

WELSHPOOL TOWN COUNCIL

TOWN AND COMMUNITY PLAN 2014-2017

FINAL REPORT FOR COUNCIL ON STATUS OF PLAN RESULTS

Ref	Heading	Objective	Actions taken
1	CCTV & Anti social behaviour	To continue to support and enhance the CCTV system To work with the Police to reduce/remove anti social behaviour	CCTV system moved to Town Hall in own room. Further cameras at the Motte & Bailey and Maes Y Dre installed. Plan with Police on anti-social behaviour continuing. Work with the Polish community proceeding slowly.
2	Drinking on the street order	To obtain a DPPPO or such other suitable programme to restrict and stop street drinking	Discussions with the Police and PCC continue.
3	Dog mess control	To continue with the dog fouling initiatives and provide more dog bins when possible.	The following actions have been implemented: i) Dog Control areas ii) Staff trained in fining on Council land iii) Dog mess information leaflets iv) Dog Control Team high viz jackets v) Policy of publishing of pictures in paper of offenders when possible
4	Public Toilet provision	To provide public toilets in Welshpool	The Town Council has taken over the toilet provision for Welshpool.

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5	Hourly Train Service on Cambrian Line	To support and activity work towards gaining an hourly train service on the Cambrian Line	Work to gain the improved service at present is completed. The Council is still working with Welsh Government and the Shrewsbury Aberystwyth Rail Liaison Committee to continue improvements.
6	Keep Welshpool Tidy	To support initiatives to reduce litter. To host a Keep Welshpool Tidy Week each year.	The following actions have been implemented: i) Keep Welshpool Tidy Week held annually. ii) Council has taken over the Street Scene. iii) Support for Street Champions.
	Bus Services	To support the retention and if necessary consider taking over the local buses.	Monitoring the situation – no current proposals by PCC to cut service.
8	Tourist Information Centre	To retain and expand the Tourist Information Service.	Work to retain and improve the tourist information office has been carried out as follows: i) Expanding sales base ii) Introduction of rail ticket sales iii) Introduction of a Bags, Ties and Accessories section iv) Sculptures, flagpoles and seating provided around site.
9	Country Park	To improve further the park working with the Montgomeryshire Wildlife Trust.	The following actions have been implemented: i) Lease taken of land to provide Country Park ii) New playground installed iii) Wildflowers planted around edge of site

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10	Cycle Routes	To support PCC in providing safer cycle routes. To support provision of a cycle route booklet.	Working with PCC (when possible) to create a safer cycle route system. Working with PCC to provide a Welshpool Cycle booklet.
11	Playgrounds	To continue to improve and maintain all 6 playgrounds in the Town.	The following actions have been implemented: i) New playgrounds at Brookfield Road ii) New and replacement play equipment at Maes y Dre iii) New play equipment added to Little Henfaces Drive iv) Replacement play equipment at Dol Y Felin v) Repairs to equipment and surfaces in various play areas. vi) Fencing, benches and bins enhanced.
12	Town Centre Tourist Attraction	To seek to provide a town centre attraction.	Various ideas have been explored but with no progress to date.
13	Main Line Station facilities	To seek to gain a waiting room on the platform. To seek to gain information boards on the platform. To seek to gain better parking for the station.	A new waiting room has arrived, a further one is planned. Information boards are now working on the platforms. A new car park has been added to the stations existing facilities.

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14	Open spaces 6 acre rule	To secure open space where ever possible to add to the existing allocation.	<p>The open spaces owned by the Council have been registered with the the Fields in Trust to protect them.</p> <p>Country Park added to open spaces.</p> <p>Current 6 acre rule requirement is 42 acres of public open space.</p> <p>Welshpool has at present :</p> <table> <tr> <td>Maes y Dre</td> <td>15 acres</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Brookfield Road</td> <td>7 acres</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Little Henfaes Drive</td> <td>0.1 acres</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Dol y Felin</td> <td>0.25 acres</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Outer Park</td> <td>10 acres</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Land by the Flash</td> <td>3 acres</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Scansis pitch & grass</td> <td>1 acre</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Country Park</td> <td>5 acres</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Area by Tourist Office</td> <td>0.2 acres</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Gungrog Hill/Erw Wen</td> <td>0.3 acres</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Total area</td> <td>41.85 acres</td> </tr> </table>	Maes y Dre	15 acres	Brookfield Road	7 acres	Little Henfaes Drive	0.1 acres	Dol y Felin	0.25 acres	Outer Park	10 acres	Land by the Flash	3 acres	Scansis pitch & grass	1 acre	Country Park	5 acres	Area by Tourist Office	0.2 acres	Gungrog Hill/Erw Wen	0.3 acres	Total area	41.85 acres
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15	Consultations	<p>To seek to consult with the community over projects as follows:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> i) Booklets ii) Drop in days iii) Web site iv) Public meetings v) Quaterly newslettes. 	<p>All actions completed during the life of the plan and form policy on consultations for the Council.</p> <p>There have been quarterly newsletters.</p>																						
16	Allotments	To provide an allotment site.	<p>A new site has been provided at the Hospital.</p> <p>A further site on the Burgesses Lands at Red Bank has been allocated.</p>																						

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17	Tourism Information	To provide tourist information booklets for the town. To provide an events booklet for the town. To provide a platform for the attractions to meet together.	Tourism books/maps have been prepared and circulated annually. An events booklet has been prepared annually and circulated.
18	Youth	To continue to support the Youth Council.	The Youth Council continues and goes from strength to strength.
19	Motte and Bailey	To work with CADW and other agencies to provide: i) A car park ii) A walkway around the Castle iii) Interpretation boards iv) Refurbishment of the railway docks v) Improvements to the Castle vi) Improvements to the club house vii) Brining into use the old gym building	The following has been actioned: A new car park has been provided. A walkway around the castle has been provided. Interpretation boards are still in planning stage. Railway docks have been cleared and survey work completed. Work with CADW on the next stage is taking place. The old gym building has been let to a motor cycle operator.
20	Bus Maps	To provide bus maps around the town bus route so people can see the times of the buses and see where it goes. To support and arrange for the town bus to stop at the main line station.	Bus maps are located on all stopping points around the town bus route. The town bus does not stop at the main line station.
21	Events	To continue to promote existing events and progress with other events as the opportunity arises.	Events continue with an events officer in place. Further events are added and existing ones improved annually.

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22	Protection of services	To take whatever action is necessary to protect services where this is expedient and sustainable. To seek a consultation on the cost of such takeover of services.	Since the plan inception the following service protection has taken place: i) Toilets taken over ii) Day Centre taken over iii) Street Scene taken over iv) TIC already taken over v) Flower beds and open spaces taken over. Monitoring of further services are taking place with particular reference to: i) Local buses ii) Library service iii) Youth service iv) Recycling provision
23	Canal exhibit	To provide a canal side exhibit for tourism.	No further action has been possible to date.
24	Outer Park	To improve the benches and provide extra litter bins.	Some new benches and repairs to existing benches have taken place. Some new litter bins been put in place.
25	Tennis Court	To seek to provide a tennis court provision for public use.	No further action to date.
26	Charter with Powys County Council	To enter into and operate a charter with the principle authority.	Completed and being implemented. A new charter to replace the existing one is being put in place.
27	Vehicle Speed Review	To seek a review of speed limits in and around Welshpool.	Council took part in Trunk Road Agency review. Speed limits around schools and other areas put in place at 20mph.
28	Health study for Mid Wales	To take part and activity support a Mid Wales Health Study.	Completed.

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29	Canal Re-opening Llanymynech - Welshpool	To actively support actions to re-open the Montgomeryshire Canal through to Welshpool.	A working group is in place and discussions continue with Welsh Government.
30	Bus Station	To support, identify and gain a site for a bus station in the Town Centre to act as a central bus point.	Site recommended to PCC – Berriew Street car park.
31	Town Trail (WLLR)	To complete a series of maps and information boards along the town route of the WLLR in partnership.	Completed.

Green – Completed or implemented : Blue – Still ongoing but work started : Red – Not being taken forward or not started yet

NOTE: Completed 21.5 (71%) Started 6.5 (26%) Not started 3 (10%)

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