

**Agenda
31.01.2023.**

- | | |
|---|---|
| 1. Cyhoeddiadau'r Cadeirydd. | Chairs announcements. |
| 2. Ymddiheuriadau am absenoldeb.
I dderbyn, ystyried a derbyn ymddiheuriadau am absenoldeb. | Apologies for absence.
To receive, consider and accept apologies for absence. |
| 3. Datganiadau o Fuddiant.
I dderbyn unrhyw ddatganiadau o fuddiant ar eitemau ar yr agenda. | Declaration of Interest.
To receive any known declarations of interest in items on the agenda. |
| 4. Cofnodion.
I awdurdodi'r Cadeirydd i arwyddo cofnodion yr cyfarfod blaenorol y Pwyllgor fel cofnod cywir. | Minutes.
To authorise the Chair to sign the minutes of the previous meeting of the Committee as a correct record. |
| 5. Adroddiadau Clerc y Dref.
I derbyn ac ystyried adroddiadau a gwneud unrhyw benderfyniadau angenrheidiol arno. Mae adroddiadau yn ddogfennau gwaith ac felly nid ydynt wedi'u cyfieithu.
a) Cynllun gweithredu argyfwng hinsawdd ac ecolegol
b) Ansawdd dŵr Afon Dyfrdwy. | Town Clerks reports.
To receive and consider reports and to make any necessary decisions thereon. Reports are working documents and are therefore not translated.
Community Grants Scheme.

Four Great Highways a Cittaslow network. |
| 6. Adroddiadau i'r Pwllgor.
I dderbyn adroddiadau a gyflwynwyd i'r Cyngor Tref a phenderfynu pa gamau, os o gwbl, i'w cymryd. Mae adroddiadau yn ddogfennau gwaith ac felly nid ydynt wedi'u cyfieithu. | Reports to Committee.
To receive reports submitted to the Town Council and determine what action, if any, is to be taken. Reports are working documents and are therefore not translated. |
| 7. Gohebiaeth.
I ystyried gohebiaeth a dderbyniwyd ac i wneud unrhyw benderfyniadau angenrheidiol arno. (Gellir derbyn gohebiaeth ar ôl i'r agenda gael ei chyhoeddi a gellir ei hystyried yn y cyfarfod hwn). | Correspondence.
To consider correspondence received and to make any necessary decisions thereon. (Correspondence can be received after the agenda has been published and may be considered at this meeting). |

REPORT AUTHOR: Town Clerk.
SUBJECT: Community Grants Scheme.
REPORT FOR: Decision.

1. Summary.

1.1 To consider the participatory budgeting scheme for 2021/22

2.0 Background.

2.1 The Town Council has allocated £3,000 to be spent this financial year.

2.2 This scheme has proved to be successful over the years and was suspended for funding other initiatives. Participatory Budgeting (PB) is an innovative way of allocating resources. Residents vote on which project proposals will be delivered in their neighborhoods, thereby participating directly in the budget allocation of resources aimed at improving local services.

2.3 Projects will be accepted from organisations within the Llangollen Electoral Boundaries providing:

- (a) has agreed terms of reference or a constitution or has a recognised organisation that can act as banker, either the group itself or, for example, a school, church, etc.; and
- (c) can demonstrate compliance with relevant statutory requirements.

2.4 Llangollen Town Council appreciates the skills, experience, and expertise which the voluntary and community sector holds and recognises the help that organisations can give to support the Council in achieving its aims and fulfilling its priorities for residents.

2.5 Having declared a climate and ecological emergency and agreed an action plan at the April meeting The Town Council, it has resolved to provide financial support to projects that contribute to lowering carbon footprints through the community grants scheme.

2.6 To provide a focus for this year's scheme and to support other local initiatives this year's program will focus on three priority areas:

- Area 1 Promoting biodiversity. (e.g., plant up gaps in hedges, plant new hedgerows, orchard projects, open space planting, pollinators).
- Area 2 Food growing, planting and promotion. (e.g., food banks, community gardens, local growing cooperatives, local produce, and promotion).
- Area 3 Active travel (journeys made by modes of transport that are fully or partially people-powered, irrespective of the purpose of the journey).

2.7 The total cost of each project should not be greater than £500 and lower-cost projects are encouraged to maximise the number of projects that can be helped. Projects should be capable of being finished, and the grant paid by or on the 28 February 2024.

2.8 To encourage take up the Town Clerk has spoken with Drosi Bikes who have agreed to help promote this year's programme. This promotional activity will highlight one of the key priorities of active travel and provide more visibility for the whole scheme and therefore it is suggested that the grant scheme is Launched on the 10 June during National Bike Week and the closing date for applications will be 4 August 2023 – Cycle to Work Day . Eligible schemes will be assessed by the Committee in September and as in previous years the residents of Llangollen will help the Council decide how this money is spent. A resident's voting event will take place on the 3 October 2023 during cycle to school week.

4. Recommendation.

4.1 It is recommended that the Committee proceeds with the participatory budgeting scheme for 2023.24 and agrees the three priority areas for support to reflect the aspirations of the Climate, Ecology and Cittaslow Committee .

5. Reason for the recommendation.

5.1 To ensure the efficient and effective management of Town Council programmes .

REPORT AUTHOR: Town Clerk.
SUBJECT: Four Great Highways a Cittaslow network.
REPORT FOR: Decision.

1. Summary.

1.1 To consider creating a Cittaslow network.

2. Background.

2.1 At the recent Cittaslow UK conference based in Aylesham when the Secretary General Pier Giorgio Oliveti and President Mauro Migliorini of Cittaslow International visited the UK, the concept of Cittaslow networks was mentioned.

2.2 The first local Cittaslow network was a German pilot which has now become the model for other countries and the entire international Cittaslow network. These networks operate under the umbrella of Cittaslow and are synonymous with sharing and cooperation between different communities and cultures across borders.

2.3 The aim of the Deidesheim, Neustadt am der Weinstraße and Maikammer network in Germany was to strengthen the "Sustainability Region of the German Wine Route" and has a clear focus to unite this wider region. The concept is to foster cooperation between the three towns and to coordinated cultural programmes, joint marketing of cultural sites, and uniform guidelines for major events such as wine festivals.

3. Four Great Highways project

3.1 This new project aims to promote and enhance the four great highways of Llangollen, by providing landscape and engineering improvements works to enhance access, biodiversity and visibility to and interpretation of the Llangollen Canal and World Heritage Site, the former Ruabon to Barmouth railway line, the River Dee and Thomas Telford's Historic Route: the London to Holyhead Road (A5). The aim is to improve the resident and visitor experience and encourage people to spend more time in the area.

3.2 The project is not only limited to Llangollen but spans across the Pontcysyllte Aqueduct and Canal World Heritage Site and by using the railway link through to Corwen, as illustrated below.



3.3 Clearly a defined network linked by the Llangollen Canal, the former Ruabon to Barmouth railway line, and the London to Holyhead Road A5 exists and therefore there could be a possibility of engaging with other communities within this corridor to develop a Cittaslow network coterminous with this area with a view to establishing closer working relationships for mutual benefit.

4. Recommendation.

4.1 That the Committee considered developing a Cittaslow network consistent with the Four Great Highways project area.

5. Reasons for recommendation.

5.1 To ensure probity in the support of national initiatives in line with Town Council priorities.