LISVANE COMMUNITY COUNCIL: STRATEGY 2021 - 2031

General

1. Quality Services

The Community Council assists with the provision of a number of services to the local population. It will seek to ensure that these services meet the needs of the local population and that they represent value for money. The Council welcomes the involvement of residents in its decision making process and will consult residents on issues of importance.

2. Encourage Partnership/Sponsorship Approach and Funding

The Community Council is one of many organisations which work within the Community. We will encourage investment of both time and resources by other agencies to help achieve the village's objectives. The Community Council will work with the County Councillors, Old School Trustees, Community Association, Memorial Hall Trustees, Churches, Voluntary Organizations, the business community, and local residents to provide additional benefits and facilities within the community. To improve community cohesion, the Community Council will continue to have representation on the Village Plan team and LOSCC.

Community Issues

3. Employment

Lisvane is predominately a residential community. However, where businesses operate within the village the Community Council will support and assist companies wherever possible. We also support local businesses via their inclusion on the community website and in the Information Booklet.

Lisvane is a community that has grown from a base of what was predominately a Farming area. A number of the farms have been lost over the years or have had to diversify to survive. The Community must do everything possible to support the existing local producers in a bid to protect and encourage future generations in the local farming industry.

4. Law and Order

The Community Council will work with the Police and other agencies to reduce vandalism and criminal activity within the village.

5. Public Services

The Community Council will continue to encourage the LOSCC Trustees to support a wide range of activities at the community centre with particular focus on:

- Wellbeing and loneliness
- Activities for young and old
- Cultural groups
- Broadening the services provided by the Library

We will also continue to make a strong case for a doctor's surgery and full NHS pharmacy within the village.

6. Recreational facilities

The Community Council is committed to increasing recreational activities for all age groups and in, particular, activities for teenagers and older residents and will monitor the new housing developments and help ensure that the promised facilities are actually provided. The Community Council will try to ensure that existing facilities are well maintained by reference to their providers. The Community Council will continue to campaign for additional sporting facilities within the village. The Council will also support and encourage the continued development of the Community Library and information technology centre within the village

7. Highways

Although it is not a Highways Authority the Community Council recognizes that highways issues are of considerable concern to local residents and will actively pursue issues to improve the conditions of highways and pavements within the village. The Council will actively encourage the use of alternative forms of transport and press for improvements in public transport services.

8. Increase the awareness of Lisvane

The Community Council wants to raise the profile of the village but is aware that this task will be easier once it can offer a wider range of facilities. Individual events, such as the Lisvane Festival and the Bookfest will be supported. Residents who identify the need for new events such as a Farmer's Market and Christmas Festivities will be supported and publicized.

In the longer term a broader publicity strategy will need to be developed.

9. Public Relations

The Community Council will develop communications with local residents with regular articles in the Lisvane Community Association's publication The Link and by disseminating information through its web site.

The Council will continue to appoint representatives to serve on a wide range of outside organisations. We will, where appropriate asks residents for their views on the services that are provided for the village.

Environmental Issues

10. Major Developments

Cardiff Council has identified in their Local Development Plan areas for possible expansion within the Community Council's area. The Community Council will seek to ensure that any new development enhances the village and that assurances are received that any necessary infrastructure is in place to support such developments. It will also endeavour to ensure that areas of open space for recreational purposes are provided. The Council will ensure that areas of amenity land are well designed and easy to maintain.

Cardiff Council has approved a number of large developments which will result in a significant increase in population and traffic and LCC will endeavour to lobby via County Councillors and Cardiff Council to ensure that there are sufficient open spaces, amenities and road networks to meet the requirements of the area.

The new Lisvane Old School Community Centre opened in February 2022 and an ongoing review of this facility may be required to address the expansion of the services it will offer.

11. Individual Developments

The Community Council will seek to ensure that new developments are in keeping with the existing architecture of the surrounding properties and that highway and other issues are adequately provided before the start of any additional dwellings.

The Council will oppose the erection of communication masts where these are considered to be too close to residential or children's play areas.

12. Nature Conservation Sites

The Community Council together with Community Groups and voluntary organisations will look to develop and preserve areas such the Graig, Lisvane and Llanishen Reservoir, Coed-y-Felyn Woods and Cefn Onn Park. It will seek to balance the competing demands of recreation and conservation.

It will protect open spaces which would otherwise be at risk of development.
Areas within the village listed in Cardiff Council Biodiversity Plan will be protected at all costs.

Residents' Issues

13. Newsletter

The Council will publish an article summarizing its activities and will look at ways of improving residents' participation in developing and suggesting improvements to the area.

Corporate

14. Landholdings

The Community Council owns the Old School and War Memorial sites within the village. It will manage these in such a way as to secure value for money for the local residents.

15. IT issues

Council Members and Staff will maximize the use of its IT resources making increasing use of email and developing further the website. In the longer term the Council will consider the possibility of payments by BACS.

16. Improved Access

All facilities within the village must be accessible to people with disabilities. The new development on the Old School site will be purpose built to accommodate all disabilities.

17. Review of Strategy

The Council will review this Strategy every 3 years to ensure that our priorities reflect those of the local residents.