

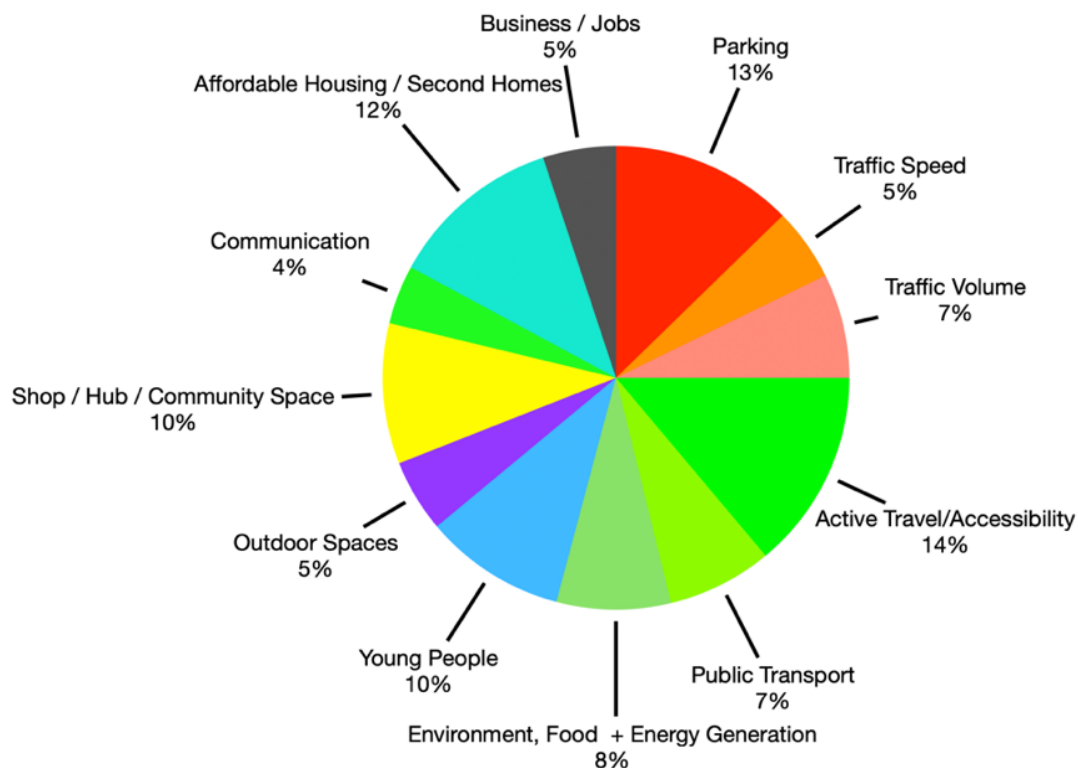


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To

SUBJECT: ROAD MAINTENANCE IN LLANGATTOCK

As you may be aware, Llangattock Community Council has been conducting a Place Plan Consultation with its residents with a view to creating a plan for the community for the next 15 years. The consultation is the most comprehensive conducted among the 950 residents of Llangattock and included a public meeting, surveys which attracted 185 detailed responses, including 32 from young people, and 13 face-to-face consultations at coffee mornings, tea parties and village events organised by residents. Below is a chart showing the issues raised with us.



When we started this consultation, we recognised that as well as strategic matters, residents would also want to raise more immediate concerns and / or issues where Llangattock Community Council has neither competency or jurisdiction. We said we would

pass these comments on to the appropriate authority and seek a formal response which we can publish back to them. We would be grateful if you could assist us and the residence with this.

This is what people said when asked "What doesn't work so well about Llangattock?":

Potholes

- "Minor road repairs not carried out" (Ffawyddog)
- "Road conditions, weeds."
- "Upkeep of roads and verges. Gritting of roads other than the main road through the village is omitted."
- "Roads, parking, paths," (clearing of)
- "Lots of potholes."
- "The road, heading through the Ffawyddog further up towards Pen Croeslan has terrible potholes."
- "Pothole repairs on outlying roads. Cyclist safety on our steep roads."
- "Road maintenance on Hafod Rd to Brynmawr -1. full of potholes and part of the road sliding down the hill. 2. no safety fencing at the hairpin bend to Cheesy lane. Salt bins clogged up with old solidified salt which means very little salt is usable even after the council refills them. Many of the bins were damaged by sheep so lids don't close properly. Ask Powys council to replace broken salt bins and empty out the solidified salt before refilling. Increasing visitor numbers leaving litter behind on mountain footpaths and parking on roadsides rather than in Quarry car park."

In your response, can you please explain how often minor roads are inspected and what residents can do to report instances where road surfaces are damaged or salt bins not filled. It would be useful to know whether there is a criteria which needs to be met (e.g. how deep does a pot-hole need to be to warrant priority action) and what residents can do to report problems. We will pass this information on to residents.

Verges

- "We used to be proud to live in the village but not anymore. The verges are overgrown and the weeds are up to your knees, it seems the village is being reclaimed by nature. When visitors come they are amazed at the state of things."

- “Appears to be overgrown in areas that normally look pretty.”
- “There have been many improvements in the village of Llangattock which are applauded but on the ‘to do’ List for The Dardy is 1. There has been for some time now a lack of maintenance to the road and retaining walls on Dardy Hill (Llangynidr side). 2. Also no cutting back of branches/greenery hanging over the aforementioned hill. More money should be spent on maintaining what we already have before creating never ending new projects. The whole village is overgrown with weeds and the verges and the neglected plant boxes are an eyesore.

It should be said that many of these comments were collected in August and early September, at the height of summer and before the autumn cut. It is apparent from these comments, though, that some people do not think PCC has got the balance between biodiversity and maintenance right. The perception of a general encroachment of hedges and verges into the carriageway is particularly acute in areas where the roads are most narrow, like The Dardy and Ffawyddog. Could you please explain how these priorities are decided so we can pass it on to residents?

Lastly, if you know of any sources of information or funding which might assist us in helping our residents, please pass them on, including details of who to contact if they are known to you.

While appreciating the budgetary constraints within which you are operating, Llangattock Community Council would be grateful if the appropriate department could respond to this letter, preferably before the end of January, so that we can provide the information requested by our residents and use it to guide our Place Plan.

Yours sincerely,



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