

Annual Report

Llanbedr Community Council

2022/2023



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.
- Meetings are now open to the public and the press, meetings are also available on Zoom. This does cause some issues with translation from the hall due to a weak WiFi connection.
- 2022 has also been challenging for the council.
- Mae y flwyddyn 2022 wedi bod yn un heriol eto l’r Cyngor.
- We are disappointed with the lack of bypass and no funding from the national levelling up.
- Harlech and Ardudwy Lesire appealing for funds again.
- Welcome new council members May and June.
- Continue Working on Cae Deiliog
- Projects planned for 2023 – 24: Cemetery wall, never cut.

Finance

- The Council's budget is £15,000 but rises 2023/24 TO £20,000.
- Paying £4000 contribution to keep toilets open all year to Gwynedd Council
- Also contributing £4184 to HAL (5 year deal, expires March 2023, this increases with inflation). But it was passed To pay for a period of 6 months only. Not entering into a contract
- Small Christmas trees purchased to decorate and light the Village £60
- Continue to donate to the Beer Festival for Christmas Lights.
- Playing field costs a lot. Just got new goals
- The cost of translation - needs to continue.
- Other improvements – ‘Never cut a friend’ and cemetery wall.
- Public footpaths – keep these open, although they don't all have to be cut, some on land in the Cynefin

Rebate only available on red and orange categories.

- Online banking now set up.
- Zoom annual cost £580.69

Gwaith y Cyngor a cyfrifoldebau

- Managing assets – playing field, cae deiliog, the cemetery, footpaths, war memorial.
- August 2020 – organising meetings (Pro to facilitate translation)
- **Admin**
- Virtual meetings – many throughout 2022
- Gwynedd Council elected as internal auditors 2022/2023.
- Allowances – reviewed, no changes, no payments – informed.
- New website – up and running, we hope it is to everyone's satisfaction.
- Keep Risk Assessments
- Keeping financial records
- Training? New development, also costly.

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
- Engaging with the community – via website, noticeboard, Facebook page.
- Village Hall Committee – full council.
- Snowdonia National Park Representation x1.
- Huchenfeld Committee – 3
- 2 members on the ward – Gwynedd representatives.

Work in the Village.

- Cae Deiliog, cutting the playing field, the cemetery, the war memorial, Footpaths, footpath and woodlands project, memorial garden.
- Keeping defibrillator on the wall of the Victoria Inn.
- Maintain the benches and move occasionally, keep a risk assessments.
- Communicate concerns about the bridge and traffic.
- Keep pressure on authorities regarding the following – dog fouling, maintaining paths, NRW re trees in the river, double yellow lines in parts of the village, potholes, roadside cutting.
- Remembrance Sunday plans.
- The council to lead on rubbish collection – volunteers.
- 2 councillors. 1 village resident and the council clerk volunteered to keep an eye on Talwrn Bach and report to Transport for Wales twice per month.

Councillors

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

Statistics

- Number of meetings of the full Council - 2
- Complaints – Bryn Deiliog and the Garages are untidy
- Kiosg untidy.
- The Never Cut path To the playground is muddy.
- New Members - since May/June 4
- Resignations - 0
- Number claiming allowance - 0
- Consultations with the Community regarding road and rail
- Number of Burials - 5
- Negotiating Planning Applications – number 9

Training

- This £300 budget also includes Council Membership.
- One Voice Wales training available – most of the time in English.
- Cost £35 per Councillor 9 Councillor x £35 = £315 This rises to £38
- Extra cost if travelling – places like Mold, Wrexham
- The Clerk had done Code of Conduct training some time ago.
- Former councillor Iolyn Jones has been on finance training
- Also Parish Online – map training done by a Former Councillor
- Tried to go on 2 courses last year through the Welsh language – postponed. Not enough interest. Zoom.
- LV councillor has done 2 trainings and reports back to the Council – for information

The Future

- Had to increase the precept. What a challenge! But to maintain the common things of the Council that more money is needed, and costs increases.
- Participate in local causes only.
- Playground improvements still on the agenda
- Continue with woods/trails project – for locals and visitors to the area
- Be more accountable to the Public- better use of a new website and advertising board.
- Council supports the new road development.
- Thank you for all the support throughout the year.