Transforming Tyisha

Community Newsletter



A message from our Executive Board Members

It has been a difficult few months for everyone in one way or another due to the coronavirus pandemic.

Unfortunately the virus has resulted in some delays to parts of the Tyisha project, but the good news is that we are starting to make real progress, and there are lots of new exciting changes coming in 2021.

In the next few weeks we look forward to recruiting our new Community Wardens who will patrol the Tyisha ward to help to combat anti-social behaviour as well as engaging with the community and services in the area.

We are also in the process of recruiting a new project development officer who will focus on delivering a new community hub that will inspire children, young people and adults to participate in various activities.

We have also made progress on procuring a partner to deliver new housing for the area, and will focus on the consultation and community engagement with this partner to ensure we deliver a more diverse and resilient community.

The Tyisha ward benefits from having amazing community spirit and although the festive celebrations are not quite the same this year, it is important that we are able to spread some festive cheer with the community Christmas tree on Station Road.

We know this year hasn't been easy but we look forward to the exciting changes that will happen in 2021.

From all the team, we wish you a wonderful, safe Christmas and Happy New Year.



Executive Board Member for Housing

Cllr Linda Evans



Executive Board Member for Communities

Cllr Cefin Campbell

Have your say on policing in Tyisha

Dyfed-Powys Police and Carmarthenshire County Council have teamed up to look at ways on how we can address the fear of crime in the Tyisha area.

We need your views and opinions as residents on how you feel about policing, reassurance and safety in the neighbourhood.

A new survey has been launched which will remain open until January 15 2021.

Please make sure you give us your views by completing the survey, it's really important to have your say.

How can I access the survey?

- Online using the link https://rb.gy/hibafh
- Use the QR Code below and it will automatically connect you to the survey.
- Call us on 01267 234567 where an officer will help you to complete the survey over the phone.
- Drop into our advice van which is in the Station
 Road area every other Monday between 11am and 3pm.





Waste and recycling

We are aware that there have been issues with waste, litter and fly-tipping in recent months. A lot of work is being carried out to help improve the area including:

- A dedicated team is now in place and are patrolling the area daily.
- Correspondence has been sent to landlords in the high-offending areas to ensure that they are aware of their responsibilities in managing tenants and the storage of waste.
- A COVID-19-safe, targeted campaign is underway to educate residents on recycling and the storage / disposal of their waste.
- Enforcement action is ongoing against persistent offenders.

What we will do next:

- We will introduce targeted enforcement days with various specialist officers patrolling the area.
- We have been successful in securing funding through the Safer Streets Fund, which will assist in improving the environment in the area. It will include enhanced street cleansing, new litter bins and promoting and introducing different storage methods where needed.

Our action to date has had a positive impact in the area having seen a reduction in the amount of fly-tipped waste collected since the start of the year.

We will continue to monitor, review and make changes where needed to ensure that fly-tipping and litter continues to decrease in the area, and enforcement action is taken against those that continue to offend.



Environmental visual audits

We've teamed up with Police and Pobl to carry out visual audits in certain areas of Tyisha. Our first audit is focusing on Clos Sant Paul and Ger Y Llan.

Our aim is to improve crime prevention in both areas and promote community safety, primarily through the planning system. This will involve looking at fencing, paths, green spaces and other access. We will be in contact with residents in both areas to see how we can improve this together.

Walkabouts

The project team together with officers from housing, environmental health and waste, the police and local town and county councillors will be carrying out regular 'walkabouts' in the area.

Dates and times will be promoted on the website and in future newsletters. Keep an eye out for us, and if you want to discuss something please come along to see us.



Tyisha Children's park

We have an exciting new children's park in Tyisha! The park off Ann Street has been finished and is now open for our younger residents to enjoy.

There is still a little bit of work to be done on the dog walking area which will be finished soon. The park has been funded through the council's housing revenue together with contributions from Dwr Cymru Welsh Water and Arbed Am Byth. It has been developed in full collaboration with Llanelli Town Council which will take over the running and maintenance.

The local neighbourhood policing team and our new community wardens will regularly patrol the area. It's great news for the community, especially our younger residents who will have a great space to play safely.



Since it opened in February this year, Tyisha Food Bank has been helping hundreds of families in need.

They deliver food parcels of essential items including fresh produce, tins and hygiene products, and they even have pet food too for those that need it.

The food bank is entirely run by volunteers, led by local county councillors Suzy Curry and Andre McPherson.

The coronavirus pandemic has seen even more demand for support and they have been incredibly busy during the last few months helping people who have been furloughed, made redundant or homeless.

The volunteers deliver every weekday evenings and Saturdays to keep residents safe (with the exception of the homeless community).

If you would like to help or make a donation visit Ty Elizabeth, Maes Y Gors, Station Road, Llanelli.

Well done to all the team!



Website

We have launched our new Tyisha pages on the website. If you want to know more about what's going on in the area and when officers are carrying out inspecting please visit **carmarthenshire.gov.wales/tyisha.**

There is lots of useful information on what we are doing, what's going on and how to get in touch with us. You can also sign up for email updates.



Taking action against anti-social behaviour

Anti-social behaviour can have a real impact on your quality of life - it is anything that causes alarm, harassment or distress, including barking dogs, loud music, verbal/physical abuse, drug use, criminal behaviour, overgrown gardens, or fly-tipping.

We have strong policies in place, as well as a strong relationships with partners such as Dyfed-Powys Police, to prevent and react to issues in your area.

We do everything we can to deal with these issues, balancing prevention and enforcement. Ultimately, we can take action against our tenants - only recently the Safer Neighbourhood Team took formal action against a tenant at Clos Sant Paul, who we know caused trouble for many of you living nearby.

If you are suffering the impact of anti-social behaviour let us know, we'll do what we can to help.

- Email
 Tyisha@carmarthenshire.gov.uk
 or call 01267 234567
- Criminal activity should be reported to Dyfed-Powys Police by calling 101.



PCSO Piotr Glowcyzk Station Road, Llanelli

Demolition plans for the 4 Tys

We have now applied for planning permission to demolish the 4 Tys - Ty Cydwel, Ty Meriel, Ty Elizabeth and Ty Howard.

It is part of our vision to deliver a range of new high quality, mixed-use housing for the Tyisha area to provide opportunities for first time buyers, families and those needing social housing; which will also help to regenerate the area and improve the built environment.

We plan to start demolishing some of the buildings in summer 2021 onwards. Please be assured we will keep you updated with the plans and will be directly contacting neighbouring residents before the process begins.

The Food Bank at Ty Elizabeth will continue to remain open during the winter months.

Public Spaces Order

A new Public Space Protection Order has been introduced to help combat alcohol related crime and anti-social behaviour.

The order will give the police additional powers if people in certain areas of Llanelli town centre, Tyisha, Glanymor, Elli, Lliedi and Hengoed wards are caught drinking alcohol.

The order means the police could ask people to stop drinking or even issue a fine of up to **£500**.

Relevant signs have been placed in the areas, and a map of the zone can be found on the council website: www.carmarthenshire.gov.wales





What's happened since the 'Planning for Real' exercise

You said:

"Littering, fly-tipping and dog mess was problematic in Tyisha"

We did:

- A dedicated waste team has been established to patrol the Tyisha area to tackle and dispose of fly-tipping as quickly as possible. Action will be taken against offenders, including those caught littering and who fail to pick up their dog mess.
- CCTV is being installed in hotspot areas to help tackle fly-tipping.
- The council in partnership with Dyfed-Powys Police are in the process of recruiting Community Wardens, who will be key in taking action against those breaking law, as well as being able to provide advice and guidance to the community.
- We have received funding to provide new waste storage bins for Houses in Multiple Occupation in the area. We are currently in the process of identifying the areas of need and the required size of bins for the types of properties, and will be rolling out the service in the new year.
- We have written to landlords who have rental properties in the areas where problems with household waste and fly-tipping are highest in Tyisha. The letter reminded landlords of their responsibilities and legal obligations in relation to waste, and also provided advice and guidance.
- Dedicated waste enforcement days are taking place monthly where a number of officers will be in the area, taking enforcement action where needed. More importantly they will be on the ground to provide advice and guidance to residents and businesses to tackle fly-tipping.

You can:

Please report litter, dog fouling and fly-tipping to us by visiting the 'report' section of our website: www.carmarthenshire.gov.wales
Please provide as much detail as possible, such as location and any images you may have.



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You said:

"Drinking in public places was problematic"

and you wanted

"More Police foot patrols."

We did:

- Our new Public Spaces Protection Order is now enforceable. There is more information about the order on page 5
- ✓ High-visibility police patrols and raids are being carried out in the area.
- Police advice vans have been introduced providing the community with a range of information and advice and referrals to other agencies.

You can:

To make a report please call the police on 101.

