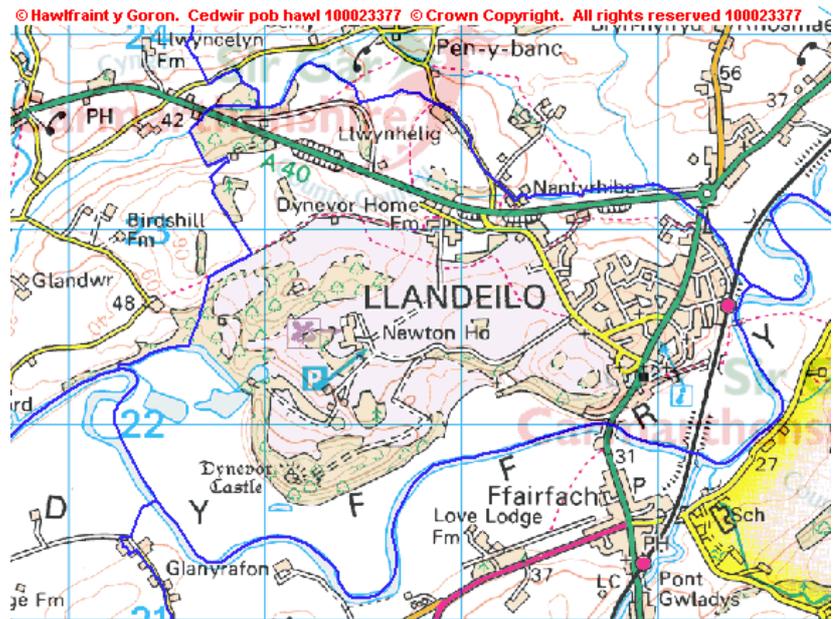




Fact Sheet

What is the Town Council?

- Local level of government.
- Covers Llandeilo town itself – up to the river Towy, the A40 and Dinefwr Park.
- Serves about 3,000 people.
- Split into 2 wards (Towy and Castle).



What does the Town Council do?

Comments on how matters affect the town:

- Local planning applications
- Traffic safety and police
- Health, welfare and education.

Has legal powers to spend money on services:

- Christmas lights and some street lights.
- Festivals and events, such as the fireworks display.
- Footpaths, public seats, gardens and open spaces.
- Community safety and services, such as Citizens' Advice Bureaux and Victim Support.
- Support to charities that help Llandeilo people – we gave £5,000 in 2008-9.

Works under legal rules:

- How we give information to the public
- How Council members can behave
- How the meetings are run
- How the money is spent and accounted for
- How we treat our staff.

Where does the money come from?

- Most of it comes from Council tax, collected by Carmarthenshire County Council – this was £47,674 in 2008-9.
- Rent from leasing the Shire Hall to Cambria Archaeology.
- Grants help with projects such as the Town Heritage Trail.



How does the Town Council do its work?

- Employs 3 part-time staff – Town Clerk, Finance Officer and Technical Officer.
- Full Council and committees meet every month except August.
- Finance committee plans the budget, pays bills, and checks spending.
- Planning committee deals with planning matters, transport, lighting and footpaths.
- Small groups of councillors work on projects such as Christmas Lights.

Who are the Council members?

- Hard-working, keen, unpaid volunteers who want the best for the town!
- Any voter who lives, works, or owns property within 3 miles of the centre, could become a councillor.
- Each ward of about 750 voters elects 6 members, making a total of 12.
- Elections are held every 4 years – next will be in 2012.
- If there are empty places after the election, councillors can look for suitable people to fill them.
- Councillors choose a new Mayor and Deputy Mayor each year from amongst themselves.

What does the Mayor do?

- Leads the Council's work during the year.
- Supports local organisations and events.
- Represents the Council in the press and media.
- Deputy Mayor stands in for the Mayor as needed.

(Please note that the title is Mayor, whether the person is male or female! Mayoress or Consort is the title for a companion chosen by the Mayor.)

How can I contact the Town Council?

- Write to The Town Clerk, The Shire Hall, Carmarthen Street, Llandeilo SA19 6AF.
- Telephone 01558 823850. Email clerk@llandeilo.gov.uk
- Web site www.llandeilo.gov.uk
- Look on the public notice board in the archway leading to the main car park from Rhosmaen Street. This holds notices of meetings and details of the Council members.
- All meetings are held in the Shire Hall and are accessible for wheelchair users. The public are welcome to watch any meeting, but are not able to speak unless invited to do so.
- The Town Clerk is in the Council office at the Shire Hall every Tuesday from 5 – 6pm.