

Cowbridge with Llanblethian Town Council Mayor's report Mar / Apr 2023

Following the Council meeting on 21st March I submitted our agreed response to the **Vale of Glamorgan Community Review Consultation** (Boundary Review) and received an acknowledgement from the Local Democracy and Boundary Commission for Wales.

On Thursday 23rd March I attended the Vale of Glamorgan Council **Community Liaison Committee** meeting. I circulated my notes of the meeting to all Councillors on 31st March.

On Tuesday 28th March the Mayoress and I attended a Community Drop-in Session at Ysgol Iolo Morganwg as part of the consultation on the **Proposal to increase capacity for Welsh medium education** by expanding Ysgol Iolo Morganwg from 210 places to 420 places from September 2025. On Monday 3rd April I chaired an extra Council meeting held to agree a response to the Consultation. I submitted the agreed response the next day and this was copied to all Councillors.

On 29th March and 12th April I chaired our fifth and sixth **Coronation Working Group** meetings. These were again attended by a mix of Councillors, Residents, Community Group Representatives. The meetings have been very positive, enthusiastic and constructive. Plans have been boosted by the Town Clerk and Deputy Town Clerk successfully obtaining a National Lottery grant to support the community events. The events being organised are:

- Mayor's Charity Coronation Dinner Dance on Friday 5th May (we need to sell more tickets),
- Museum Kings and Queens Exhibition on Saturday 6th and Sunday 7th May,
- Coronation Parade from the Fire Station to the Leisure Centre led by the Aberthin Tractor Boys at 11:30 am on Sunday 7th May (this will involve a short road closure),
- Community lunch/party with entertainment on the Bear Field from 12 noon on Sunday 7th May and
- Volunteer activities including a Litter Pick on Monday 8th May.

The regular monthly **Coffee and Drop-in morning** was held on Saturday 1st April in the main hall of the Town Hall. We were delighted to welcome Y Bont Faen Primary School Choir and their Choir Master, Eifion Davies, for their first public performance. The Choir sang a variety of songs from all over the world and, for some, invited audience participation. The Choir received warm applause from the appreciative audience. It was a wonderful way to start April and Easter week. Details and photos can be found in an article published in Cowbridge Nub News. The headline is not mine!

<https://cowbridge.nub.news/news/local-news/youngsters-eggcell-with-performance-at-mayors-event-179146>

The raffle plus donations for coffee, cake etc. raised almost £200 for the two Mayor's charities, Barnardo's and Atal y fro. Thanks to everyone who has supported and helped with the coffee mornings.

On Sunday 2nd April the Mayoress and I assisted with the regular monthly Cowbridge **Litter Pick** organised by Julia Evans.

On Wednesday 5th April I met with a local resident who is leading a neighbourhood group in opposition to a **Candidate Site** put forward for the **Replacement Local Development Plan**. The meeting was at the site which is by Vale Court off St Athan Road. Although the candidate sites have been published they are not yet out for consultation. This will probably happen in the autumn.

Councillor John Andrew
The Mayor,
Cowbridge with Llanblethian Town Council
16th April 2023