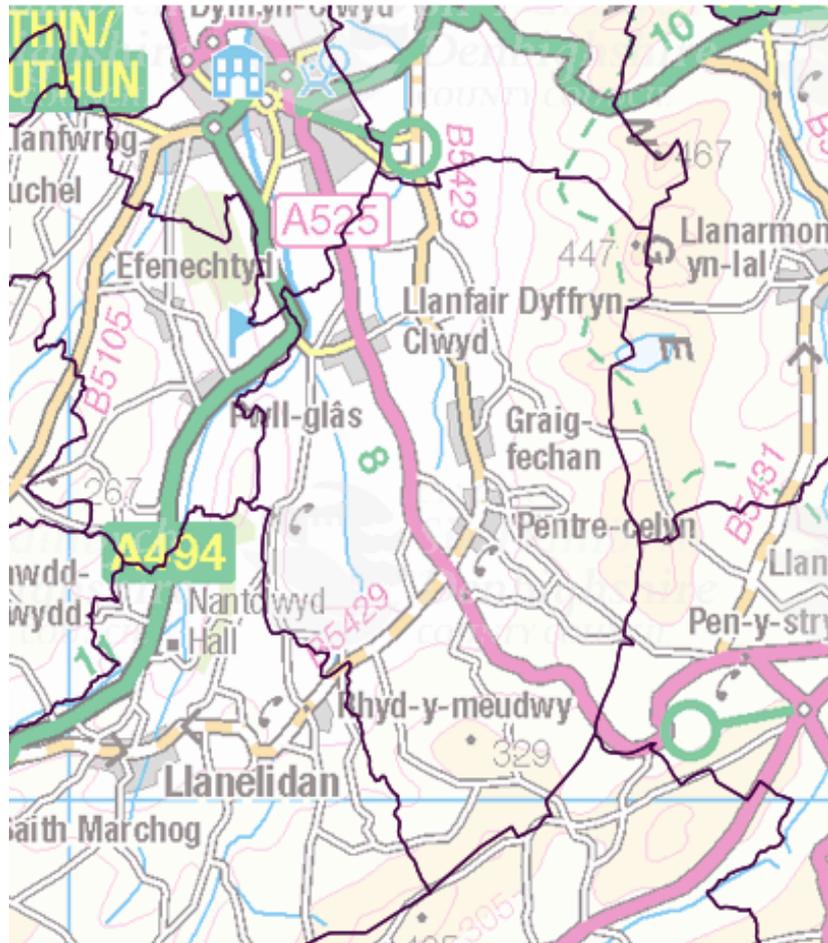


# Llanfair Dyffryn Clwyd Community Council

## Neighbourhood Plan, 2019 – 2020



Delivering a community vision for the future

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## 1. Introduction and Vision

The Llanfair Dyffryn Clwyd Neighbourhood Plan aims to reflect the wishes and aspirations of the people of the area. The Plan seeks to set out the steps needed to achieve our vision:

*To have a strong, resilient and thriving community where our history and heritage are celebrated and sustained, and where our rural setting and character are preserved and enhanced for both residents and visitors.*

*In order to meet the future needs, we will:*

- *Maintain and enhance the built and natural environment for present and future generations,*
- *Support small scale housing and business development that meets local needs and are in keeping with the area,*
- *Encourage opportunities for residents to find enjoyment and fulfilment through a range of educational, cultural, sporting and leisure activities,*
- *Recognise and support the agricultural activity in the area, which is essential in producing food both locally, nationally and internationally,*
- *Ensure that the area provides a welcome setting for visitors by providing and improving facilities within the context of a safe and secure natural environment,*
- *Develop collaborative relationships with organisations that have an interest in the area to mutual benefit,*
- *Support local businesses and services that contribute to the quality of life of residents and visitors including support for appropriate diversification and the use of new technologies.*

## 2. Context of the Plan, how and who we work with.

The Neighbourhood Plan has been developed by the Llanfair Dyffryn Clwyd Community Council, one of 730 Community Councils in Wales and which work under the governance of the Welsh Local Government Association. Llanfair Dyffryn Clwyd Community Council operates under the Local Government Act 1972 & the numerous subsequent amendments. It is a member of One Voice Wales.

The Community Council sets a 'precept' which is collected by Denbighshire along with the County's Council Tax. The Community Council acts in a representative role and considers matters including local planning and development as well as many aspects relating to the lives of people living in the area which include maintenance of community buildings, bus shelters, public spaces and recreation areas. The Community Council holds monthly meetings, and these are reported through its website and through other media. The role of the Community Council takes on an increasing relevance and importance as, at a national level, One Voice Wales and the Welsh Local Government Association work together to promote local democracy, and encourage partnership working and sharing of best practice between local councils.

The purpose of this plan is to set out the ideas developed by the Llanfair Dyffryn Clwyd Community Council in considering the future for the area. It aims to reflect the vision and aspirations of the community. The plan is a living document and will continue to be developed. The Community Council has undertaken consultation on the plan and will continue to do so and welcomes any input or suggestions.

The plan has been developed locally and represents the local view that contributes to the Well-being of Future Generations (Wales) Act 2015. The Well-being of Future Generations Act requires public bodies in Wales to think about the long-term impact of their decisions, to work better with people, communities and each other, and to prevent and address persistent problems such as poverty, health inequalities and climate change. Llanfair Dyffryn Clwyd Community Council recognises that the Act offers a huge opportunity to make a long-lasting, positive change to current and future generations. The Act sets seven goals which provide a useful base on which to consider the needs and opportunities in the local community. These are included in the appendix to this report and seek to identify how communities can become more prosperous, innovative, resilient, healthy, equal cohesive and with a vibrant culture and thriving Welsh language as well as being globally responsible. The Conwy and Denbighshire Public Service Board has developed and published an assessment of well-being for the area which includes consideration of the cultural, economic, environmental and social wellbeing of the area. The assessment can be seen at the following link: <http://conwyanddenbighshirepsb.org.uk/en/home/english-wellbeing-assessment/>

Llanfair Dyffryn Clwyd (DC) Community Council has been considering the short, medium- and long-term requirements for the area and has identified opportunities that align with the Well-being of Future Generations (Wales) Act 2015. This plan sets out the requirements and the priority attached to each and will be updated periodically as both it and the area develop.

The Community Council also works with and alongside and seeks to develop mutually beneficial collaborations with key organisations in the region including Denbighshire County Council, Natural Resources Wales, North Wales Wildlife Trust, Clwydian Range and Dee Valley Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty and One Voice Wales. The Community Council takes on board the relevant policies, plans and aims of these organisations in determining the best way to implement the requirements to meet future needs. The Community Council is working closely to embrace the Denbighshire County Council Corporate Plan 2017 – 2022 details of which can be seen at the following link: <https://www.denbighshire.gov.uk/en/your-council/strategies-plans-and-policies/corporate-plan/corporate-plan.aspx>

### 3. Achievements to date

Since publication of the first Neighbourhood plan in 2017 several achievements can be cited.

- At the time of the last plan the new school building in Llanfair was still on the drawing board. It has now become a reality with pupils anticipating a start for the Autumn term in 2019. The new school building includes a community room which is hoped will provide an opportunity for activities such as mother and toddler groups.
- The Community Council undertakes risk assessments on assets in the villages and has ensured that measures have been put in place to manage risk such as improvements to the war memorial, around the Neuadd Eleanor and provision of waste bins.
- A new circular walk has been provided “Woods and Rocks” which provides improved access to the Eyrarth Rocks wildlife area and which is home to many rare species.
- The Community Council has worked closely with Denbighshire Highways to seek to implement measures to bring about safety improvements.
- A villages newsletter, Cronicl Dyffryn Clwyd, has been implemented through the Neuadd Eleanor management committee and has been welcomed widely in the community. It serves the villages and further includes Pwllglas and Llanelidan. Funding for the newsletter is being sought through advertising to make it sustainable.
- The Community Council has considered many planning development applications and has participated in consultations. The proposal to build 63 new houses to the North of the village was

the most difficult and the Council has worked hard to minimize the impact of the development and also to seek to engage with the developer to ensure that there is provision for amenity for the future. Other applications have concerned modernisation of existing properties as well as in outline for a small development in Graigfechan.

- The Community Council has made grants to local organisations or ones that provide benefit to local people such as hospices and places emphasis on matching funding rather than providing handouts.
- The Community Council has supported the provision of defibrillators at prominent points in the area and has also supported provision of training in their use. A defibrillator was provided to the local First Responders team to ensure it was properly equipped.

#### **4. Background, history and description of the area**

The Llanfair DC ward lies to the south of the town of Ruthin and includes the villages of Llanfair DC, Graigfechan, Pentre-celyn, Pentre Coch and surrounding areas. It forms the upper part of the Vale of Clwyd and rivers and streams run principally north to the coast.

There are some 1048 inhabitants with 458 properties. The area has four churches, chapels and places of Worship. Some 50% of residents speak the Welsh language, the strongest group of users being youth.

The area is rural and has strong agricultural activity. As well as farming the area includes Llysfasi College which lies to the south of the area. Set in 970 acres of countryside, the college provides a range of training and skill development courses to its land-based students. Genus UK has a facility at Pentre-Coch to the north of the area which provides breeding services to the livestock industry.

The ward includes two primary schools; Ysgol Llanfair Dyffryn Clwyd a dual stream Church in Wales primary school and Ysgol Pentre-celyn a Welsh medium non-denominational primary school. Secondary pupils are mainly serviced by Ruthin schools.

The Clwydian Range Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty lies to the east of the ward and several and minor roads, bridleways and footpaths provide access to this and other part of the area. The majority of Graigfechan and Pentrecelyn and Pentre Coch, which are part of the Community Council ward, lie within the AONB. Offa's Dyke Path National Trail passes alongside the area and tourism is served by this and other primarily natural environmental attractions in the area. The area offers good scope for healthy activities such as cycling and walking to residents and visitors alike.

The ward has the A525 road running north-south through it and this is a major route through Denbighshire. The Community Council has been liaising with Denbighshire County Council Highways Officers to review highway related issues and concerns in the area including provision of safe pedestrian and cycling routes. There has also been liaison with North Wales Police concerning speeding vehicles and a Community Speed Watch team has been formed. Monitoring sites have been identified in the villages. Littering of highways is a problem in the area and there is frequently a need for field hedges to be cut back.

Health facilities are provided in Ruthin or beyond and residents are dependent upon public bus services or cars to access them. Similarly, shops are in Ruthin although a community shop is also provided in Pwll-glas, transport is required to access these.

The area has a spectrum of residents including those in lower, middle- and upper-income bands. Similarly, there is a range of property types. The mixed range of incomes and limited local employment opportunities mean that some people (particularly young people) may find it difficult to get a foot on the property ladder in their local area. Denbighshire housing needs has been set out in the Local Development Plan in its sustainability appraisal and this will be used as one reference to develop an understanding of local needs.

The Community Council is aware of its responsibilities with regard to development and the impact these could have on flooding. Flooding is an issue in the Vale of Clwyd and the impact of any development in the area needs to be mindful of this and not lead to further input or to exacerbate river flows.

The area has two Public Houses; the White Horse in Llanfair DC and the Three Pigeons in Graigfechan. Both serve the local community as well as tourists.

## 5. Biodiversity

The area is rich in nature with high quality agricultural land, woodland and represents the head of the Vale of Clwyd. There is a wide variety of wildlife and there are two nature reserves and the Craig Adwy-Wynt SSSI which reflect the biodiversity of the area. For example, 28 species of butterflies have been recorded including the Pearl-bordered Fritillary at Eyarth and the rare Limestone Woundwort found at Coed Cilygroeslwyd. A comprehensive list of known species showing the biodiversity has been recorded.

The areas with rich or rare biodiversity occur often in isolated pockets of the nature reserves and the Community Council seeks to encourage development and land management practices that will create a “Living Landscape” with wildlife corridors joining up the pockets to promote species resilience by increasing habitat accessibility.

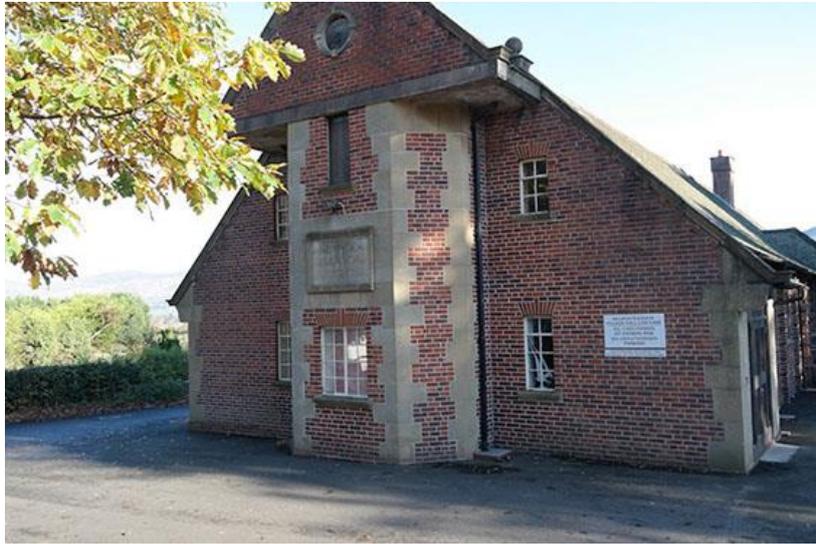
The role of the Community Council in promoting biodiversity is achieved in a number of ways which include:

- by input, influence and comment on planning and development proposals,
- through the key partnerships with organisations such as North Wales Wildlife Trust, the Clwydian Range and Dee Valley Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty, local schools and Denbighshire County Council including Denbighshire Countryside Services
- by promoting and supporting activities in the community to enhance and protect the biodiversity. For example, in being involved with planting of trees and shrubs and involving the community.
- by improving access to the area in the by maintenance of footpaths and for example in promoting creation of walks such as “Community Miles” in Graigfechan and “Woods and Rocks” in Llanfair DC, both implemented by Denbighshire Footpaths team.
- through recognizing the opportunity that wildlife corridors could present and in seeking community support for their development.

Table 1 of this Plan sets out all the actions to achieve the vision of this plan which embody consideration of biodiversity. The actions in the plan relate to the Denbighshire County Council’s Corporate Plan themes and will also implement specific steps to enhancing the biodiversity of the area. The Llanfair DC Community Council will seek to incorporate biodiversity into all the activities it plans and will develop specific activities to move towards a “Living Landscape”.

## 6. Neuadd Eleanor – its background and needs.

Llanfair DC is served by a local village hall, Neuadd Eleanor which provides a facility for groups within the community. Neuadd Eleanor was built in 1929 in memory of Eleanor Jones – Mortimer and since the 11th November 1929 there has been a Management Committee working tirelessly to ensure that the hall functions for the village and the wider community of the Ruthin area. It is a registered charity No 524058.



The Jones – Mortimer family still retain their links to the hall and in 2007 when Maurice, Eleanor and Cuthbert Jones Mortimer's son died they had their funeral tea in the hall and donated the funeral donations to assist with the upkeep of the building.

By 1997/8 the hall had become tired and, as it stood, it fell short of regulatory standards as well as the expectations of users. The Management Committee had to decide whether to continue offering a facility that would deteriorate further or plan to upgrade and develop the hall. The latter was agreed.

Over the past 20 years many relatively small grants were applied for and with much fundraising by the Sports Committee, the fundraising arm of the Management Committee, and voluntary work carried out by users and residents, a large number of improvements were carried out: -

- Modernisation (1998) of the kitchen with all essential equipment, cutlery and china ware
- Fire doors and the blocking off the balcony and upper room to comply with fire regulations
- Toilet for the disabled and fire exit ramp with handrail
- Hearing loop system
- Painting internally and externally by volunteers from our community
- Wood worm treatment throughout the building
- Stud partition of the snooker room
- Insulation of the roof
- Removal of asbestos
- Upgrading the committee room with wiring for power-point presentations and computers
- Provision of extra ladies' toilets
- Upgrading the stage with curtains and lights so that professional performances could be arranged
- Working with the Church, Community Council and the Countryside Council to enlarge and tarmac the car park and create a foot path for the benefit of the Church and school safety
- Purchase of extra tables and chairs
- Purchase of sports equipment

The Management Committee has now identified further improvements that are needed. A single quote has been received for each improvement so that we know what our targets figures are: -

- The heating system is either on or off and heats the entire building, this needs to be more efficient, and the building sectionalised, the pipe work and radiators are still the original cast system but instead of the original coal fired boiler it now has a 30-year-old oil boiler. All need to be replaced at an estimated cost of £45,000.

- Broadband Wi-Fi connection; 1st year's cost £600, thereafter annually £400.
- Double Glazing. The windows are the original ones which are metal framed, small paned that drain heat from the building. Planning permission was refused for UPVC because the hall is in a conservation area and the Local Authority is insisting on like for like, metal framed double glazing which would cost in the region of £55,000.
- A commercial standard kitchen, with stainless steel units etc. with an approximate cost of £10,000.
- Disability access to the stage, committee room and rear activity room with a cost of £7,500.
- Redecoration of the building and new curtains throughout at a cost of £11,000.

To date funds have been raised £15,000 for the Double Glazing by holding a wide variety of events over the past four years plus £2,000 from Co-operative Community fund and £1,000 from the Community Council. The Management of the hall has reserves of £8,000 which will cover redecoration of the hall but with so much work that needs to be done we need to progress with the above works first and when individual areas are no longer being refurbished then we can decorate that area or room.

The priority of the Management Committee is to sympathetically upgrade the hall retaining its unique and historic character. This has been strongly reinforced by the residents in the Community Consultation referred to below.

## 7. The Neuadd Eleanor Community Consultation.

In late 2017 the Management Committee of Neuadd Eleanor took the opportunity to have a survey through the Resources Efficiency Wales (REW) programme. This provided and informed knowledge about how energy use could be improved. Several of the recommendation have already been put in place. It is planned for REW to return under its latest programme, Sustainable Communities Wales which will provide up to 4 days further support. The survey took the opportunity to look more broadly at the amenity of the facility.

In the Summer of 2018 the Neuadd Eleanor Management Committee, in conjunction with support from Community Council, commissioned a community consultation which was undertaken by Cadwyn Clwyd, to find out exactly what residents wanted within their community. This was published in late Autumn 2018 and has been incorporated into the Neighbourhood Plan.

Excerpts from the executive summary of the consultation report showed:

- Most residents knew a Community Councilor and felt they understood the working of the Council. This was a real positive that most people would know who to contact if they wanted Parish information.
- Residents were very active in terms of physical activity (walking and cycling) and have a good knowledge of the area, with a thirst to know even more.
- Volunteering per se does not seem to be strong in the village, which is probably indicative of the demographics. However, a positive is that respondents would like to volunteer for local projects, they just need more knowledge. Volunteering opportunities need communicating in a way where people can support the community flexibly according to their own time constraints.
- Many people answering the survey were happy about their life in the Parish. The most mentioned issue was the lack of a playground for the children, followed by traffic concerns.
- The survey found that 22% of respondents were feeling lonely and sensed a lack of community spirit.

When investigating what Parishioners want from the Neuadd Eleanor hall, interesting ideas were highlighted. Many Parishioners felt a cafe and shop would be desirable. Other Interesting options for hall activities could be events such as Food Fairs, Bistro Travelling Theatre Productions, specialist workshops and courses. These areas were strongly endorsed by the survey, with people not only thinking they would be a good idea but that they would also attend.

Respondents felt that some work needs to be done to improve the “kerb-appeal” of the hall to create a WOW factor when people enter the building so that they would want to return for other events.

These initiatives could potentially gain funding for refurbishments with Arts, Rural Culture, Health and Wellbeing Being and Entrepreneurship being inherent in the projects and they are themes that are favoured by funders at the moment. They are events that could bring together the local community, working with local partners and local business groups to provide employment skills, and generating income for others.

The wider rural sports loving community and visiting public, could be served with annual running or cycling events with a potential option of hostel accommodation – this could bring in a revenue stream to be reinvested into local community projects together with an interest and pride to the village.

## **8. Future Needs**

As well as the predominantly agricultural rural activity of the area, Llanfair DC is a dormitory area for Ruthin and larger towns beyond. The trend towards centralisation of services in recent years has increased the sense of isolation and dependence on transport for rural communities. Alternatives that would maintain access to services within the area should be explored, even if this meant mobile provision, or utilising buildings for multiple purposes.

Improved engagement with the community, and better communication between organisations and residents is an important issue. Broadband in the region is patchy and often poor and farmers, businesses and residents would welcome improvement from service providers. There will be greater devolution of power from regional to local levels in the future and whilst this is welcomed, the requirement for improved facilitation should be recognised. Better and earlier consultation and feedback mechanisms would support improved community engagement further through the development of co-production approaches. These would help build trust between communities, politicians, and institutions.

The Community Council sees a need to understand future housing needs such that planning applications can be considered. A housing policy / strategy will be developed to address future needs and particularly to provide affordable housing for local people.

The Community Council will also seek to better understand the potential for business growth and for providing employment opportunities through such actions as supporting start-up businesses.

The Community Council will support other activities such as environmental improvement projects, provision of safe cycling routes, nature activities such as beekeeping/sanctuaries, provision of recreational facilities such as playing fields, promoting creation of restful wildlife areas, creation of nature corridors, and in establishing the rights of way network.

The Community Council will seek ways to engage with young people and to encourage their participation in community life, and will seek contact with Llysfasi, Brynhyfryd, as well as promoting after-school and holiday clubs.

The Community Council will support the publicity of an integrated programme for the Llanfair and Pwllglas village halls to provide greater awareness of activities and events.

The Community Council will give thought to the benefits of forming a community interest company.

The Community Council will support the community to draw down funding from say the Clocaenog Wind Farm scheme.

Apathy is a major challenge and greater community involvement would lead to better governance and sense of place and ownership for residents. More opportunities for volunteering should be encouraged to build community spirit.

As a dormitory, there is concern about villages lacking vibrant day-time economy and activities. Maintenance of village shops and other assets either commercially or as part of community endeavor could be part of the solution. Better broadband and more opportunities for small business based in communities are also seen as a potential part of the solution.

As stated above the natural environment provides significant resource for both the local community whilst stimulating tourism in the area. Improvements to access through development of “Community Miles” type footpath routes have been proposed and some success has already been achieved. The Community Council will support and encourage proposals that enhance the tourism offering.

The Community Council recognises the critical importance that the local food economy has and would encourage any activity that allows agricultural land to maximise its potential.

Similarly, the Community Council wishes to ensure that activities in the area contribute to a sustainable future and would encourage the uptake of innovation in new technologies and solutions as well as supporting the continuance of recycling, reducing plastic packaging and use of renewable energy.

Residents have close affinity with the natural environment and see it as a key asset to be used to attract tourists, provide leisure opportunities, produce food and generate income. Ecological concerns such as biodiversity and carbon storage are key to protecting this asset.

The Community Council sees that a practical answer to ensuring resilience in the community could be through development of a support network for those needing help. It will consider how such a network could be established and with the aim of providing support to those in need, be it on a temporary or longer-term basis.

The Community Council has been addressing several issues relating to the Llanfair DC Conservation Area.

- a. The alms houses (Elizabeth Owen terrace) in the village are mainly unoccupied and some are unfit for habitation and the Community Council has been seeking to communicate with the owners and those responsible for upkeep and will work to see the housing brought back into use and to benefit the people of the area in providing housing. This aligns with Denbighshire County Council’s Corporate Plan 2017-2022 objective of bringing empty properties back into use and to perform among the best in Wales.
- b. The future use of the existing Llanfair DC school and its grounds has been discussed by the Community Council which seeks to ensure that its future enhances the amenity of the Conservation Area. The site is owned by the Church in Wales and by Denbighshire County Council and having been provided through public funding the Community Council would wish to see the future use provide benefit and amenity to the people of the area. A note has been prepared and sent to Denbighshire County Council and the Community Council will develop a positive management strategy for the site in broad consultation with the community.

The Community Council supports the use of the Welsh language and there are courses offered in the area for social as well as formal learning, study and use of the language.

The Community Council recognises the importance of the area in food production through agricultural practice and will support and promote activity intended to ensure the sustainability in consideration of development proposals.

## 9. Specific proposals

Specific proposals have been discussed and drawn up and are presented in this plan. The Community Council has liaison throughout the community and has considered the priority attached to each which are presented in Table 1. A description of each of the proposals is as follows.

- 9.1 The centre of the village of Llanfair DC is a conservation area and includes St Mary's Church and the Alms houses. The cenotaph war memorial lies at the centre of this area in front of a lawned area. The paved area was improved in the last year and the coping to the wall around the area was repaired. There remains a need for a maintenance of the area around the cenotaph and the grassed area behind it. Provision of electrical and water point to the War Memorial would also allow maintenance activities to be carried out.
- 9.2 It is considered that a communal garden where people can walk, sit and meet would provide a much-needed amenity. An area that presented a peaceful setting would be appropriate such as near the Church or potentially the former school field in Llanfair DC. There should also be consideration of such a facility for Graigfechan and Pentre-celyn.
- 9.3 Provision should be made for children's play area(s) and playground[s] that provide protected Play Areas in the villages. This needs to be considered alongside the provision to be made in the new housing development at Llanfair DC. The amenity of open space area in front of the houses at Bron y Clwyd should be reviewed once the new school is established.
- 9.4 Provision of public seating and benches at key points such as outlooks or on footpaths would be encouraged.
- 9.5 Consideration should be given to provision of allotments provided there is demand and commitment from sufficient people. A successful allotment scheme is already in operation in Graigfechan.
- 9.6 There is a need to upgrade the Llanfair DC Village Hall to modern standards for community use to include double glazing, upgrading of heating and a new kitchen. The needs have been described in Section 5 of the Neighbourhood Plan. Statutory requirements such as provision of disability access should also be included.
- 9.7 At present signage around the area is highly varied. Consistent signage for all villages that convey a sense of pride in the area should be provided.
- 9.8 Regular cleaning of roads / removal of weeds to provide a sense of pride in the area. This is currently undertaken by Denbighshire County Council. Regular cutting of hedges should also be carried out especially where these intrude over footpaths.
- 9.9 Footpath provision around the area is poor in places and provision of safe paths would encourage greater use of walking and cycling and add to resident's well-being. The Community Council has worked with Sustrans and Denbighshire County Council to explore the options for;
- A safe pathway from Llanfair to Pwllglas.
  - A safe pathway on A494 from Llanfair to Ruthin.
  - A continuous pavement from Llanfair DC through to Llysfasi.
- 9.10 There is a need for cycle lanes and pedestrian routes to enable access between villages and to Ruthin without vehicular conflicts.
- 9.11 There is a need for an exercise trail where there is an inspiring route to run or walk and exercise equipment along the way. A walkway that gave access to people with disability; wheelchair friendly but also with a good surface and very gentle gradients.
- 9.12 There is a need to develop a walkway or footpath up the Nant Y Garth Pass providing access and amenity to this special area.
- 9.13 A community circular walk has already been provided for Graigfechan providing access to Offa's Dyke National footpath. Also, a Woods and Rocks walk has been provided to the Eyearth nature reserve

Further circular walks should be considered and especially if these provided nature corridors across the Vale linking the nature reserves.

- 9.14 Provision for mountain and road bike trails and routes should be considered to improve access to the area. The Community Council discussed a route in the Clwydian Hills along ridge and with access to villages (Along Offa's Dyke) but considered that this should be maintained as a footpath only route. Consideration of other routes could be made. Nearby, Llandegla Forrest provides a range of mountain bike routes and is a key attraction to the area. Similar facility is also provided at Clocaenog.
- 9.15 Provision should be made for observing nature including birdwatching hides. There are specific sites in the area that lend themselves to providing access to nature. North Wales Wildlife Trust may be able to assist and advise.
- 9.16 A request has been proposed by residents for creation of a Community Café. This might be achieved using the village hall in Llanfair DC, the former Llanfair school and the need may also be assessed in other villages.
- 9.17 There has also been a request to form a parent and toddler group. With new housing being created in the area the call for this is likely to increase and the Community Council will support development of a group.
- 9.18 Historically there was a village newsletter in Llanfair DC, and this was largely produced by one person with contributions from others. The hope was that the village website would help meet the need but there continues to be a request for reinstatement of the newsletter in printed format. The Community Council will consider how this can be resourced and achieved.
- 9.19 Salem Chapel, Graigfechan has a need to undertake a survey to identify building maintenance requirements and to replace brick pillar capping stones which have been stolen. The building is showing signs that windows need attention. Other community buildings such as other chapels may require periodic survey attention. Historically the Community Council has made grants to support and enable such works to be carried out. It would be sensible to undertake a survey of all such buildings to understand the overall need.
- 9.20 Pump Track. It has been proposed to provide a pump track in the area that would provide a facility for cyclists to undertake riding practice and racing which would provide amenity, encourage outdoor exercise and improve cycling skills. This would be an attractive amenity to a wide spectrum of the community.
- 9.21 Pentrecelyn Chapel has immediate needs that require to be fully identified but which include replacement or repair of windows. There are also other requirements such as the provision of tables to replace existing ones that have become unusable. The specific needs and costs have yet to be provided. The needs include building repairs and decoration, kitchen upgrade, provision of IT and projection equipment as well as public announcement and a hearing loop.

## **10. Next steps, action plans and consultation process to maintain the Neighbourhood plan.**

The Neighbourhood Plan has identified several actions which include:

- a) Undertaking a review of housing needs for the area and particularly to ensure provision for local people.
- b) Review the specific plans published by collaborative organisations to ensure that policy and strategy are aligned. This would include for example the Denbighshire County Council Local Development Plan as well as the National Development Framework.
- c) Undertake a review of business needs for the area to determine where support can be provided to encourage growth and to provide employment opportunity.

- d) Consider the outcome from the Neuadd Eleanor community consultation and determine where steps can be taken to address the issues raised.
- e) Seek funding opportunities to enable the priorities identified in the Neighbourhood Plan to be implemented.
- f) Undertake detailed actions identified in Table 1 below in relation to the needs listed there.
- g) Undertake further consultation of the Neighbourhood Plan to seek feedback, input and response from a wide section of the community.
- h) Consider the community's need in relation to resilience. This would entail considering the threats and risks that might present for example as a result of climate change. The Community Council will review the potential scenario's, consider the vulnerable people or assets and develop mitigation measures to be implemented should the risks occur.
- i) Maintain the involvement and leadership with matters relating to the Llanfair DC Conservation Area in seeking its development in line with Denbighshire County Council's planning guidance note. This requires that the Area should retain and enhance its sense of space in the heart of the village. Future use should be in keeping and for the broad benefit of the community. The Community Council will follow proactive Conservation Area Management Strategy seeking positive development management through pre-application discussion and planning consents to ensure protection and enhancement, seeking environmental improvements through partnership with others, providing advice and information and sourcing grant aid.
- j) The Community Council will strengthen its relationships with other bodies to seek mutual progress and development. These include Denbighshire County Council, North Wales Wildlife Trust, the Clwydian Range and Dee Valley Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty and One Voice Wales.

Table 1 – Community Project Proposals June 2017

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		Priority HML	PSB themes**	Comments / Actions	Cap	Rev
1	Maintain the area around the War Memorial and the grassed area behind it.	H	Env	High priority	0	2
2	Provision of an electrical and water point to the War Memorial	H	Env	High  priority	5	1
3	A communal garden where people can walk, sit and meet. Peace garden with benches for quiet contemplation.	L	Hea	Need to consider options for Llanfair and for Graigfechan and Pentre-celyn.	20	5
4	Children's Play Area(s)/Playground[s]/Protected Play Areas in Villages	M	Hea	Review amenity of space in Bron Clwyd. Also, Pentre-celyn school field could be upgraded. This would be suitable for immediate request for funds.	25	2
5	Public seating / benches.	M	Hea	Consider provision and siting's	20	2
6	Allotments – provided there is demand and commitment from enough people.	L	Eco	Need to test whether there would be demand	30	4
7	Upgrading of Village Hall to modern standards for community use to include double glazing, upgrading of heating and new kitchen.	H	Res	Top priority Total cost Heating system £45k Double Glazing £55k Internet £600 Kitchen £10k Disabled access £7.5k Redecoration £11k	130	5
8	Signage for all villages that convey a sense of pride in the area.	M	Env	Should request provision by Denbighshire CC	25	1
9	Regular cleaning of roads / removal of weeds to provide a sense of pride in the area	H	Env	Write to DCC and ask for this to be done routinely.	0	5
10	Safe pathway from Llanfair to Pwllglas.	M	Hea	Write to DCC requesting assistance with feasibility and preliminary design and estimates for these works.	40	2
11	Safe pathway on A494 from Llanfair to Ruthin.	M	Hea		60	2
12	Continue pavement from Llanfair DC through to Llysfasi.	M	Hea		75	2
13	Cycle lane to enable access between villages and to Ruthin without vehicular conflicts.	M	Hea		100	5
15	An exercise trail - where there is an inspiring route to run or walk and exercise equipment along the way.	L	Hea	Not considered necessary as plenty of scope for exercise in the area.	40	2
16	A walkway that gave access to people with disability; wheelchair friendly but also with a good surface and very gentle gradients.	L	Hea	Could be considered if there is demand.	40	2

17	Walk / footpath up the Nant Y Garth Pass providing access and amenity to this special area.	M	Hea	Consult with Llysfasi college to determine whether they can help make existing path more accessible.	75	2
18	Community circular walks providing access to places of interest around the area.	M	Eco	Work with DCC Footpaths staff to develop and ensure good signage is provided.	25	2
19	Mountain and road cycling trails from Clwydian Hills and with access to villages.	L	Eco	Offa's Dyke should be preserved as a footpath only. Other routes may be appropriate.	100	5
20	Birdwatching hides	M	Env	Consider provision and siting's working with North Wales wildlife	40	2
21	Upgrade existing bus stop on Wrexham Road by school	M	Res	Request whether this can be done by DCC	20	1
23	Provide circular bridleways to ensure horse riders do not have to go on roads	H	Hea	Request DCC footpaths officers to review	25	2
24	Provision of a café for the area	M	Hea	Consider as addition to public houses.	0	0
25	Provision of a community shop	M	Eco	Consult with Pwllglas and Llandegla on feasibility	50	25
26	Parent and toddler group	H	Hea	To be discussed	25	1
28	Salem Chapel, Graigfechan and other public buildings	M	Eco	Undertake survey of building to establish maintenance needs	20	0
29	Pump Track cycling track	tba	Hea	Provide a pump track for cycling with jumps and turns	30	2
30	Pentrecelyn Chapel	tba	Eco	Address specific needs at Pentrecelyn Chapel including window replacement and ancillaries	tba	tba

\*Note – all costs are estimated and would require fully costed proposals to be developed, some entailing feasibility studies.

\*\*Key - Conwy and Denbighshire Public Service Board themes

**Environment**

**Health and Social Well-being**

**Economic & Culture**

**Community Resilience**

## **Appendix 1 - The Well-being of Future Generations (Wales) Act 2015 well-being goals.**

These goals need to be considered when drawing up local objectives.

### **Prosperous**

An innovative, productive and low carbon society which recognises the limits of the global environment and therefore uses resources efficiently and proportionately (including acting on climate change); 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.

### **Resilient**

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 (for example climate change).

### **Healthier**

A society in which people's physical and mental well-being is maximised and in which choices and behaviors that benefit future health is understood.

### **More Equal**

A society that enables people to fulfil their potential no matter what their background or circumstances (including their socio-economic background and circumstances).

### **Cohesive Communities**

Attractive, viable, safe and well-connected communities.

### **Vibrant Culture and Thriving Welsh Language**

A society that promotes and protects culture, heritage and the Welsh language, and which encourages people to participate in the arts, and sports and recreation.

### **Globally Responsible**

A nation which, when doing anything to improve the economic, social, environmental and cultural well-being of Wales, takes account of whether doing such a thing may make a positive contribution to global well-being.