

Llangwryfon Community Council

Annual Report 2023-24

Introduction

The Local Government and Elections (Wales) Act 2021, Section 52, requires Community Councils in Wales, as soon as reasonably practicable after the end of each financial year, to prepare and publish an annual report about the Council's priorities, activities and achievements over the previous year.

Structure of the Council

Llangwryfon Community Council consists of eight Councillors and employs a part-time Clerk as Proper Officer. The position of Responsible Financial Officer (RFO) changes between the Councillors and during the financial year 2023-24, the role was filled by Angharad Evans.

Chairperson of the Council 2023-2024

Margaret Lewis.

Elections

No election was held during the 2023-24 period.

Appointments

The Clerk, Mrs. Delyth Lewis, resigned from the role in June 2023 and a new Clerk was appointed, Dr. Eifion Robinson. The council thanks Mrs. Lewis for her hard work during her time as Clerk of Llangwryfon Community Council.

Councillors

Llangwryfon Community Council serves the community made up of the area surrounding, and including, the village of Llangwryfon, represented by the following councillors:

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| • Dylan Davies | • Angharad Jenkins |
| • Lyn Davies | • Owen Jewell (Vice-Chairperson) |
| • Angharad Evans (RFO) | • Wyre Jones |
| • Huw Griffith | • Margaret Lewis (Chairperson) |

Clerk / Proper Officer: E. Robinson

Memberships

One Voice Wales (OVW)

Llangwryfon Community Council Meetings

Members of the public are welcome to attend Llangwryfon Community Council meetings, which are held in St Ursula's Hall on the third Thursday of every month, except for the months of August and December – please check the website for information on when the next meeting will be held.

Minutes are published bilingually (Welsh and English) on the website within 7 working days after the meeting: www.cyngorcymunedllangwryfon.org.uk/cofnodion-minutes

The annual meeting is held in May.

A meeting was not held in February 2024 because it was not possible to obtain a quorum.

Account (year ending 31 March 24)

Income

- Precept 2023-24: £4,098
- VAT repayment: £9.90
- EDF Wind Farm payment: £2,500
- Llety'r Bugail Wind Farm payment: £6,500
- Total income: £13,107.90

Expenditure

- Clerk's salary and out-of-pocket expenses: £1,700.50
- Total other payments: £8,602.84
- Total expenditure: £10,303.34

Balance on 31/03/2024

- Current account: £2,395.60
- Community account: £25,670.48
- Total: £28,066.08

Donations

Section 137(1) of the Local Government Act 1972 allows expenditure which will directly benefit the area and its residents if other powers cannot be used. Community grants and donations were awarded by the Council to the following local organisations:

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| • CFFl Llangwryfon YFC | £500 * |
| • Canolfan Bethel | £200 * |
| • Capel Bethel | £200 * |
| • Capel Moriah | £200 * |
| • Capel Tabor | £200 * |
| • Clwb Croeso Club | £250 * |
| • Cylch Meithrin | £750 * |
| • Cylch Ti a Fi | £250 * |
| • Eglwys Santes Ursula | £200 * |
| • Merched y Wawr | £150 * |
| • Mynwent Llangwryfon | £500 * |
| • Neuadd Santes Ursula | £1,300 * |
| • Y Ddolen | £200 |
| • Ysgol Gynradd Gymunedol Llangwryfon | £2,000 * |

* Out of the Community Account the money received from the windmills was distributed to all the organisations and associations of the community.

Section 137(3) of the Act also allows the Council to incur expenditure for certain charitable purposes, and the following donation was made:

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| • Wales Air Ambulance | £500 |
| • Blood Bikes Wales | £250 |

In 2023-24, the Council made payments totalling £7,450.00 under section 137.

Governance

The accounts were checked by the internal auditor and approved by the Council before being sent to Audit Wales. All payments are authorized by the Council before payment.

Estimates of the potential expenditure are prepared before determining the precept and section 137 payments.

The balance from the bank statement is announced at each meeting.

Activities

Planning Applications

Attention was paid to the applications from Rhiw Carne, Lleifor Fawr, Maenelin Isaf, Argoed; no objection was expressed to any of the applications.

Condition of Roads

The County Council's attention was drawn to a number of locations where the condition of the road is poor: between Esgair and Cefn Mabws, past Saint Ursula's Hall, leaving the village towards the quarry, Penbryn and Tan-y-bryn. Also, locations where water collects on roads: near Maesllyn, between Draenllwyn and Frondeg, at the entrance to Penbanc, near Minffordd.

Grit Bins

The Council is currently organizing salt bins to be placed in the community.

Achievements

The Chairman of the Council laid a red poppy wreath at the memorial during the Remembrance Sunday service.

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