

Annual Report

Llanbedr Community Council

2021/2022



A word from the Chairman – Eirwyn Thomas

- I have been the chair of Llanbedr Community Council since 5.5.22 and the vice chair before that.
- Another challenging year due to Covid-19, with meetings held virtually. One face to face meeting was held in June. Due to being unable to have a translator present at the meetings, we returned to hosting virtually in July.
- At the beginning of 2022, we said farewell to 3 councillors and welcomed new members. Also, Llanbedr is now a ward alongside Harlech and we will have a representative from Gwynedd Council – more details to follow.
- The three councillors who left have worked very hard to create the Llanbedr Walks pamphlet. They have volunteered to continue with this role alongside two of the new committee members. New map noticeboards in the village and a new bench outside the Victoria Inn.
- With help from grant funding, improvements continue in Cae Deiliog. There is now also a memorial garden to plant memorial trees. One tree has been planted to mark the Covid pandemic.
- Road to the enterprise park – efforts continue.
- Trees were planted in Cae Deiliog to celebrate 70 years of the Snowdonia National Park.

Finance

- The council's budget is £15,000.
- £4000 contribution towards keeping the public lavatories open all year round.
- £4184 contribution to Harlech and Ardudwy Lesiure, as part of a 5 year contract, due to end in March 2023, increases in line with inflation.
- £96 spend on Christmas trees to decorate the village.
- £400 contribution to the Beer Festival towards the Christmas lights.
- £1916 spend to clean and paint play equipment in the park.
- £1569.17 to maintain the grass on the playing fields.
- £250 to cut a deceased tree in the cemetery.
- £1156.50 translation fees
- £580.69 Zoom annual fee.

Council Work and Responsibilities

- Asset maintenance – Playing fields, Cae Deiliog, the cemetery, paths and war memorial.
- August 2020 – Organising Zoom meetings (Pro to accommodate remote translation).
- Admin
- Virtual Meetings – Numerous during 2021, all in 2020.
- Gwynedd Council elected as internal assessors for 2021/2022.
- Councillors Allowances – review , no change, no payments – have notified authorities of this .
- New Website – in the process of doing this.
- Keeping a risk assessment.
- Keep a record of vested interest of Councillors
- Training?

Representing Our Community

- Ysgol Ardudwy Governors x1
- Ysgol Gynradd Llanbedr Governors x 3
- Meirionnydd Area Meetings – Un Llais Cymru x2
- Harlech and Ardudwy Lesiure x1
- Community Engagement – website, noticeboard and Facebook.
- Community Hall Committee – full council.
- Representative at the National Park x 1
- Huchenfeld Committee x 3

Work in the Village

- Cae Deiliog, cutting playing field, the cemetery, the war memorial , paths, paths and woodland project, memorial garden.
- Keep diffib on the wall of the Victoria.
- Maintain the benches and move them from time to time, record assets and risk assessment.
- Contact with the concern of the bridge and traffic in Llanbedr.
- Set out to put pressure on the various Authorities regarding the following –
Dog fouling, clearing paths, natural resource Wales in relation to trees in the river, double yellow lines in part of the village, potholes in the roads, cutting the sides of roads.
- Remembrance Day Arrangement.
- The Council leads on rubbish collection – volunteers.

The Council

- William Eirwyn Thomas – Chairman of the Council since 1.6.2006.
- Jane Taylor Williams – Vice Chairperson – 5.5.22.
- Annwen Hughes – Councillor and Cyngor Gwynedd Representative – 2016.
- Gwynfor Owen – Representative Cyngor Gwynedd Ward Llanbedr - 5.5.22
- Kevin Titley – elected - 6.9.2007.
- Robin Ward – 2017.
- Helen Johns – 2015.
- Luise Vassie - 5.5.22.
- Nia Jones – co-op – June 2022
- John Evans. – co-op – June 2022
- Annwen Hughes – co-op – June 2022

Statistics

Number of Full Council Meetings	0
Complaints	1
New Members - 5.5.22	
Resignation	1
Allowances	0
Participation with Community	3
Burials	4
Planning Applications	12

Training

- Budget of £300 also includes Council Membership.
- One Voice Wales training is available – most of the time in English.
Cost £35 per Councillor 9 Councillor x £35 = £315
Additional cost if traversing – places such as Mold, Wrexham
- The Clerk has completed Code of Conduct training some time ago.
- Former councillor Iolyn Jones has completed finance training
- Also Parish Online – map training undertaken by a Former Councillor.
- Tried to go on 2 courses last year through the Welsh Medium – postponed due to lack of interest.

The Future

- With 9 Councillors and 2 Representing Officers on Gwynedd Council – looking forward to the future with confidence for the benefit of the people of Llanbedr and the area
- Try not to have to increase the precept. This is going to be a challenge!
- Participation in local causes only.
- Playing field improvement - new goals?
- Continuing with the woodlands/trails project - for local people and visitors to the area
- Being more accountable to the Public - better use of a new website and advertising board.
- That the Council is in favour of the New Road.