



**Cyngor Tref
Llanfairfechan
Town Council
Annual Report
2025 – 2026**



**Mayor Nia Jones
Deputy Mayor Sharne-Marie Bellis**

Mayor Nia Jones, Mayor's Consort Mr Ed Furber and Deputy Mayor Sharne-Marie Bellis at Llanfairfechan Celebrates

Welcome from Llanfairfechan Mayor 2025/26

I have very much enjoyed my year of service as Mayor of Llanfairfechan. It has been a pleasure to share in many important events over the last 12 months. Favourites of mine have been attending three 100 year celebrations for residents in Llanfairfechan. It was interesting to hear their life stories and meet their families and friends.

I enjoyed organising and funding the Sandcastle and Teddy Bears Picnic day – My civic event aimed to be family oriented, and everyone said they enjoyed it a lot. I wanted my 7 year old to be able to be part of my Mayor's year, so we have put a real focus on family activities in 2025/2026, and this has been lovely.

A most memorable and moving moment was at the Llanfairfechan Remembrance this year and I am pleased to have funded a lasting wall memorial of poppies at the cenotaph. I have worked closely with Deputy Mayor Sharne and wish her all the best for an enjoyable time as Mayor of Llanfairfechan in the coming year.

Thank you very much to all who contribute to the ongoing good works for our Llanfairfechan community. *Mayor Nia Jones*

Overview of the Town Council



Llanfairfechan Celebrates 2026

Llanfairfechan is a corporate body, formed under the provisions of the Local Government Act 1972. It is an independent local authority and is part of the first tier of local government, with an important role in shaping and representing the local communities it represents.

The Town Council has 13 elected members who represent a population of approximately 3640 people across three wards Pandy, Bryn and Lafan. There are currently two vacancies, and we hope to fill these as soon as possible by co-optation as no election has been called by the electorate.

We currently have one elected member who holds a joint role as County Councillor and Town Councillor, and this gives us a close working partnership with the county authority Conwy County Borough Council (CCBC). However, the Town Council is an independent body and elected to serve the members of the Llanfairfechan community.

For more information, please contact 01248681697 or email Town Clerk jayne@llanfairfechan.net

Work of the Town Council



Community Skips in Llanfairfechan In 2025/26, Town Council spent £4110 on providing regular skips to help reduce the risk of flytipping.

Town Council now run this service themselves as CCBC no longer provide a partnership service. We thank Worldcare LTD for the supply of skips and Jonathan Shacklady (registered waste carrier CBDU018080) for the removal of scrap metal. We also are grateful to James Griffiths, Town Council Environmental Officer for leading on this service each month.

Matters most discussed by the Town Council include:

- Planning Applications (We are a statutory consultee and can make observations that will be included in the CCBC planning process. Our observations do not have a veto/confirmation power, and we are one of many stakeholders with a duty to comment).
- Street furniture (signs, noticeboards, benches, cycle racks, litter bins, bus shelters, streetlights etc.)
- Parks and open spaces – (MUGA pitch on the Recreation Ground and Victoria Gardens Play area and Skatepark)
- Flytipping and concerns about rubbish and recycling collections
- Supporting projects to prevent littering and dog mess.

In addition, we hold a portfolio of wider support projects for residents, businesses, and community groups that include:

- Development of a formal community plan and promotion of local business and markets
- Support for community groups through s137, s144, s19 grants and networking opportunities and help with governance and marketing
- Celebration events in Llanfairfechan – Remembrance, Fireworks, Festive Fayre
- Provision of a monthly local Food and Artisan Market at Llanfairfechan Community Hall

How we can help

We are often called upon to act as a lobbying voice for the local community where there are concerns about or, improvements needed to service delivery by other public bodies.

This can include services by Conwy County Borough Council, such as highways, education or social services, or other public services like policing or health matters.

Llanfairfechan Town Council is also consulted or involved in partnership work over largescale projects that affect residents.

Work currently being undertaken:

- **Flood Protection Project and Promenade car park redesign** – working with Conwy CBC to broker solutions to reduce risk and make the car park fit for purpose.
- **West Shore Recreation Project** – management and maintenance of the MUGA and 3 g football pitch and financial sponsorship of the CCBC paddling pool.
- **Victoria Gardens family picnic and play area and the Station Road Garden** – extensive work has taken place to develop leisure opportunities and there is ongoing work in the area with the Incredible Edibles group.
- **Consultations and discussions with Conwy CBC about their proposed Local Development Plan project.** The project is in its final stages and is set for adoption in 2026/27.
- **Llanfairfechan Community and Place Plan** Work with the Discover Llanfairfechan and the Community Partnership sub-group. Supporting the work to produce the final plan.
- **Consultation work with Dŵr Cymru** to monitor the processes in Llanfairfechan and make sure that information is shared with residents.

Many of the Town Council's elected members have a role in representing the Town Council and residents of Llanfairfechan on local bodies such as environmental groups, business groups, community venues, school governing bodies and other interest groups.

This helps the Town Council to keep in touch with local activities and allows work to inform and consult with residents about future developments.

Our Core Values

The Seven Principles of Public Life (also known as the Nolan Principles) apply to anyone who works as a public officeholder. This includes all those who are elected or appointed to public office, nationally and locally, and all people appointed to work in the Civil Service, local government, the police, courts and probation services, non-departmental public bodies (NDPBs), and in the health, education, social and care services. All public officeholders are both servants of the public and stewards of public resources. The principles also apply to all those in other sectors delivering public services. Our Town Council aims to always uphold these principles:



Details of our work can be found at our website:

<https://www.llanfairfechantowncouncil.co.uk/> and at our Facebook page Cyngor Tref Llanfairfechan Town Council

If you require any document in a more accessible format, please do email a request to: swyddfa@llanfairfechan.net

Provisions under the Wellbeing of Future Generations (Wales) Act 2015

40 (1) A town/ community council must take all reasonable steps in its area towards meeting the local objectives included in the local well-being plan that has an effect in its area.

40 (2) But a community council is subject to the duty under subsection (1) only if, for each of the preceding three financial years prior to the local well-being plan for its area being published, either its gross income or its gross expenditure was at least £200,000.

In 2025/26, Llanfairfechan Town Council did not have a duty to report on progress with regards to this legislation, however, much of our work does improve health and wellbeing in the community:

Community Projects during 2025/26:



Llanfairfechan Food & Artisan Market – The monthly markets continued through the year, and our reputation has grown with over 30 stalls on offer at each market. Following a project review in Autumn 2024, it was agreed there would be 8 indoor markets a year, running from September to April each year. Over 100 suppliers are now on the books, and each market has around 200 customers visiting.

Mayor's attendance at resident's 100 year celebrations

Three residents celebrated their 100th birthday in 2025/26 and the Mayor Nia Jones and Deputy Mayor Sharne-Marie Bellis were pleased to attend celebrations present a certificate and card from the Town Council



Beach of Dreams May 2025



Representatives from the Town Council attended a beach celebration at Colwyn Bay to recognise the environmental importance of the local coastline. Thanks to Town Clerk Jayne Neal for leading on producing the flag for printing by Kinetica. The design was developed through community sessions. A parade from Rhos on Sea promenade to Colwyn Bay promenade took place with a final installation and performances on the beach.

Thanks to Colwyn Bay Town Council and Kinetica LTD for offering the opportunity for a partnership project out to all local town councils.

Mayor's Sandcastle Competition and Teddy Bears Picnic August 2025

Mayor Nia Jones invites you to join in the fun

Victoria Gardens + Beach
Sunday 3rd August at 11:30am

Teddy Bear Picnic

&

Sandcastle Competition

Bring your bucket and spade to build the biggest and most spectacular sandcastle you can! The Mayor of Llanfairfechan will judge the sandcastles and announce the winner.

Best Sandcastle wins a Family of 4 visitor pass to Manorafon Farm Park

After, join us in the park for Teddy Bear Picnic. Bring your teddy bear in their best dress so that they can enter the competition. All those who enter will get a certificate.

Please bring your own mat and picnic food. A small snack bag will be provided by the Mayor.

Sandcastle Competition 11:30 - 12:30		Teddy Bear Picnic 12:30 - 14:30
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We will be collecting items and cash donations for Llanfairfechan Foodbank at the event

The Mayor's civic event in 2025 was designed to be a family friendly activity and feedback was great. The weather was very kind, and many families joined in with the celebrations.



Pendalar Community Day August 2025

This is now an annual event in the calendar and is well supported by the community at the east end of Llanfairfechan.



Thanks to Deputy Mayor Sharne-Marie Bellis for providing free ice creams to all volunteer litter pickers and helpers. Also, thanks to members of the Llais y Lle committee and Councillors who helped to run the activities on the day.

Llanfairfechan Pony Festival and Parade Sunday 1st November 2025

Town Council has supported this event for three years – the aim of the project is to embed the Welsh language and culture into social activities whilst celebrating the importance of the Carneddau wild ponies to encourage engagement. This year, Town Council gained funding from the UK Government Key Fund to add value to an already successful annual event.



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Llanfairfechan Community Hall
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**Paned
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Sgwrs**

Dydd Sadwrn/Saturday 10/01/2026
Dydd Sadwrn/Saturday 24/01/2026
Dydd Sadwrn/Saturday 7/02/2026
Dydd Sadwrn /Saturday 21/2/2026
Dydd Sadwrn/Saturday 7/3/2026
Dydd Sadwrn/Saturday 21/3/2026
Dydd Sadwrn/Saturday 4/4/2026

Dewch i ymarfer
eich Cymraeg

Come to practice
your Welsh

Wedi ei arlunio gan
Llywodraeth y DU
Funded by
UK Government

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This funding provided finance for a new role in the staff team to provide frontline Cymraeg during the stated office hours Monday Tuesday Wednesday 9am to 12. In addition, Paned a Scwrs are now held at Llanfairfechan Community hall and led by Equalities Officer, Bethan Williams.



Llanfairfechan Remembrance Sunday 9th November 2025




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JOIN US FOR

***Llanfairfechan
Remembrance***

Sunday
9th November 2025

10:30am
Llanfairfechan Community
Town Hall
assemble for parade

10:50am
Llanfairfechan Cenotaph
An ecumenical service
followed by wreath laying



This is always a well-attended event in the annual calendar with around 250 residents coming together to mark Remembrance Sunday. In the last three years, the event has been very much enhanced by the attendance of the Llanfairfechan Veteran's Breakfast Club as it gives so much meaning to the occasion. It is also an opportunity for all the churches and community groups to come together to contribute to the ecumenical service and wreath laying at the cenotaph.

Llanfairfechan Mayor's Volunteer Celebration Thursday 4th December 2025

Mayor Nia Jones and the staff team organised an event to celebrate the work of volunteers in Llanfairfechan across the projects and events in town. Over 50 certificates were handed out, and 80 people attended to hear speeches, enjoy the mayor's buffet and observe the distribution of certificates.



Llanfairfechan Festive Market Sunday 7th December 2024

The Food and Artisan Market combines with community and social activities to celebrate the festive season and is always very busy.

The Community Fair was boosted this year with the inclusion of a Santa's workshop run by the Ysgol Babanod PTA - children could get involved with craft activities and families had access to free toys that could be taken for stocking fillers, thereby helping with the cost of living at this expensive time.



An ongoing partnership with Llanfairfechan and Penmaenmawr Rotary gave us a fantastic Santa's Grotto. With a present for every child and a welcome visit to Santa.

In addition to this, Town council also provide Christmas Street Lights and provide an award for the best dressed shop window. These all contribute to making the festive period in Llanfairfechan a special time for all the family.

Celebrations for Dydd Dewi Sant 27/02/2026



This was a project that was possible because of the new partnership links that the Equalities Officer brought to Town Council. Town Council was successful in gaining external funding to hold more Paned a Scwrs sessions and also hold music based events for all ages on 27/02/2026. On the celebration day, in partnership with Ysgol Babanod and Ysgol Pant y Rhedyn, 50 x 5- 7 year olds attended a Twmpath lead by Angharad Harrop and 145 x 8-10 year olds attended a Tew Tew Tennau

indie rock group performance. In the evening, families attended performances by Osian Gierke and Tew Tew Tennau.

I thought this was wonderful. It really marries well with our Cymraeg Campus scheme, and it was brilliant for the children to have dancing sessions and a live Welsh band. I showed a video to the LEA regarding these activities, and they were shared with other schools in the county as an example of good practice. I really hope that we can do something similar again next year as this was a total success. Remember, many of our children do not engage in the Welsh music scene or even eisteddfodau beyond what we offer. It was fantastic to see our learners treating Tew Tew Tennau as if they were global superstars! This is what we want- making Welsh SO COOL and they are desperate to learn it.

Well done everyone! Brilliant!

Matthew Jones Pennaeth Babanod Llanfairfechan/Pant y Rhedyn

Llanfairfechan Keep Wales Tidy Spring Clean – Thursday 26th March 2026



Two litter picks took place using the Llanfairfechan Community Hub equipment and over 90 children from Ysgol Babanod and Ysgol Pant y Rhedyn attended the morning session to clean along the promenade and Glan y Mor road. In the afternoon, families were invited to help and 15 residents helped with clearing litter from the beach, recreation ground and side roads in the area. All children had the opportunity

to apply for a [Blue Peter Green Badge](#) that offers free entry to a number of visitor attractions.



Llanfairfechan Celebrates - Relaunch of Llanfairfechan Paddling Pool **Saturday 2nd May 2026**

Llanfairfechan Celebrates has been a regular event in annual calendar, and this year marked the reopening of the paddling pool after extensive work by Conwy CBC to install a pump room and update the site.



Llanfairfechan Community Mental Health First Courses Level 3 RQF

In 2025, two Mental Health First Aid Training courses were provided in Llanfairfechan for people in key areas of the community to attend free of charge. These were funded by Dwr Anafon with match funding from Town Council for room hire. This helped increase understanding of mental health issues, break prejudices, and help enable people to act when others are in distress. 31 people qualified and attended the 2-day training course. These individuals were representatives from 15 different community groups and businesses based in the town. Feedback was excellent and it is hoped that this project will kickstart a regular programme of varied training courses for the community going into the future.

Cyngor Tref Llanfairfechan Town Council are committed to the National Wellbeing Goals

- **A prosperous Wales**
- **A resilient Wales**
- **A healthier Wales**
- **A more equal Wales**
- **A Wales of cohesive communities**
- **A Wales of vibrant culture and thriving Welsh language**
- **A globally responsible Wales**



Provisions under the biodiversity and resilience of the Ecosystems Duty – Section 6

Through Section 6 legislation, public authorities must seek to maintain and enhance biodiversity in the exercise of their functions in relation to Wales, and in so doing promote the resilience of ecosystems, so far as consistent with the proper exercise of those functions.

A key approach to Section 6 in Llanfairfechan is by supporting the community gardening groups and the gardening work completed by the Town Council Environmental Operative



Llanfairfechan Community Gardening groups

Groups meet on a weekly basis during the summer months. There are two community garden sites: Station Road Garden and Victoria Gardens Incredible Edible plots. In addition, there is a vibrant Community Orchard group with the Llanfairfechan Fruit Trail in development. The groups help with the annual Big Green Week in Llanfairfechan and often hold soup and social evenings at the sites.

Online resources have developed from these developments:

[Incredible Edibles Llanfairfechan](#)

[Biodiversity Llanfairfechan Group](#)



Llanfairfechan Big Green Week June 2025

Thanks to Deputy Clerk Callum Morrison for leading on this project and producing a comprehensive programme of activities in partnership with biodiversity focused groups in Llanfairfechan. This is an important week in the calendar as it provides a wealth of information and activities designed to raise awareness about the importance of protecting the environment and the green spaces.

Community groups involved included:

[Ysgol Babanod PTA](#), [North West Cancer research Aber and Llanfairfechan](#), [Llanfairfechan & Penmaenmawr Rotary](#), [Capel Zinc](#), [Llanfairfechan Incredible Edibles](#), [Hope Church](#) and the [Community Orchard group](#).

THE GREAT BIG GREEN WEEK		Llanfairfechan's Week Long Events June 7th - 15th	
Saturday 7th June	Ysgol Babanod Big Garden Makeover	10am - 2pm - Babanod Garden	
Sunday 8th June	Valley Road Open Gardens	2pm - 5pm - £5 per adult - Meet at Valley Road	
Monday 9th June	Free Day for you to get out and about!		
Tuesday 10th June	Rotary's Allotment Open Morning	Approx 10:30am - Meet at the Allotments	
	Incredible Edible's Big Bean Project	3pm - Meet at Station Road Garden	
Wednesday 11th June	Alun's Morfa Madryn Walk	12pm - 2pm(ish) - Meet on the prom by the river	
Thursday 12th June	Llanfairfechan Litter Pick with Capel Zinc	10am - Collect litter picking gear from Town Hall	
	Incredible Edible's Garden Session	6pm - Meet at Victoria Gardens	
Friday 13th June	Photo Competition Judging by Hope Church	Drop Off your photos by 12pm - Community Hall	
Saturday 14th June	Free Day for you to get out and about!		
Sunday 15th June	Community Orchard Tree Planting	10:30am - Llannerch Road Play Area	

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Llanfairfechan Emergency Dog Waste Bags project

Since 2018, Town Council have been providing free dog waste bags throughout Llanfairfechan to reduce the problem of dog waste in the public areas. This is primarily actioned by Environmental Operative, and bags are dispensers fixed on lampposts and fences in any problem areas. These are being replaced monthly or when needed and we now have several resident volunteers who help with this process. There is evidence this is a positive way to address the issue of dog mess as complaints reduce once a dog bag dispenser has been provided. Over 25 dispensers are placed around the town and cost around £350 annually so this is a low cost high benefit project.

Llanfairfechan Environmental Operative work on the highway and contracted work on Public Rights of Way (PROW)

As services are reduced at the County Council level, the Town Council Environmental Operative has taken up tasks to keep the town county without affecting the natural environment. We use no weedkillers and work with hand tools to keep areas clear enough for residents to use all highways without overhanging branches and brambles, but limit cut back to only what is really needed. Part of this work includes tidying up

wildflower areas and encouraging a wider range of grass and flowering plants to encourage wildlife. Several volunteers from the gardening groups assist by snipping overhanging brambles during the summer months. The Town Council are under contract to clear 5093 metres of Public Rights of Way in Llanfairfechan and they contract EPC services to undertake this work. The May cut is a very minor clearance as it is important not to disturb hedges and undergrowth at this time of year. It is really to make sure the paths are clear enough to walk at the start of the growing year. In October, the main cut takes place, and this annual routine has meant that complaints about PROW routes have been reduced to almost zero.

Protection of the Llanfairfechan Tree Canopy

In 2025, the Town Council resolved to make protection of the tree canopy a priority. A tree canopy plays a crucial role in the ecosystem, affecting sunlight penetration, temperature regulation, and creating a habitat for animals and other plants. The urban tree canopy in Llanfairfechan is at 23.7% which is the highest level in Conwy but alongside this good news is a responsibility to protect what we have to keep it at this level. Councillors are committed to observe tree planning applications to help to make sure that only essential work is undertaken and where needed.

2.2 Town canopy cover comparisons

Urban Area Size (ha) Category:

0 - 250	251-500	501-1000	1001-5000	>5000	
Canopy Cover Size Classes:					
0 - 5%	5.1 - 10%	10.1 -15%	15.1 -20%	20.1-25%	>25.1%

National Area Size Rank	Urban Area	Landscape Character Zone	Population ONS 2011 Census	Urban Area (ha)	Total Cover '13 (ha)	Total Cover '13 (%)
17	Colwyn Bay	Coastal	29,405	1100	197	17.9%
38	Towyn / Kinnel Bay	Coastal	9,497	512	33	6.4%
53	Llandudno	Coastal	15,371	392	30	7.7%
55	Abergele	Coastal	9,208	362	42	11.6%
56	Tywyn / Deganwy / Llandudno Junction	Coastal	10,658	354	40	11.3%
91	Conwy	Coastal	3,873	203	45	22.2%
98	Penrhyn Bay	Coastal	4,432	168	20	11.9%
109	Llanfairfechan	Coastal	3,637	152	36	23.7%
140	Llanrwst	Hinterland	3,323	112	13	11.6%
158	Penmaenmawr	Coastal	2,535	93	21	22.6%
200	Llansantffraid	Coastal	1,735	54	8	14.8%

Table 1: Town size and canopy cover



Budget Overview

Llanfairfechan Town Council receives most of its income from the residents of Llanfairfechan, through what is known as the 'precept'. This is a local tax set by the Town Council annually and it is collected on our behalf by Conwy County Borough Council, as part of the annual council tax bill. In 2025/26 due to increasing funding pressures, Band D property rose to £107.59, providing a precept of £165,000. In addition, £21,900 was made available from reserves to reduce the extra cost to residents. Increasing budgets were needed for Christmas lighting and festive fayre, CCBC library service, CCBC bus shelters, CCBC public toilets, CCBC paddling pool costs, fireworks increase, real living wage increase, playground equipment costs and community grants pot.

Town Councillors do not receive an income but can receive an expenses allowance of up to £156 to cover any costs. For the benefit of equity and in line with advice from the Independent Remuneration Panel, Llanfairfechan Town Council has agreed that all Councillors will receive the Councillor Allowance. An extra allowance for those who are carers is provided where necessary.

Other income is received from grant applications. In 2025/26, Llanfairfechan Town Council were successful in gaining grants totalling £12,149.89 for the Llanfairfechan Community Mental Health First Aid Training project, Llanfairfechan Equalities project and Llanfairfechan Warm Hub Paned a Scwrs project.

Governance and Accountability The Council aims to be open and accountable in all that it does, whilst ensuring sound and rigorous management of its assets and resources. It does this by having Standing Orders, Financial Regulations, and Internal Controls and by adopting proactive risk management practices. The Council is subject to annual internal and external audits and reports the outcomes of these on its website and noticeboard.

Subscription to Scribe accounting systems

In January 2026, Town Council made the decision to join with an online accounting system. It was agreed that, with the increasing challenge of managing external grants and new CCBC sponsorship arrangements, this is now necessary for audit control.

Community Grants and support for local organisations:

Town Council funded the following community activities in 2025/26:

137 Grants	
Veteran's breakfast club - Community hall	390.00
Venue hire Youth Club 2025/26	500.00
Mental Health Training Venue Llan Community Hall	200.00
Surf lifesaving grant s 137 2025/26	1000.00
Ysgolion s137 grant Urdd Subscriptions	3000.00
Llanfairfechan Town Football Club s137 grant	2000.00
Llan Com Hall Youth Service & Artisan Markets 26/27	2425.00
	9515.00
S144 Grants celebrations and tourism	
Deputy Town Clerk REIM for easter eggs	17.97
Kinetica People Pennant (Beach of Dreams)	120.00
Amazon VE Day Flags and Bunting	23.65
Bounce A Lot castles	165.00
Tammy Hales Facepainting (LlanCeleb)	280.00
Nationwide Ambulance (Fireworks)	288.00
Nationwide Ambulance (Llan Celebrates)	324.00
Dr Zigs Ltd Bubbles set	45.98
School stamps (Pen Dalar fun day)	16.44
Sand Flags for event day Amazon	6.98
Tablecloths for event day	14.97
Amberon Ltd road closure xmas fair	1459.00
Manon Theatr Prysor Ponyfest	4500.00
Batala Bangor drums	450.00
Ponyfest venue hire Community Hall	250.00
Nationwide Ambulance Service firework event	648.00
Karen Hughes cakes for xmas fair	120.00
Festival Fireworks display	1800.00
Cawthrays shop trophy	45.00

Tammy Hales Face Painting	280.00
SETS Ltd Christmas Lighting 2024	3600.00
Cor Mebion donation (xmas fair)	250.00
SETS Ltd Christmas Lighting 2024	3057.60
Bounce a lot castles (Llan celebrates)	155.00
	17917.59
S176 Grants civic reception	
Snowdon Corps of Drum VE Day	150.00
Sylvia Kerr Jewellery regalia work	328.95
Grave pots for cenotaph flowers	42.91
Amberon Ltd road closure remembrance	982.00
Chris Potter Remembrance Sound	100.00
Royal British Legion poppy wreath	25.00
	1628.86
S19 Community Venues	
Llanfairfechan Community Hall s19 grant	5000.00
	5000.00

Llanfairfechan Town Council thanks all the partners, suppliers, contractors, and residents who contribute to the wellbeing and happiness of our community.

'Alone we can do so little; together we can do so much' Helen Keller

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