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Civility and Respect Pledge

At the Council meeting held on Monday 11th September 2023, Lydney Town Council resolved to sign up to the Civility and Respect Pledge.

The national Pledge has been organised by The National Association of Local Councils (NALC), One Voice Wales, the Society of Local Council Clerks (SLCC) and county associations who will oversee the Civility and Respect Project.

By signing the Pledge, Lydney Town Council agreed that the council would treat councillors, clerks, employees, members of the public and representatives of partner organisations and volunteer with civility and respect.

And that it:

- Has put in place a training programme for councillors and staff
- Has signed up to the Code of Conduct for councillors
- Has good governance arrangements in place including staff contracts and a dignity at work policy
- Will seek professional help at the early stages should civility and respect issues arise
- Will commit to calling out bullying and harassment if and when it happens
- Will continue to learn from best practices in the sector and aspire to be a role model/champion council through for example the Local Council Award Scheme
- Supports the continued lobbying for change in legislation to support the Civility and Respect Pledge including sanctions for elected members where appropriate



Lydney Town Council is striving to improve services for staff, councillors and residents and this is part of the continuous development of the council.

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For Further information please contact Michael Greenfield – Town Clerk
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