

Narberth Town Council Annual Report 2023/24



Introduction

Outline of Council	<p>Narberth Town Council serves the area of Narberth and Crinow and its electorate of around 2293. It has 12 councillors, although currently there are three vacant seats, covering two wards: Narberth Urban and Narberth Rural. As democratically elected local representatives, the councillors have a unique and privileged position and the potential to make a real difference to people's lives. Narberth Town Council is the level of government closest to the community, with Pembrokeshire County Council above it in hierarchy.</p> <p>The Town Council employs 1 part-time member of staff.</p> <p>The Training Plan for Councillor and staff is available on the Town Council's webpage at Pembrokeshire County Council – www.pembrokeshire.gov.uk</p> <p>The Town Council keeps in touch with the community through several avenues:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">▪ The Town Council Webpage – this gives information about the council, its members, its meetings both past and present, financial information, news and events.▪ Social Media – Facebook.▪ Full Council meetings – members of the public are welcome to attend and ask questions.▪ Collaborative working with local organisations – Police, Schools and Governing Bodies.▪ Collaborative working with the Local Authority and other town councils.▪ The council's telephone number and email address are widely publicised.▪ Council Meetings can be attended remotely by contacting the Clerk for joining details before 1 p.m. on the day of the meeting. <p>Narberth Town Council is responsible for:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Floral Displays in the Town• Person of the Year Award.• Annual Christmas Lights display• Annual Civic Service event• Church Yard Maintenance & Common Area grass cutting
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	Narberth Town Council supports <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Financial donations and other support for local organisations and good causes.
Narberth Town Council Objectives	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> To improve the quality of life for people living in Narberth. The Town Council will do its utmost to enhance the town as a place in which to live, play, work, visit and invest. To provide a strong voice for Narberth. To preserve and enhance the traditions and identity of the town To promote Narberth as a clean, safe town with a welcome for residents and visitors alike. To engage with residents and businesses to understand their needs and resolve how those needs can be delivered within the capabilities available to the Town Council. To work collaboratively with other organisations to achieve the best for Narberth. To sustainably promote the Town and protect its heritage.

Financial Summary 2023-2024

The Council precept is the main source of income and represents the amount of council tax paid by households in Narberth that is allocated to the Town Council. The annual precept (£60.93 per Band D household) raised a total of £83,000 for the Town Council during 2023/2024. The Town Council also received other income of £7,530. The Council retains general reserves in excess of £60,000 to deal with unforeseen emergencies.

3 Year Plan

Narberth Town Council – 3-year plan			
Objective Quality of life and environment	How are NTC contributing to the Objectives	How the goals are met.	Which Goals does this work support?
Play Area	2023 ongoing	These is an important community facilities to promote health and fitness, improve physical and mental health.	A Healthier Wales Prosperous Wales A Wales of cohesive communities A Wales of vibrant culture and thriving Welsh Language.

St Andrew's Closed Cemetery	2023 ongoing	Keep the area in good order. The cemetery is over 150 years old and in need of some remedial work with accessible footpaths being installed.	A Wales of cohesive communities. A globally responsible Wales. Fulfil the Council's biodiversity goals.
Common Land and Town Moor	2023 ongoing		A Wales of cohesive communities.


Steps taken by the Town Council towards their Objectives.

Strong Connections

Donations.	The town council's donations scheme enables local organisations and associations to apply for and benefit from funding. In 2023/24 the donations enabled some organisations to obtain vital financial resources to enable them to remain operational.	Prosperous Wales More equal Wales Vibrant Culture and thriving Welsh Language
Town Councillors	Narberth Town Councillors are in regular contact with their local communities and represent the Town Council on many local organisations. As such community information is available and problems addressed quickly.	Cohesive Communities
Youth Representation	Build youth opportunities within Narberth Town Council to develop a more cohesive and engagement platform for the young people of the town.	Prosperous Wales Cohesive Communities Vibrant Culture & Thriving Welsh language.
Mayor & Civic Role	The Mayor is involved in many events being run within the town, especially during the Civic Week and Carnival.	Cohesive Communities Vibrant Culture and Thriving Welsh Language

Person of the Year Award.	This award recognise the work of a local person and provides the opportunity for the Town Council to acknowledge their good work. Everyone works for the benefit of the local community.	Cohesive Communities Resilient Wales
Steps taken by the Town Council.		
Annual Events	Narberth Town Council has an annual programme of key events to bring together local people and communities. These include: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Civic Service ➤ Remembrance Service and Parade on Remembrance Sunday ➤ Christmas Lights 	Prosperous Wales Resilient Wales Healthier Wales More Equal Wales Cohesive Communities Vibrant Culture
The Role of Councillors	Elected Members represent the Council on various bodies including school governors, One Voice Wales, Police, Dyfed Health,	Cohesive Communities More Equal Wales Resilient Wales
Supporting the Local Economy	The Town Council has a policy of using local businesses and contractors wherever possible, keeping financial benefits within Narberth.	Prosperous Wales Cohesive Communities

Decorative Displays	Narberth Town Council provides the floral displays within the town during the summer months and the Christmas motifs and tree lights during the festive season. The displays brighten the appearance of the town and attracts visitors and shoppers.	Prosperous Wales Cohesive Communities
Key Stake-holders	Invitations are given to The Police and Pembrokeshire County Council for updates on important issues impacting on Narberth.	Resilient Wales Cohesive Communities

Approved By Council		
Signed By Mayor on behalf of Narberth Town Council	Name of Mayor	Date
7 th May 2024 min ref:13/24.	 Cllr. Christopher Walters	07/05/2024
		Review 12 Months