



Llanrhian Community Council Report June 2020



LLANRHIAN COMMUNITY COUNCIL

Llanrhian Community Council represents the communities and surrounding areas of Croesgoch, Trefin, Llanrhian, Penparc, Square & Compass, Llanhowel and includes the coastal communities of Abereiddi and Porthgain. The area includes a section of the Pembrokeshire Coast National Park known for its spectacular coastline.

The history of the area stretches back to the early medieval era, and during the 19th and early 20th centuries was known for its quarrying, and the remains of many buildings from this industrial past can still be seen, including the old mill at Trefin. The 5,000 year old Neolithic burial chamber at Carreg Sampson, overlooking Abercastle, still stands.

Today, economic activity in the area is predominately driven by agriculture, fishing and tourism. The area has a slowly declining number of residents, with the latest population estimate being 873, with 30.2% being over 65 years of age and around 12% being aged 0-17 (source Office for National Statistics). These contrast to the Welsh average of around 20% being over 65, and around 18% under 17. Of the 503 homes in the area, 83 are classed as second homes, illustrating the decline in permanent residency, and the increasing reliance on tourism.



Llanrhian Community Council is one of 78 community councils in Pembrokeshire, and forms the lowest tier of local government in Wales. The council is made up of 8 councillors and a clerk, all living locally, and is committed to the effective representation of and betterment of the area.

County Councillor Neil Prior, 2020

COMMUNITY WELL-BEING AND RESILIENCE PROJECT

The pilot project is exploring how town and community councils can build community well-being and resilience by engaging their communities to develop local well-being assessments, plans and project activities. These will feed into and inform the county-wide Well-being Assessment and Plan undertaken by the Public Services Board, as required by the Well-being of Future Generations Act.



Since its beginnings in July 2018, the Community Well-being and Resilience Project (CWBR) project has successfully completed work with seven communities

(St. Davids, Hook, Clarboston Road, Wiston, Scleddau, Trecwn and Haverfordwest), gathering a real insight into well-being in each community and a number of fantastic project proposals. The project is now working with Pembroke Dock, St. Dogmaels, Milford Haven, Llanrhian and Narberth.

DEVELOPING OUR COMMUNITY..... WE NEED YOUR VIEWS...

Scleddau and Trecwn community survey coming soon through your door and available online...

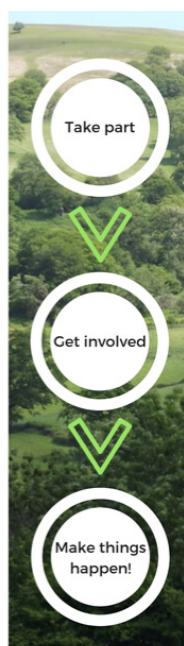
Can you spare some time for your community?

Could you complete a survey to help create a shared vision for the future of Scleddau and Trecwn?

PLANED's Community Well-being and Resilience project is supporting the community in developing a new **Well-Being Action Plan** that addresses current and future needs identified by local people.

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The Children's Commissioner for Wales recognised that the approach the CWBR project is using through engaging and working with community and town councils is a first in the country. She said she will be looking at the possibility of making this a national priority.

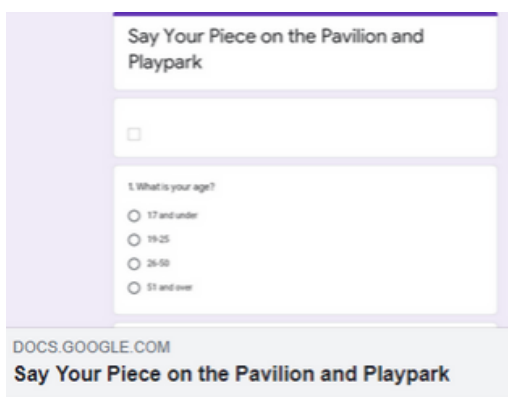
CWBR's* involvement is already boasting sustainable results, for example the formation of community associations, the launch of newsletters, the creation of new community spaces, key consultation evidence and the formation of outreach services such as befriending groups.

ENGAGEMENT METHODS AND ACTIVITIES

CWBR and Llanrhian Community Council met in February to plan the next steps to take together.



Llanrhian Community Council and CWBR worked together to create a 'vision' for the community space in Trefin. The multi-sports area, play park, pavilion and astro-turf area is in need of regeneration and councillors want to ensure that any changes are both wanted and needed by residents in Trefin and surrounding villages.



It became apparent that the best approach was to facilitate a community consultation day to gather peoples thoughts and ideas. CWBR visited the community space and launched a marketing campaign to promote the event.



In the days just before the engagement event, the impact of Covid-19 was becoming evident, and lock down measures imminent, thereby resulting in a change of approach to protect residents during this time of uncertainty. We explored the types of engagement to offer on the day and instead created a paper and online survey that remained open for one week. Councillors also gave participants tours of the site and encouraged conversations by uploading videos on social media.

This report contains key findings and proposed actions for Llanrhian Community Council to review and consider for the future well-being and resilience of their community. Findings came from a school visioning session, from 50 participants of the consultation day, the completion of 38 surveys and additional information from Pembrokeshire County Council.



SATURDAY 14TH MARCH



SAY YOUR PIECE.... ...ON THE PAVILION AND PLAYPARK!

Llanrhian Community Council
welcomes you to a community
consultation day at Trefin
Village Hall....

Please join us on
**Saturday 14th
March,**
10am - 1pm

PLANED's Community Well-being and
Resilience project is working with
Llanrhian Community Council to gather
and capture your thoughts and ideas.

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The consultation day included:

- Rolling presentation
- 10 question survey
- Opportunity to chat to Councillors
- Take part in a tour of the site
- The chance to vote on your favourite park equipment and to design your own community.
- Llanrhian Community Council also arranged for refreshments and further conversations at The Mill.
- The survey was promoted and run online for a further week to encourage wider participation.

***“We have an amazing
resource with a lot of
potential for our entire
community.”***

Cllr. Becky Annis



EQUIPMENT VOTING RESULTS



Item	Under 10 Blue	11-15 Yellow	16-25 Green	26+ Star Sticker	Total
Bouldering Gym	8	6	2	0	16
Bluetooth Music Speakers	0	1	2	0	3
Swings	12	5	2	0	19
Picnic Benches	4	11	2	0	17
Shelter	4	9	0	1	14
Parkour Course	5	1	2	0	8
Rotting Log Pile for bugs	0	2	4	0	6
Goals	8	7	5	0	20
Rounders	0	1	0	1	2
Litter Bins	3	5	3	0	11
Fruit Trees	2	5	2	0	9
Wheelchair swing	5	0	0	0	5
Cricket	2	0	0	0	2
Slides	9	3	3	0	15
Inclusive Swing	5	0	0	0	5
Fitness Course	6	9	4	5	24
Pump Track	3	2	1	0	6
Electronic Game System	4	0	1	1	6
Benches	4	8	1	0	13
Den Building Kit	3	3	0	0	6
Community Vegetable Patch	8	6	1	0	15



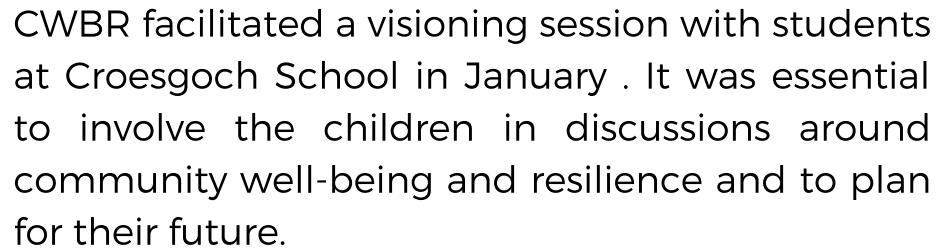
Overall Winner "Fitness Course"

2nd place = Goals
3rd place = Swings



Most votes for:

Under 10's = Swings
11-15 = Picnic benches
16-25 = Goals
26+ = Fitness Course



The session was designed with the PROSPER framework for education in mind and concentrated on well-being and resilience and its link to happiness, community spirit and their hopes for the future. The activities were underpinned with the PSB's* key priorities in mind.

When asked 'what impacts on your well-being', they told us that its about being kind and looking after others.

When we discussed ways to safeguard their well-being for the future they explained they needed their voices to be heard and wanted more opportunities in the local area.

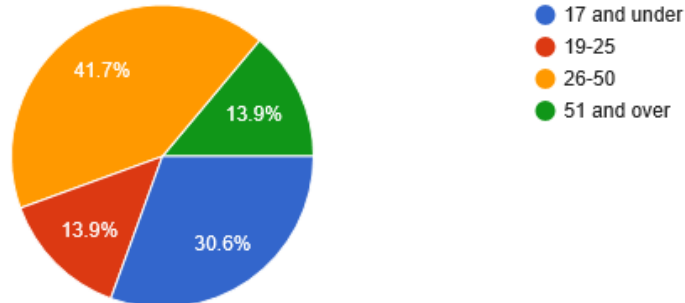
Suggestions from this session:

- Regular meetings between the Community Council, County Councillor and the School Council
- Play areas that are accessible within walking distance, and the addition of a slide on the green in Mathry
- Development of more green spaces in the area
- School Council to present the views of students at a Community Council meeting

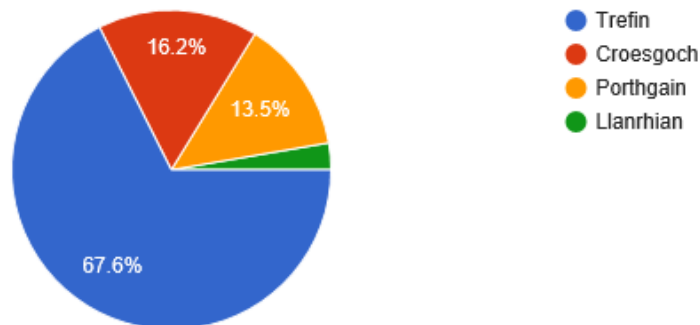
*PSB - Public Services Board

INITIAL FINDINGS AND SURVEY RESULTS

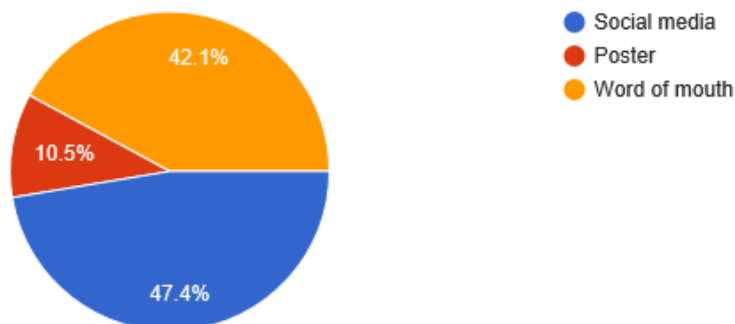
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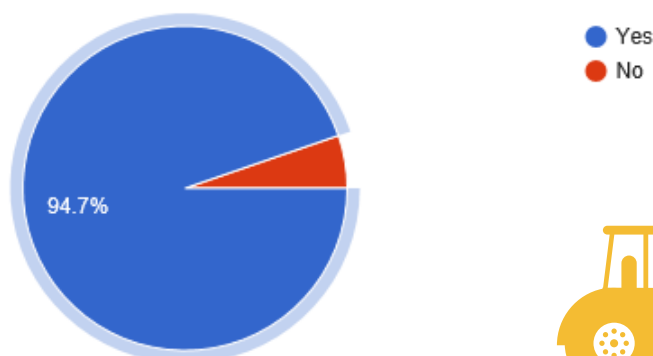
2.Where do you live?



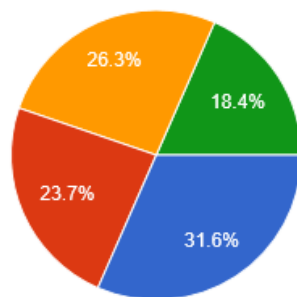
3.How did you hear about this event?



4.Did you know that the facility was here?

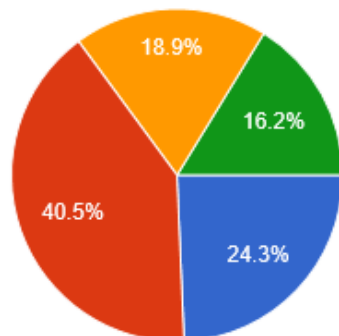


5. Do you use this facility?



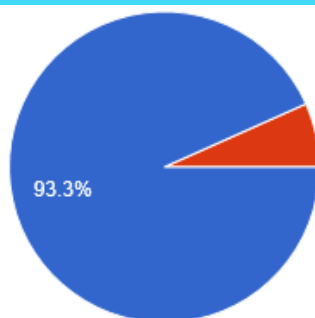
- Yes-playpark
- Yes-for sports e.g football, tennis
- Yes-for general outdoor use
- No

6. How often do you use this facility?



- Daily
- Weekly
- Monthly
- Not at all

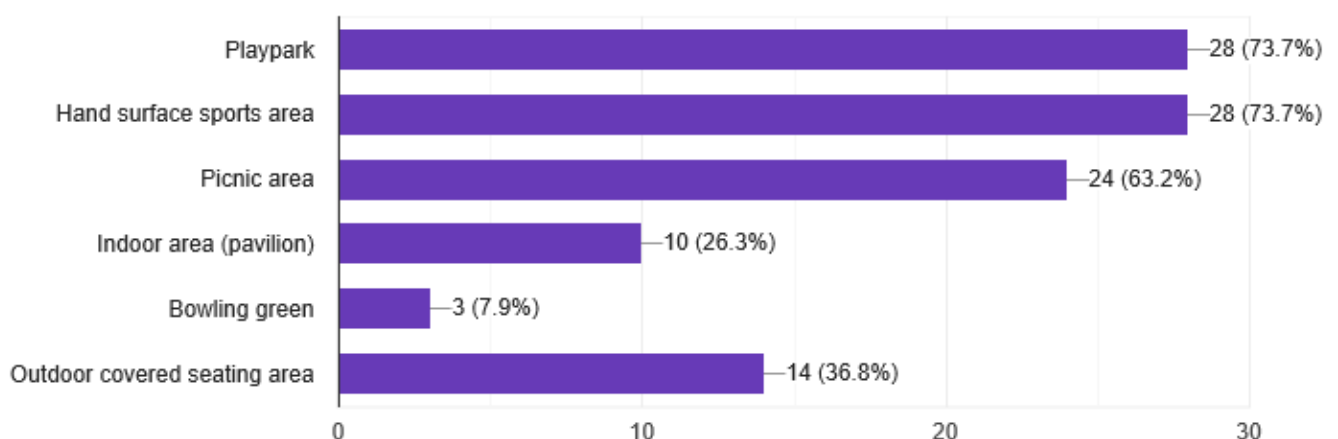
7. Now you know about the facility, will you use it more often?



- Yes
- No

9. 100% would like to be involved in a renovation project

8. Which facility is more important to you?



10. HOW WOULD YOU LIKE TO SEE THE FACILITIES RENOVATED?

'Tennis courts could be improved with new fencing around them as well as better nets. Basketball hoops as well as an indoor sports facility or tarmac for kids to do sports'

'Outdoor communal area for BBQS/ Picnics etc. Open up the new area currently locked for better use. Provision of nets for tennis. Recycling bins. Basketball hoops. outdoor gym for adults, better equipment in the playpark'

'New small hall to replace bowling green and old pavilion with a small catering kitchen for events. Improvements to young kids play area adding tarmac to play area, with adjustable bollard to restrict everyday parking'

'Indoor and outdoor exercise spaces'

'Better football nets as well as new fencing to go around the park benches to have picnics'

'A new hall could be built, perhaps where the tennis court is and could hold classes and activities'

'Community BBQ Outdoor gym equipment Get rid of bowling'

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'The bowls green could be extended, a new hall could also be built to accommodate classes or indoor activities. More bins would also be good to stop littering'

'We would like to knock the pavilion down creating a larger play area. We would also like a variety of playground activities for example larger slide, rocking horse climbing frame, shelter to sit and have a picnic etc. recycling bins, basketball hoops and fresh paint'

'Toilets back into the pavilion, concrete play area to be tarmacked'

'Swings, toilets, Bins, animal area'

'We use the concreted area a lot for football, bikes, tennis and cricket. New play park facilities would be beneficial to us and adult gym equipment. A new play park for older children....A picnic/ BBQ area would also be great for community events and get together's'

knock down the tennis area and build a indoor sports facility with a gym, tennis courts etc, which will be used far more and make the car park bigger

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MAIN FINDINGS AND RESULTS

Here is a summary of the main findings from the consultation day, community survey, school discussions and meetings with community councillors and key community figures.

1. A **fitness course** received high votes with adult fitness equipment and an indoor exercise space suggested. Also, **goals, swings and picnic benches** received a high number of votes.
2. The play park is popular for young children but those over 11 years of age asked for picnic benches and a **shelter**.
3. The existing bowling green area does not appear to be well used and there were suggestions to **extend the pavilion** into this space to enable exercise classes.
4. Many participants asked for the pavilion to be used more and some asked for the toilets to be accessible again.
5. When talking to students at **Croesgoch school** they asked for a **louder voice** in the community and for **more opportunities** to be involved in local developments and schemes.
6. The students also asked for more **green spaces** and more play equipment such as a slide on the green in Mathry.
7. It is clear that the play park is well used but play and sport areas for those 19-25 years of age and those over 51 years of age could be increased and improved.



Llanrhian Community Council

18 March · 🌐

Our survey is still open for a few days so please do give us your thoughts on how we can revive this area.



Llanrhian Community Council is 😊 feeling excited.
14 March · 🌐

THANK YOU to everyone who came along today, we've had some fantastic input.

We shall collate your views shortly and give you an overview of the ideas given.

If you couldn't make it please can you complete the online version of our questionnaire and share this amongst your friends.



8. It may be useful to explore **who uses this community space** as we can see that most survey results came from people who live in Trefin.

9. The results also show that **94.7% of participants already knew** about the space, so again it may be best to look at ways to encourage wider use.

10. It is positive to see that all participants of the survey would like to be involved in a **renovation project**.

PROPOSED ACTIONS AND SUGGESTIONS

Here are the suggestions and future project ideas that come from the main results and findings.

1. We asked Pembrokeshire County Council for ideas and quotes for **exercise equipment** – TBC. It may be best to speak to other communities who host exercise equipment and ask for feedback, such as which equipment is most popular? Has it been successful to be placed next to the children's play park. Also, as Trefin Village Hall is currently very close, perhaps the idea of **fitness classes** could be explored further.
2. As well as sport and play, young people may choose to use the space for relaxation, as an outdoor learning space and to meet friends. The pavilion porch does offer shelter from the rain but an **additional shelter** could be incorporated to developments and possibly with solar charging spots.
3. As participants suggested an **extension to the pavilion building**, there may be further consultation work and research required. The bowling green space may enable this practically and a larger and more accessible building will increase its functions and sustainability.



4. It is apparent that the **pavilion** was once well used and the community are still able to enter with the shared key code system. However, the building could be revamped to improve the well-being and resilience of the community by encouraging and promoting inclusive events and activities. When looking at the future of the pavilion it is essential to work alongside Trefin Village Hall. The ongoing '**Connected Communities/ Hub in a Pub**'* work within the area demonstrates the effectiveness of ensuring the two spaces complement each other to increase opportunities for all.

5. Looking at what the students of **Croesgoch school** highlighted we suggest that **links between the school council** and community council should be strengthened. Perhaps the school councillors could present their views at a community council meeting.

6. Although students live in different areas they may benefit from **involvement in the development** of the Trefin community space. Their views and ideas can contribute to the success and popularity of the new space. CWBR can offer further support in engaging with young people in the community and in recruiting youth representatives.

7. It is important to **focus on all people in the area**. Although fitness equipment is desired, further consultation could take place to meet the sports and leisure needs of the full community, such as older residents. BBQ's and community celebrations were also suggested in the survey and this is an inclusive and positive way for the community to use and enjoy the space together.

8. As the majority of participants were **from Trefin**, further engagement could take place to welcome all to enjoy the space and fortunately word of mouth is very effective in this area. In the final stages, everyone could be invited to an opening ceremony/celebration.

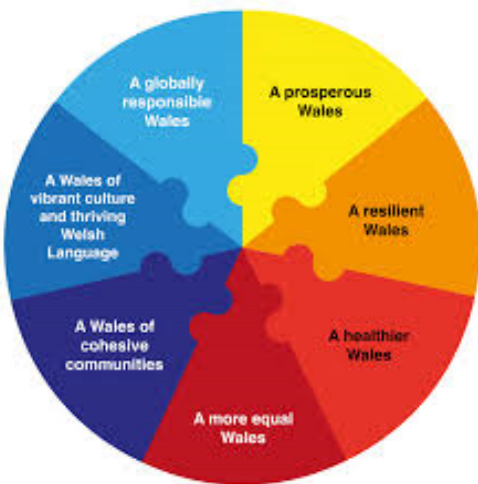
9. To **draw more people into Trefin**, bus routes could be reviewed to explore ways to travel to and from the village. The use of a local newsletter and utilising County Councillor Neil Prior's blog could be used to promote and invite people to the space or to activities. As mentioned before, the 'Hub in the Pub' initiative is already connecting people and finding innovative ways to get people involved and to bring them together.



10. It is clear that launching an **renovation project** is wanted by all. By opening up the planning and development stages you are actively including all and ensuring a sustainable and popular renovation of the space.

SUMMARY AND NEXT STEPS

As the park and pavilion is in need of refurbishment and a relaunch. Llanrhian Community Council and CWBR felt that it was essential to gather community consultation evidence in order to create a 'vision' for the community space in Trefin. In order to utilise the applicable allocation from the Enhancing Pembrokeshire Fund, as well as other potential funding, the Council needs a better understanding of what people both want and need.



The Well-being of Future Generations Act requires public bodies in Wales to work better with others, so that their decisions have a positive impact on people living in the future, as well as those living today. A clear vision and plan for the Trefin community space will increase community cohesion and identify priorities for the people of Llanrhian, Croesgoch, Trefin, Abereiddy and Porthgain.

In summary, following on from this consultation work, more specific research and planning can now take place. It will benefit the community to come together in as many ways as possible and it is imperative to create a central meeting place where residents can share ideas and celebrate their community.

In order to communicate and promote the consultation findings and showcase the ongoing work of the community council we will be creating a short promotional video to accompany this report. We hope this video will enable everyone to learn about the engagement that has taken place and to understand the next steps, and in turn to involve more people in the the future plans for the Trefin play park and pavilion.

