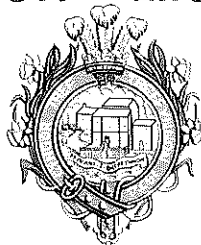


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NOTE: The following meeting will be a hybrid meeting. Members of the public and press can attend in person. If members of the public or press wish to attend remotely, they should email the Clerk town.clerk@holywell.wales.

17th October 2024

To: Development Committee

Mayor (ex-officio) and Councillors P. Cooper, I. Hodge, S. Rush, B. Scragg, M. Sprake, and D. Thomas.

Dear Councillors,

Notice is given that a meeting of the **DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE** will be held in the **Council Chamber, Bank Place Offices, Holywell** on **WEDNESDAY 23rd OCTOBER 2024** at **10.00am** to transact the business specified in the agenda set out below.

Yours faithfully

Jason Baker
Town Clerk

AGENDA

1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE
2. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Members are reminded that they must declare the existence and nature of their declared personal interests.

3. GREENFIELD COMMUNITY GARDEN

Lesley Anne Jones and Stephen Clynes, from the Clocktower will attend the meeting and brief members on the project details for developing the garden. Members to consider any further action and support needed.

4. GREENFIELD RAILWAY STATION

The Chair will provide an update on the latest developments.

5. ACTIVE TRAVEL

Members to determine any forward work programme required.

6. FLY TIPPING LETTER

Members to note the attached letter from Fly-Tipping Action Wales and determine use of the free resources available.

7. PLAYGROUND COMMUNICATION BOARDS

The Council have reserved three boards, one of which has been earmarked for Fron Park Play Area. Members to nominate two further play area locations, and also determine the installation method.

8. WALES IN BLOOM REPORT 2024

Members to review the report (attached) and agree any opportunities for improvement for the 2025 campaign.

9. BICYCLE PUMP TRACK AND SHELTERED AREA

Item delegated from the Full Council. Members to consider further this project and its viability, resource and funding implications.



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FAO: Community Councils in Wales

19th August 2024

Re: Free resources to help tackle fly-tipping in your communities

Fly-tipping Action Wales writes to let you know of free [printable posters, leaflets and signs](#) available for all organisations affected by fly-tipping. We appreciate that your work as a Community Council involves improving the quality of life for residents, and fly-tipping can have serious adverse effects on people and the environment. We hope you will be able to make use of these resources and let your partners know they are available.

As part of the effort to tackle fly-tipping, Fly-tipping Action Wales runs the **It's Your Duty to Care | Eich Dyletswydd Chi yw Gofalu** campaign. Created in partnership with Welsh Government, the campaign urges householders in Wales to always check for a waste carrier license on the [Natural Resources Wales website](#) before employing any person or company to remove excess waste from their property.

Over 70% of fly-tipped waste in Wales contains unwanted household items and waste, most often, this is the result of a householder unknowingly putting their excess household waste into the hands of a fly-tipper.

Fly-tipping is a serious crime, which poses an immediate threat to the environment, animals, local communities, and our beautiful Welsh landscapes. So, as ever, we are keen to continue working alongside our partners and stakeholders, like yourselves, to help tackle fly-tipping in Wales and to increase public awareness around waste crimes.

If householders do not carry out these necessary checks and their waste is found fly-tipped, they can be fined £300 and risk prosecution for not following their Household Waste Duty of Care.

Furthermore, our campaign coincides with a rising concern (shared by local authorities in Wales), over an increase in illegitimate waste carriers posing as registered household waste removal services on social media. These people often advertise low prices to entice customers

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and dupe people into believing they are licenced services who will dispose of household waste legally and responsibly. In reality, the collected waste is later fly-tipped in fields, country lanes or along roadsides, putting the householder who paid and arranged for the service at risk of being fined £300. Please also see our '[Facebook Fly-tipper Toolkit](#)' for more resources to help tackle this problem in online groups you are a member of.

From ready-to-use social media graphics, social media posts and Duty of Care-themed posters and leaflets to suit a range of locations and purposes, our accessible toolkit is a great opportunity for our partners to help us further spread awareness of Household Waste Duty of Care across Wales.

Plus, many of the leaflet and poster files are also available as editable documents, so you can add your own logo before printing if you wish. All resources are available in both Welsh and English. If you would like free printed resources sent to your community council for an event, please let me know.

With your help and support — we can further increase public awareness of Household Waste Duty of Care, continue to combat fly-tipping in Wales and protect many more people from being scammed by fly-tippers.

Thank you for your help and support. Let's combat fly-tipping together.

Best wishes



Heidi Pavlin
Sn Fly-tipping Officer, Fly-tipping Action Wales

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 Standard Marking Sheet	Name of Entry HOLYWELL TOWN COUNCIL										
	Judge PETER BARTON-PRICE										
	Date of Assessment 8 th JULY 2024										
Category: Village / Large Village / Small Town / Town / Large Town / Small City / City / Small Coastal / Large Coastal. (Indicate appropriate category).											
MAXIMUM OF 10 POINTS PER SUB SECTION										Total marks awarded in sections A, B & C	Medal level awarded in sections A, B & C
A Horticulture 40%	A1	8	A2	8	A3	8	A4	8	32		
B Environment 30%	B1	9	B2	8	B3	8			25		
C Community 30%	C1	9	C2	8	C3	8			25		
Total Score out of 100: 82						SILVER GILT					
Medal Guide: Gold, Excellent 85-100 Points; Silver Gilt, Very Good 75-84 Points; Silver, Good 60-74 Points; Bronze, Satisfactory 50-59 Points. 49 Points and below – certificate of participation.											
Introduction and Overall Impression: (Please expand space as required to fit judging comments).											
This was my first visit to Holywell and can I thank you for the sincerest of welcomes from you both. It was clear to see the support given to your Wales in Bloom entry, the unique Town Hall was adorned with floral decorations which were of the highest standards. Having read the previous Judge's report it was encouraging to see that some of the recommendations have been taken onboard. The visit to the school was one of many highlights on your tour, the children really are inspirational, the Eco Council should be the envy of other schools, for being so well informed and organised. Local site challenges that they have been faced with has led them to develop opportunities for reuse and upcycling. For my part they were so impressive, that I have nominated their Eco Council for the Wales in Bloom Discretionary Award – The Jim Goodwin Young Persons Award 2024. The town centre is vibrant and the events area is a great space, I particularly enjoyed the museum which again really shows off the heritage of Holywell. Greenfield Valley along with Fron Park should be celebrated.											

I would be very happy to meet, as you have supported Wales in Bloom for so long - that it should be our turn to give back.

The route on the day is everything, what we see, in line with the criteria, is what is judged. To get to some of the outlying areas you have to pass some things and places which are out of your control and this is having a detrimental effect on your scores.

You may wish to consider where possible highlighting these good practices via a market place activity in the town where you can talk through what is happening.

Please capitalise on Holywell as everyone I had the pleasure to meet clearly appreciates their town, the environment and being part of the community.

Your scores are higher again this year, so please celebrate, your Silver Gilt Award.

Judges Feedback Section A – Horticulture: (Please expand space as required to fit judging comments).

This is one of the highest scoring elements of the marking sheet, so it was really encouraging to see the high standard of hanging baskets and planters at the town hall, as were the planters and baskets at the local businesses sited around the town and outlying areas.

Fron Park, the Memorial Gardens and Panton Place, are real jewels in the crown - well maintained and visually inviting with good plant selections lifting the street scene and delivering vibrant colours schemes.

The town centre planters with a mix of both permanent and herbaceous plants add value but they would benefit from some gapping this could be cost neutral in maintenance cost and watering.

Again adding value to your entry, would have been a little more time in Greenfield Valley, demonstrating partnership working with other national organisations.

There is clearly a good Committee commitment to your entry and the small courtyard garden was a delight and a real bonus on the tour.

Judges Feedback Section B – Environment: (Please expand space as required to fit judging comments).

Greenfield Heritage Park is a must on the tour, it was good to hear of the grassland environment management of the site along with the community involvement taking place.

My visit to St Winefride's Catholic Primary School, was a real pleasure. Their understanding of the natural environment and enthusiasm for nature was inspirational, there were so many points to note: the upcycling projects, dead hedging for habitat plan, veg production and orchard area, to name just a few. The Eco Club are one of the very best I have seen this year – Congratulations.

The ongoing commitment to recycle is clear to see and thank you for showing me the school uniform facility - this again is something I have not seen before.

The grassland management and road side verges are not going to detract from your entry as they do provide pollinator opportunities.

Judges Feedback Section C – Community: (Please expand space as required to fit judging comments).

There is a real sense of community in Holywell and so many opportunities for residents to get involved along with this consideration has been given to both supporting and driving economic opportunities.

Grants are being sought to support the programs and improvement initiatives to support the community and all are clear to see and should be commended.

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The Town Council should again be commended for the works they are undertaking to support, without discrimination, all who may be in need, thinking about people and their wellbeing in all circumstances.

Promoting groups to enter the RHS 'It's Your Neighbourhood' Awards should be encouraged.

		10-9	8	7-6	5
A1	Overall Impression Taking account of all relevant factors, how strong is the impact of the entry in creating a memorable impression? Are designs and materials used appropriate to their locations? Emphasis here is on coordination and overall quality.	High impact with excellent attention to detail delivering the desired results in an appropriate and consistent manner.	Most areas are high impact with very good attention to detail although some inconsistencies.	Good overall impact although not always balanced. Some areas make an impact but others need to be more vibrant with better design.	Although generally satisfactory, more attention to detail is required in order to increase impact and improve consistency of design.
A2	Maintenance of Planted Areas Are the areas within the entry maintained to an appropriate standard, including cultivation, weeding, feeding, pruning, grass maintenance, tree management and maintenance? (See B3 for maintenance techniques)	Excellent standards of cultivation. Very consistent throughout. Horticultural maintenance and general care is outstanding.	Standards are very good with few exceptions. Horticultural maintenance is managed consistently.	Standards of horticultural maintenance are good and fairly consistent. A few exceptions where further attention is required.	Standards are generally satisfactory. However, the horticultural maintenance programme requires further attention to detail in some areas.
A3	Plant Selection Are the plants or trees, used in the planting schemes, suited to their growing conditions, locations and purposes? Is there a diverse range of plant-species to attract a variety of insects and wildlife? Is there year-round interest, where appropriate?	Excellent plant selection with extensive year-round interest, and almost no exceptions.	Plant selection is very good overall with only a few exceptions and ample year-round interest.	Plant selection is generally good, but there is room for improvement in some areas in order to extend year-round interest.	Plant selection is generally <u>satisfactory</u> , however it requires further consideration in order to extend the season and maintain interest.

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A4	Plant Quality Are the plants or trees vibrant and grown to their full potential? Are they generally free of pests and diseases?	Plant quality is excellent, plants are very healthy, vigorous and grown to their full potential.	Plant quality is very good, plants are mostly healthy and vigorous, with only a few exceptions.	Plant quality and health is generally good, but not always consistent. Lack of vigour in some areas.	Plant quality and health is generally satisfactory, but could be improved.
		10-9	8	7-6	5
B1	Local Identity & Pride of Place Is there a sense of place, with appropriate acknowledgement of local heritage (including biodiversity) and its relevance for the community; e.g. art in the landscape, signage, interpretation, etc. Consider the pride taken in hard landscape (including streets), open spaces (including grass areas, wild areas and beaches if appropriate), street furniture maintenance, etc. To include cleanliness, absence of litter, graffiti vandalism, flyposting/temporary signage, chewing gum, and effective dog fouling control measures.	Extensive evidence of efforts to highlight/enhance local identity. An excellent impression made about what makes the area unique. Street furniture including litter bins and seating is in excellent condition.	Considerable evidence of efforts to highlight/enhance local identity. A very good impression made about what makes the area unique. Street furniture including litter bins and seating is in very good condition.	Some evidence of efforts to highlight/enhance local identity. A good impression made about what makes the area unique. Street furniture including litter bins and seating is in good condition.	Little evidence of efforts to highlight/enhance local identity. A satisfactory impression made about what makes the area unique. Street furniture including litter bins and seating is in variable condition.
B2	Natural Environment Is there an understanding of what biodiversity means locally? Have efforts been made to create, restore or maintain appropriate habitats to support wildlife? What has been done to assess the effectiveness of any interventions? E.g. through surveys. Is nature being considered in all activities, rather than just restricting wildlife-friendly practices to a specific project or area?	The natural environment is managed to an excellent standard supporting an extensive range of flora and fauna, with little improvement required. Extensive effort to assess the impact of interventions. Nature is considered across all activities.	The natural environment is managed to a very good standard across the whole entry, supporting a considerable range of flora and fauna. Considerable effort to assess the impact of interventions. Nature is considered across most activities.	The natural environment is managed to a good standard supporting a range of flora and fauna. Some effort to assess the impact of interventions. Nature is considered across some activities. Requires further work to improve it in places.	The natural environment is managed to a generally satisfactory standard supporting some flora and fauna. Little effort to assess the impact of interventions. Nature is considered across very few activities.

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			Very little effort would lift it to excellent.		Needs significant improvement in places.
B3	Environmental Management Have steps been taken to employ sustainable or ecological gardening practices? E.g. Avoiding chemicals like pesticides and using other biological and physical controls like hand weeding or companion planting. Eliminating the use of peat, implementing solutions like composting, reducing the use of plastics and recycling those used. Taking measures to minimise the use of water. Where local environmental issues have been identified, have plants or greening solutions been considered, e.g. as rain gardens, green roofs/walls, or as barriers for pollution?	Excellent evidence of sustainable gardening practices, including the conservation of resources and minimising negative impacts. Extensive use of plants or greening solutions to address local environmental issues.	Very good evidence of sustainable gardening practices, including the conservation of resources and minimising negative impacts. Considerable use of plants or greening solutions to address local environmental issues.	Good evidence of sustainable gardening practices, including the conservation of resources and minimising negative impacts. Some use of plants or greening solutions to address local environmental issues.	Satisfactory evidence of effort to garden sustainably, conserve resource and minimise negative impacts. Little use of plants or greening solutions to address local environmental issues.
		10-9	8	7-6	5
C1	Year Round Activity and Future Commitment Evidence of forward planning and year-round activities, initiatives or events, highlighting where they are adding value and demonstrating the strengths or uniqueness of the entry.	Excellent evidence of activities taking place throughout the year and of advanced planning. The annual programme of activities is exceptional.	Very good evidence of activities taking place throughout the year and of advanced planning.	Good evidence of activities taking place throughout the year and of advanced planning.	Satisfactory evidence of activities taking place throughout the year and of advanced planning but some areas of improvement needed.
C2	Communication, Education, and Awareness Use of suitable interpretation, enabling learning and a greater understanding of purpose, and environmental importance. Engagement with schools, young people	Excellent use of signage and interpretation, and evidence of involvement in public awareness and	Very good use of signage and interpretation, and evidence of involvement in public awareness and	Good use of signage and interpretation, and evidence of involvement in public awareness and educational programmes.	Satisfactory use of signage and interpretation, and evidence of involvement in public awareness and

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	or other groups. Promotion within the immediate area through local and regional communications. Appropriate communications and media involvement evidenced.	educational programmes. Communications and appropriate media involvement are extremely well evidenced.	educational programmes. Communications and appropriate media involvement are very well evidenced.	Communications and appropriate media involvement are well evidenced. A few missed opportunities.	educational programmes. Communications and appropriate media involvement are evidenced but limited and there is room for improvement.
C3	Support and Funding Has the entry made every effort to be inclusive, and engage the support of a wide variety of local groups and organisations? Participation should be representative of the local community. Evidence of fundraising and on-going support from a range of businesses and organisations appropriate to the size of the entry, making it viable and able to continue moving forward.	The range of groups and organisations engaged are an excellent representation of the wider community. Excellent levels of funding to ensure the viability of the entry. Support in all areas is sustainable and outstanding.	The range of groups and organisations engaged are a very good representation of the wider community. Very good levels of funding to ensure the viability of the entry. Support in all areas is very good and will be sustainable over time.	The range of groups and organisations engaged are a good representation of the wider community. Good levels of funding to ensure the viability of the entry. Support in all areas is good and, with effort, will be sustainable over time.	The range of groups and organisations engaged are a satisfactory representation of the wider community. Satisfactory levels of funding to ensure the viability of the entry. Support in all areas is satisfactory and fairly sustainable over time.

Judges/Entrants notes:

- The form has expandable sections under overall impression and judges' feedback allowing the judges to provide comprehensive and meaningful comments as much as they deem necessary.
- Maintenance of Planted Areas:** The maintenance schedule should take account of biodiversity needs through the seasons; these will vary depending upon setting and location. Examples could include avoiding hedge trimming in nesting season or leaving some grass longer at certain times of year etc.
- Plant Selection:** Prioritising perennial or pollinator-friendly plants is encouraged where appropriate. If annual bedding is used, groups should carefully consider the provenance and buy from local nurseries that do not use peat, or, if possible, to grow their own.
- Natural Environment:**
 - The use of sustainable practices and materials should be encouraged wherever possible.

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- When creating, restoring or maintaining habitats to support wildlife, any features should be appropriate to the particular place. They could be as varied as ponds, 'dead' hedges, or the connection of several habitats to make 'pollinator [pathways](#)'. When used inappropriately something as simple as a bug hotel can become a bird feeder.
- Assessing the effectiveness of interventions is incredibly important and all groups should be encouraged to measure their impact. This can be through a simple survey, or through contributing to a broader citizen science project or national monitoring scheme.
- Environmental Management:**
 - Groups should minimise their use of plastic, choosing alternative materials where possible, and where unavoidable switching to better plastics such as recycled, recyclable or compostable products. Groups should repeatedly re-use items like plant pots and trays.
 - Groups are encouraged to identify local environmental issues, and tackle them, using plants. These can be very simple or low-cost interventions, e.g. adding a green roof to a bin store, or planting a hedge to reduce pollution near a main road.

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