



COWBRIDGE (ANCIENT BOROUGH) with
LLANBLETHIAN TOWN COUNCIL
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Placemaking Plan Project. Agenda No. xx
Progress Update
Report to Full Council
20th February 2024

1. Introduction

- 1.1 This report provides the council and as public document members of the public, a record of how much engagement with the community has been undertaken to date and what is still to be completed. The report also updates the Council on the next steps in preparing Cowbridge with Llanblethian's Placemaking Plan
- 1.2 The report provides information on the engagements undertaken with the community to enable the community mapping to be completed allowing the development of evidence based themes.

2. Engagements Undertaken to Date.

- 2.1. The schedule below includes work that was undertaken prior to the commencement of the place making project, i.e the survey undertaken on how the community would like to see Clare Garden village 106 monies spent, a survey undertaken by the police at Comprehensive School.
- 2,2 Events and other engagement undertaken to date are as follows.:
 1. Online survey seeking residents views on how to spend Clare Garden Village 106 funds - autumn 2019.
 2. Mayors' coffee morning in the - autumn of 2022
 3. Mayors' coffee morning - January 2023
 4. Youth Service /Police survey at Cowbridge Comprehensive School - April 2023
 5. Coronation event Bear fields - May 23 – all age groups involved.
 6. Mayor's Coffee morning - July 23
 7. Cowbridge Comprehensive school council - July 2023.
 8. Comprehensive school year 'seven lounge' engagement event - October 2023.
 9. Cowbridge traders meeting in the Duke of Wellington - September 2024.
 10. Cowbridge Art Group and Arts Society petition re art gallery at the Old Hall - October 2024
 11. Meeting with Penllyn Community Council to explain Placemaking and get input from their residents, - November 2023.
 12. Consultation survey launched December 2023 runs to 25 March 2024 it is available:



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- a. Online Cowbridge Town Council and Vale of Glamorgan web sites
 - b. On social media
 - c. Hard copy and post boxes in the Library, Leisure Centre, Doctors surgery and the Town Hall office entrance.
13. Meeting with the history society December 2023 who are responding.
 14. Specific U3A questionnaire issued to members in a Placemaking bulletin in January 2024, available in hard copy if requested.
 15. Leaflet dropped to all of Clare Garden Village houses for Placemaking 'drop in' held at the Cross Inn Llanblethian 15th January 2024 which also involved Llanblethian residents invited through social media.
 16. Met the Llanblethian community group committee 23th January 2024 to explain Placemaking and pass on posters for them to distribute through notice boards and WhatsApp groups.
 17. Event held with Bont Faen school council in the Town Hall 22nd January 2024.
 18. Met Llanfair Community Council to explain Placemaking and get input from their residents February 1st 2024.
 19. Engagement event in the foyer of Waitrose 11.00 to 18.00 February 2nd, 2024.
 20. Further publicity at the Mayor's coffee morning 3rd March 2024.
 21. Emails sent to all Cowbridge Comprehensive School sixth formers with link to the survey and Placemaking information. 5th February 2024.
 22. Reposting Placemaking survey details up to closing date 25th March 2024
- 2.3 It is estimated that we have engaged face to face with over 300 individuals from six years olds to people in their 80's. A significant number have completed surveys,
- 2.4. However more needs to be done to ensure we capture a wide spectrum of residents view on what they want to see in the plan, to take Cowbridge with Llanblethian forward over the next fifteen years. So, more events are planned, and we are redoubling our efforts to get the public to complete the Placemaking survey.

3. Planned events.

- 3.1 In increasing our efforts to widen engagement we have arranged three more 'drop ins' in a similar format to the Cross inn 'drop in' undertaken for Clare Garden Village. These are to hold at:|:
- a. The Duke of Wellington Monday 26th February 2024
 - b. The Horse & Groom Tuesday 5th March 2024
 - c. The Farmers Arms Aberthin 11th March 2024.

All between 17.30 and 20.00



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Every house in then Town will receive a leaflet with dates of the ‘drop ins’ over the next two weeks. It also an opportunity for Town Councillors to attend and meet residents.

3.2 In addition to the ‘drop ins’ the following is planned:

- 1 Sixth form ‘drop in’ date to be agreed after half term - February/March 2024.
2. Meeting with Welsh St Donats Community Council to explain Placemaking and get input from their residents March 5th2024.
3. Meeting with the Welsh School’s council after half term – February/March
4. Engagement with the scouts and other similar youth groups - to be arranged.
5. Engagement with sports clubs. - to be arranged
6. Engagement with the sheltered accommodation scheme in Cowbridge - to be arranged.
7. Engagement with De Clare Lodge residents. - to be arranged
8. Further engagement with the businesses in Cowbridge. - to be arranged
9. Engagement event at the Leisure centre, possibly March
10. Receive petition being undertaken by Cowbridge artists community.

4. Next Steps

- 4.1 With the online survey closing on 25th March we will be in a position to start to firm up the themes emerging from the consultation. To date we have three front runners.
 - Connectivity – including cycle paths, walking and Wifi.
 - Culture and recreation
 - Youth provision
- 4.2 We will continue to seek to engage with groups such as the sports clubs to refine the themes.
- 4.3 The Vale of Glamorgan are in the process of appointing consultants funded by the Welsh Government. We will have opportunity to comment on the brief and it is the intention that we will be involved in the appointment in some way.
- 4.4 Once appointed the consultants will draft a plan, which I imagine will be an iterative process and once drafted I expect to come to the Town Council for comment before shared with the wider community before being finalised. We are still hoping to complete the plan by the autumn. Once the consultants are appointed, we will better idea of detailed timescales.
- 4.5 During the drafting period we will also look at the evidence and try and match to funding streams such as 106, Strong Communities Funds and Lottery.

5. Conclusions



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- 5.1 Working closely with the Vale's Creative Communities Team we have made good progress engaging with the community are seeing some clear themes and are continuing to seek wider engagement, with the sports clubs and business.
- 5.2 So, over the coming months we will look to complete the evidence gathering and develop Cowbridge with Llanblethian Placemaking Plan which will shape the future development of the Town.

6. Recommendations

- 6.1 It is recommended that the Council note the report and the dates and times of the 'drop ins' p[planned at the end of the month and in March.