areas and multi-use games areas • Intergenerational projects • Working with the County footpaths and Rights of Way Officers. <p>In terms of The Art of the Possible – Simple Changes check list from the Commissioner, we achieve the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • We have a flexible working policy. • We consider how we can ensure children have access to daily outdoor play and facilitate it.
<p>A More Equal Wales: A society that enables people to fulfil their potential no matter what their background or circumstances</p>	<p>We have outlined our activity above. Of particular relevance to this is</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Digital competency/access to Wi-Fi and IT via the Community Café • Working with Digital Inclusion Wales to develop volunteers and digital champions • Training • Supporting community groups – grants, advice etc. <p>In terms of The Art of the Possible – Simple Changes check list from the Commissioner, we achieve</p>

	<p>the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • We make public information available through a variety of formats. • We encourage staff and elected members to visit local projects and meet key local people driving change.
<p>A Wales of Cohesive Communities: Attractive, viable, safe and well-connected communities</p>	<p>We have outlined our activity above. Of particular relevance to this is</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The improved the play facilities in Hendy, Llanedi and Tycroes. • Intergenerational project • Friendship Circle • Forums • Newsletter • Website • Social media • Looking at best practice and partnership within the County and in Wider Wales. • Floral arrangements, grass cutting and Christmas lighting • Consultation to assess people’s views on safety and sense of community. <p>In terms of The Art of the Possible – Simple Changes check list from the Commissioner, we achieve the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • We enable local people to improve unloved spaces. • We play our part in enabling local people to come together in communities to meet and build social networks. • We support our organisation and others in becoming dementia friendly through joint training with other community councils. • We publicise opportunities to volunteer locally. • We actively support intergenerational activities. • We encourage community transport opportunities.

A Wales of Vibrant Culture and Thriving Welsh

Language:

where we have lots of opportunities to do different things and where lots of people can speak Welsh

All official council documents are issued bilingually.

All Full Council meetings are conducted bilingually.

Correspondence is welcome in both Welsh and English.

We have also outlined our activity above. Of particular relevance to this is

- The bilingual web site (in development).
- The newsletter is bilingual.
- We are supporting a joint schools initiative (between Ysgol Yr Hendy – dual stream and Tycroes Primary – English stream) to promote Siarter iath and the use of Welsh in the playground.
- We are working with Threshold to provide a variety of training opportunities aimed at building confidence and preparing people for employment.
- We have developed a project around the Rebecca Riots which involved the local school and the renewal of the plaque on Hendy Square.
- We have supported local authors to develop a comprehensive history of the three villages.
- We have developed a project for a nature trail (funded from grant aid) to encourage people to get out and explore their environment; all interpretation will be bilingual.
- We have provided a community café which also provides a space for displaying local art/school projects etc. It is also used as a venue for meetings by the U3A Ornithology Group etc.
- We support the local Meithrin to encourage Welsh from early years.
- We grant aid the Hendy Eisteddfod.
- We support local chapels and churches.
- We encourage young people and celebrate their successes through initiatives such as the annual Terry Price Awards.

In terms of The Art of the Possible – Simple Changes check list from the Commissioner, we achieve the following:

- We consider the opportunities to support and develop local clubs involved in sport.

<p>A Globally Responsible Wales: where we look after the Environment and think about other people around the World</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Reducing paper as councillors have the option to go paperless re minutes/reports etc. • Staff working from home reduces heating/lighting costs to council and reduces travel to work mileage. • Developing a project to monitor air pollution (from busy roads/M4) and how to mitigate it with experts from Swansea University. • Minimising and recycling waste wherever possible. • The community facility planned for Hendy has been designed to be environmentally friendly, i.e. with a low/nil carbon footprint. • Taking Council meetings, Forum meetings, training opportunities etc., to each of the villages to reduce the travel footprint of residents. <p>In terms of The Art of the Possible – Simple Changes check list from the Commissioner, we achieve the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • We take action for global learning, i.e. Fairtrade Fortnight.
<p>Involvement</p>	<p>In terms of The Art of the Possible – Simple Changes check list from the Commissioner, we achieve the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • We work with those who already have community links to develop new projects. • We have ‘what matters to you’ conversations with people and communities we work with. • We use plain English and Welsh as standard in any documents for the public. • We use a variety of accessible, inclusive engagement methods and formats. • We engage on themes rather than specific policies. • We take a ‘you said, we did’ approach.

Implementing the Act

An opportunity to reflect on how things are going.

<p>What opportunities have the Council encountered and how have these been best utilised?</p>	<p>Joint working with other Community Councils – this has led to some great sharing of best practice and some shared training opportunities.</p>
<p>Has the Council encountered any barriers and if so what actions have been/are being taken to overcome these?</p>	<p>Apathy from some segments of society regarding completion of community consultation – we will be targeting specific groups and using a variety of media including social media platforms. Lack of public knowledge about the Well-being Act – we will be featuring more about this e.g. on our web site and in officer reports etc. This is all still very new and we need more information and training</p>
<p>What challenges has the Council faced and what measures have been put in place to overcome them?</p>	<p>Challenges:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Time/resource • Lack of expertise in certain specialisms • Enormity of the task <p>Measures</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Appointed Community Development Officer • Approaching experts re advice/support
<p>Are there any matters the PSB could support delivery/progress on?</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A general awareness campaign. • Clearer guidance/ regular training for councillors and officers re embedding it in their plans • The PSB should provide example of best practice in completing annual plans/how they'd like the information presented, as each Community Council seems to be tackling it in a different way. • The whole emphasis of the Well-being Act is a bottom-up approach. The PSB, by asking for this report seem to be adopting a top down approach, i.e. how are we meeting the PSB objectives, when you should be asking how the PSB is helping us achieve our objectives 'on the ground'. • The PSB is measuring need on a county level, but there may be pockets of specific need at local levels that are not being highlighted, or ar lost as a result of this blanket approach. We need opportunities to feed up/individual community provision needs to be reflected in how the PSB reacts and in how public services are provided.

