



NEWSLETTER 2011

A Message from the Town Mayor, Councillor Clive Watters

Whether you are reading this in English or Welsh, the message should read the same: Llŵchwr Town Council meets, and the work it carries out is done, on your behalf.

During my year as Mayor, in my role as chairman of the Town Council, many decisions have been made on your behalf. Often I am asked "What does the Council do?" Council meetings are open to the public by law yet we see few people attend. Why is this?

Also as Mayor I have undertaken many civic duties including visits to local schools. This brought great delight to all, with many questions being asked as to the role of the Mayor. It was a great opportunity to enthuse the younger generation to take an interest in the life of their area.

In December, this was proved by the interest and support for the first "Community Connection Christmas Tree Event" which saw thirteen trees sponsored, decorated and displayed by various businesses, voluntary groups and families. The pride and enthusiasm of community members of all ages was put on public display at various different venues for all to benefit from.

Through the Council, many different charities are supported. The Mayor's charity this year was the South Wales South West Managed Clinical Network based at Morriston Hospital Plastic and Burns Unit, involving Speech Therapy and S.E.N. units, which has benefited many in the area. At the time of writing a sum in excess of £1,700 has been raised. My thanks go to the choirs of Tre-Uchaf and Casllwchwr Primary schools, teachers, Mr. Christopher Hughes and Voices in Harmony and Llanmadoc Choirs who took part in fundraising concerts.

I thank all who assisted me in my term of office, and as I return to sit as a councillor may I remind all readers that I am elected by you to represent you, please contact me if you need to.

Cllr Clive Watters, Mayor of Llŵchwr



*Councillor Clive Watters,
Mayor of Llŵchwr Town Council*

P'un a ydych yn darllen hwn yn y Gymraeg neu'r Saesneg, dylai'r neges fod yr un fath: mae Cyngor Tref Llŵchwr yn cwrdd, ac yn cynnal ei waith, ar eich rhan chi.

Yn ystod fy mlwyddyn fel Maer, yn fy rôl fel cadeirydd y Cyngor Tref, mae llawer o benderfyniadau wedi'u gwneud ar eich rhan. Yn aml gofynnir i mi "Beth mae'r Cyngor yn ei wneud?" Mae cyfarfodydd y Cyngor yn agored i'r cyhoedd yn ôl y gyfraith ond

ychydig iawn o bobl sy'n mynychu. Pam felly?

Hefyd fel Maer rwy' wedi ymgymryd â llawer o ddyletswyddau dinesig yn cynnwys ymweliadau ag ysgolion lleol. Roedd hyn yn orchwyl pleserus i ni i gyd, gyda llawer o gwestiynau'n cael eu gofyn am rôl y Maer. Roedd yn gyfle gwyh i geisio annog y genhedlaeth ifanc i fagu diddordeb ym mywyd eu hardal.

Ym mis Rhagfyr, profwyd hyn gan y diddordeb a'r gefnogaeth ar gyfer y "Digwyddiad Coed Nadolig Cyswllt Cymunedol" cyntaf lle y cafodd tair ar ddeg o goed eu nodd, eu haddurno a'u harddangos gan amrywiol fusnesau, grwpiau gwirfoddol a theuluoedd. Roedd balchder a brwdfrydedd aelodau'r gymuned o bob oed i'w weld yn gyhoeddus mewn gwahanol leoliadau er lles pawb.

Drwy'r Cyngor, cefnogir llawer o elusennau. Elusen y Maer eleni oedd y Rhwydwaith Clinigol Rheoledig De Cymru De Orllewin yn Uned Plastigau a Llosgiadau Ysbyty Treforys, yn cynnwys unedau Therapi Llefyrydd ac A.A.A., sydd wedi cynorthwyo llawer yn yr ardal. Ar adeg ysgrifennu hwn mae mwy na £1,700 wedi'i godi. Hoffwn ddiolch i gorau ysgolion Cynradd Tre-Uchaf a Chasllwchwr, yr athrawon, Mr. Christopher Hughes a Chorau Voices in Harmony a Llanmadog a gymerodd ran mewn cyngherddau i godi arian.

Rwy'n diolch i bawb a'm cynorthwyodd yn ystod fy nghyfnod o wasanaeth, ac wrth i mi ddychwelyd i wasanaethu fel cynghorydd hoffwn atgoffa bob darlennydd fy mod wedi fy ethol gennych chi i'ch cynrychioli chi, felly cysylltwch â mi ar bob cyfrif os bydd angen.

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"Mayor Presenting Pens at local Primary Schools"

Grants Awarded by the Council

Each year the Council awards grants to help local organisations. In 2009 / 2010 the grants were awarded to the following local organisations.

- Gorseinon and Llchwyr Cage Birds Society
- Loughor RFC
- Loughor O A P Association
- Gorseinon Players
- Urdd Eisteddfod
- Wales Air Ambulance
- Macmillan Cancer Support
- Alzheimer's Society Swansea and Lliw Valley Branch



Mayor presenting a Council Plate to Mrs Doreen James on her 90th Birthday



The Gorseinon and Llchwyr Lantern Parade



Summer Hanging Basket Scheme

The Council has for the last couple of years sponsored a Hanging Basket Scheme in the Town Council's area. This has seen hanging baskets fitted to lamp posts throughout the area and barrier troughs on railings at various road junctions. The scheme has proved very popular and many more people would like to see the baskets particularly if they could get one close to home. Not all lamp posts are suitable and for the coming year the Council will only use the same sites as last year. It is good to know that the scheme has been so well received by the community and that they have provided a colourful spectacle for the summer. This year the Council did arrange for daffodil bulbs to be planted at various sites throughout the area and it will be interesting to see how successful this will be.



Deputy Mayor presenting cheques to the Winners of the Best Decorated Houses at Christmas



Serving the Community

The Llwchwr Town Council serves the community in many ways. Individual members are there to be contacted for advice or help and can make the views of the community heard either individually or through the council. If you have an issue which is causing you concern then please contact your local town councillor or the Clerk.

The Council meets on the first Monday of the month (except in August or if the first Monday is a Bank Holiday then the second Monday) and meetings are open to the public. Meetings are held in the Welfare Hall, Woodlands Road in Loughor starting at 7.00pm and access to the council chamber is obtained via the ramped access at the side of the Hall.

Last year saw the launch of the Town Council's Website. The site is being regularly updated and provides details of Council activities and information regarding the Council's area. The site contains details of Council Meetings, Agendas, Reports. You will even be able to find a copy of this Newsletter and previous years Newsletters on the Website. The Council welcomes any feedback from the community and the website can provide an ideal opportunity to let us know your views or concerns. The website is constantly being developed and if you can't find what you want or you think there is something which should be included on the site please let us know.

You can find the website on www.llwchwrTownCouncil.gov.uk

How to contact the Clerk

You may contact the Clerk by the following means: Telephone: 01792 428460 or write to Anthony W Davies, Clerk to the Council 4 Lady Margaret Villas, Sketty, Swansea SA2 0RX

Important this will affect you Local Development Plan

The Local Development Plan is being developed by the City and County of Swansea and will ultimately replace the current plan which is the Unitary Development Plan. The plan process is an opportunity for people to voice their views over whether buildings or features should be preserved, or developed and regenerated. The process is intended to emphasise improved community involvement combined with a faster preparation period and is a chance to have your say in how your community is going to be developed. The process is underway and is currently at the Candidate Site Stage which is an invitation for developers, landowners and the public to submit potential sites for inclusion in the plan. By identifying sites for development and areas of restraint, the planning authority will demonstrate how the objectives and strategic options of the plan will be implemented. The

closing date for the submission of Candidate Sites was the 31st March 2011 but there is an extended period for comment on those sites until the 31st May 2011. Sites for proposed development will have been advertised by notices on lamp posts or sign posts close to the sites but this will not show the full picture. To see the full picture and know more about what is going on the Town Council is holding three public meetings in different parts of the area. If you miss one you can always go to another one. The meetings are on 12th May 2011 at 7.15pm in the Loughor Welfare Hall; 17th May at 7.00pm in Casllwchwr Primary School and 18th May 2011 at 7.15pm in the Garden Village Football Club. Further information on the Local development Plan itself can be obtained from the Planning Department in the Civic Centre or from the internet at www.swansea.gov.uk/ldp



Mayor attending a Choir Concert in the Welfare Hall, Loughor



Mayor attending the Fun Day organised by the Friends of Parc Williams



Mayor and Mayoress attending the Remembrance Day Wreath Laying at the Monument in Loughor

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THE WELFARE HALL - WOODLANDS ROAD, LOUGHOR.

HIRE CHARGES 2011-2012 EFFECTIVE FROM 1 APRIL 2011

The Welfare Hall is run by Lluchwr Town Council and is a very popular venue for a wide range of activities. It is ideal for children's parties and is an excellent concert venue. The hire charges are set out below:-

Main Hall	Concert/performance	£75.00
	Voluntary Bodies	£13.00 per session
	Others	£10.00 per hour
Council Chamber	Voluntary Bodies	£7.00 per session
	Others	£7.00 per hour
Workshop	All Users	£8.00 per session
Kitchen	All Users	£1.50 per session/hour

A session is a period of up to three hours. The Hall is in regular use and the times are set out below, but in between it is available for hire.

WELFARE HALL - REGULAR BOOKINGS			
	MAIN HALL	CHAMBER	WORKROOMS
MONDAY			
10.30am - 12.00pm	Bowls		
6.00pm - 7.00pm	Kung Fu		
7.30pm - 8.30pm	Zumba Dance (other than first Monday in month)		
6.00pm - 7.00pm		Labour Group (prior to Council)	
7.00pm - 9.00pm		Town Council (first Monday in month)	
7.00pm - 9.00pm		Labour Party (last Monday in month)	
TUESDAY			
10.00am - 11.00am	Tai Chi		
1.30pm - 4.30pm	Age Concern		
5.00pm - 6.45pm	Karate		
7.00pm - 8.00pm	Pilates		
6.45pm - 9.45pm		Loughor Ladies (3rd Tuesday in month)	
7.00pm - 9.00pm			Welsh Wood Crafts
WEDNESDAY			
9.30am - 11.00am	Rosemary Conley Fitness		
1.00pm - 3.45pm	Loughor OAP's		
5.45pm - 7.30pm	Weightwatchers		
8.00pm - 9.00pm	Kung Fu		
THURSDAY			
9.15am - 11.15am	Health Force		
5.00pm - 6.45pm	Karate		
7.15pm - 8.45pm	Bowls		
7.00pm - 9.00pm			Welsh Wood Crafts
FRIDAY			
Special Events			
SATURDAY			
8.00pm - 10.30pm	Davies Dancing		
SUNDAY			
Closed			

If you want to hire the Hall or require any further information please contact the Clerk to the Council on 01792 428460