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LLANDEILO AND DISTRICT CIVIC SOCIETY**

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Dear Member

Like other civic societies across the country we aim to encourage the appreciation, preservation and improvement of what our area has to offer. The committee are therefore very pleased that the Society's meetings, which are essentially related to this aim, are increasingly well supported.

Next Meetings – On Tuesday 4 June there will be an illustrated talk about the recent restoration of **Llandyfeisant Church**. As usual this will be at 7.30 pm in the Capel Newydd Vestry Hall in Crescent Road, Llandeilo. And at our AGM in July - date to be confirmed - we are now aiming to have a **Memories of Ieuan Jones** event following the recent death of such a prominent figure in the community and long-standing supporter of the Society. We shall then have a break until the autumn.

Tywi Valley Pylons – Although Green Gen Cymru presented some revised proposals at the second public consultation held in Llandeilo on 23 March including a short section of undergrounding of the cables, it appeared they had still not taken into account the fact that the Tywi Valley is a Registered Historic Landscape and therefore in our view no pylons should be erected in or around it. So the committee's response to the consultation has been to draw Green Gen's attention to the guidance on development in such landscapes produced by Cadw and the Welsh Government.

Llandeilo and Ffairfach Bypass – In its Transport Study update on 29 February – see www.gov.wales - the Welsh Government announced it would be proceeding in 2025 with route BE 1A – the original protected and generally preferred route and the one preferred by the Society – together with a one-way system in Rhosmaen Street. But we remain concerned about the visual impact of the additional bridge over the Tywi and have been in contact with the Welsh Government to try to find out more about the design it now proposes to use.

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Conservation – The committee have been glad to learn that the Tywi Centre – the County Council’s conservation advice centre - had bookings for its Traditional Shop Fronts Workshop in Llandeilo on 24 April which we featured in our Spring Newsletter. However, we consider there are as well prominent and potentially very attractive period buildings in the townscape in need, too, of appropriate treatment not only to maintain Llandeilo’s historic character but also to enhance its special appeal for residents and visitors and we shall be contacting the Centre about them.

Llandeilo History Booklet – Further suggestions have been made for the contents of the booklet which Llandeilo Town Council will be producing and arranging its retail.

St Teilo’s Churchyard – The committee will be considering what help the Society can give to assist a scheme to enhance the churchyard as a public amenity and wildlife haven.

Parc Pencrug Development –At the time of writing there is no news about the County Council’s decision.

Gelli Aur/Golden Grove – More funds are still needed to enable the park to be re-opened to the public. For crowdfunding details visit the website www.goldengrove.org.uk .

Newton House Exhibition – Following the talk about the 9th Baron Dynevor we arranged last October and which was given by our Vice-Chair Roy Davies, members will be glad to learn that the National Trust will be holding an exhibition at Newton House about the major arts festivals Lord Dynevor organised there during the 1960s. This is planned to start in July and continue for two years.

Ieuan Jones – The committee have been very saddened by the recent sudden death of Ieuan, a former committee member, long-time Society supporter and greatly valued speaker about Llandeilo as it was. Our thoughts are with Eira and the family.

Robert Evans

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