

Tyisha - Making it happen

Community Newsletter

What has happened since the 'Planning for Real' community consultation

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What's next for Tyisha?

We have been carrying out a lot of 'behind the scenes' work since the Planning for Real consultation exercise took place. We have listened to your views on the area and what you wanted to change about it and now we want to put some of those ideas into action. With your help, we have developed a masterplan for Tyisha looking at the main issues and how we can improve on these.

We plan to:

- ✓ Build new family and first-time buyer homes that are affordable to buy or to rent;
- ✓ Reduce crime, drug and alcohol issues;
- ✓ Review bin collections and tackle litter problems
- ✓ Provide a park within the ward for children to play in;
- ✓ Create a gateway near the train station and the site of the wellness village;
- ✓ Make the area more appealing and greener and create a 'boulevard' along Station Road;
- ✓ Work with landlords to improve private rental properties;
- ✓ Develop a community hub to provide a range of services such as early years family support, youth support and employability education and training.

It is an exciting time for Tyisha, we will be investing millions of pounds to transform the area for the benefit of the community.



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Improving the environment

We are aware that there have been issues with waste, litter and fly-tipping in recent months and have identified hotspot locations. **We will:**

- Carry out regular inspections
- Target landlords to make sure they are aware of their responsibilities in managing tenants and the storage of waste
- Undertake a targeted campaign to educate residents on recycling and the storage / disposal of their waste
- Carry out enforcement action against persistent offenders (residents and landlords)
- Review how we collect waste in certain areas, and where appropriate and practical, promote different storage methods

Remember you can report a litter problem, dog fouling and fly-tipping on the council website.



Reducing crime and anti-social behaviour

We are working closely with Dyfed Powys Police to tackle the drug, alcohol and anti-social behaviour issues in Tyisha. We want to make the area a safer place to live.



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What's new?

- In October 2019, a new policing model was introduced which saw existing neighbourhood policing teams come together in bigger numbers, giving officers, communities and others responsible for community safety a better chance of finding solutions that work long-term. The new neighbourhood teams are made up of police officers and PCSOs with a focus on problem-solving as they are trained to investigate why something happened, as opposed to only identifying how something happened. The police are appealing to the community to work with them by sharing their concerns and telling them what they know.
- **The Police and Crime Commissioner Dafydd Llywelyn has invested £50k in the Tyisha and Glanymor wards and has given funding towards various projects including:**
 - ✓ A partnership outreach van based in Station Road once a fortnight to engage with residents and provide advice and support in relation to substance misuse, housing, employment etc
 - ✓ The recruitment of two outreach drug support officers to Dyfed Drug and Alcohol Service (DDAS) on a sessional basis.
 - ✓ Get into Gardening is creating opportunities for young people who are at risk of becoming NEET (not in education, employment or training) or are working with the youth justice team to develop their skills in landscaping and gardening in a non-formal setting whilst removing the barriers of cost, childcare and transport.

- ✓ Be Fearless is a Crimestoppers project aimed at 11 to 16-year-olds to prevent and reduce youth crime. A youth summit will be held linked to workshops targeting primary (years 5/6) and secondary schools to empower young people to overcome challenges around drugs, anti-social behaviour, child exploitation and cybercrime.
- ✓ Seaside Kicks is one of Swansea City's flagship community projects engaging young people in a variety of sports, coaching, and educational and personal development sessions.
- ✓ Local volunteers are being trained up as part of the Fusion programme to deliver outreach activities in the area. The aim is to develop diversionary activities, encouraging community cohesion.
- ✓ YMCA Swansea has set up a new youth club in the Seaside area with a wide range of initiatives for young people to support them to upskill, identify career pathways, receive advice and guidance, support to improve wellbeing and information around cyber bullying and digital safety.
- ✓ Youth Voices is a celebratory event planned and delivered by young people from local youth projects to help develop skills and inform others of what has been achieved as part of the Legacy and Fusion programmes.

Regeneration

We have been working with property owners in Station Road to help bring derelict buildings back into use as part of the Targeted Regeneration Investment Programme. The aim is to support area-based projects that promote economic regeneration with a focus on individuals and areas most in need.

- Four buildings have been successful in applying for Property Enhancement Development Grants totalling £418,000 which will provide funding to bring vacant commercial floor space back into business use.
- A further three projects will receive Sustainable Living Grants to provide homes above commercial space to encourage more people to live within the area. The three projects will be awarded a total of £200,000 and will provide 10 residential units.

Building new homes and improving the private rental sector

There is a high level of social and privately rented properties in Tyisha and we are looking at working with a partner company to deliver a better mix of housing which will include affordable and options to buy especially for first-time buyers.



Artist's impressions of how Great Western Crescent could look in the future (opposite the train station)

What are we doing?

- We have spoken with residents at the 4 Ty's and Clos Sant Paul regarding alternative accommodation and are looking at a range of options for them. Some tenants have moved out already and others are in the process of moving.
- We are targeting the private rental sector to improve management standards and we want to encourage owners of empty properties to bring them back into use by offering a range of incentives.
- We are moving our young people's projects from the Station Road area along with our temporary accommodation to provide smaller, more appropriate accommodation in a wide range of areas so it is easier to manage and will provide better options for the future.
- We plan to use the old Copperworks School site to build low cost affordable family homes.

Community facilities

Llanelli Goods Shed

We are working closely with the Llanelli Railway Goods Shed Trust to restore the Grade II listed building and bring it back into use for the benefit of the community.

The aim of the project is to create a hub for cultural, heritage, community and enterprise activities. This is a key project within the area and supports our plans for the regeneration of Tyisha.



New children's play area at Ann Street

Feedback from the Planning for Real exercise showed that there were no children's parks in the Tyisha ward. We are delighted that by working closely with Llanelli Town Council we have been able to fund a play area at Ann Street, together with a designated dog walking area. Work will start shortly.

We would also like to thank Dŵr Cymru Welsh Water and Arbed Am Byth for their contributions.

Get involved

For more information and to see our plans, come along to our community drop-in session on

 **Wednesday, March 25, 2pm-6.30pm**
at Paddock Street Community Centre

You can also find information on our website and sign up for an e-newsletter, visit:

 carmarthenshire.gov.uk/tyisha



View of the potential wider Station Road area for redevelopment

