

LLANLLWCHAEARN COMMUNITY COUNCIL'S
ANNUAL REPORT

2023-24

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Foreword by the Chair of the Community Council

I am delighted to present Llanllwchaearn Community Council's annual report. It provides an overview of the Council's work during the period 1 April 2023 to 31 March 2024.

Councillor Silyn Roberts

Chair of Llanllwchaearn Community Council 2023 / 2024

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Role and Function of the Council

The Role of the Council

Work carried out by the Community Council

The Local Government Act 1972 states that all parts of Wales are in a community. In England, the term "Parish Councils" is still used but in Wales, however, the legal and constitutional term for these units of local government administration is known as "Community Councils"

The Community Council is the lowest tier of local government and is closest to the public in meeting local needs. The Council has a number of statutory rights and duties.

What is the structure of the Council?

A list of your local councillors is provided on the next page. The Community Council has 7 Councillors who do not represent any political party. They are elected every 4 years. A part-time Financial Clerk/Officer is employed to handle all arrangements for meetings and prepare an agenda to deal with the minutes and financial and administrative matters related to the implementation of the Council's work. Contractors are also employed to carry out specialist works such as repairs and maintenance i.e. grass cutting.

The Community Council comments on planning applications before being decided by Ceredigion County Council. They provide funding for events, clubs and services in the Community. The Council appoints members to sit on the School's Governing bodies.

How does the Council work?

Any work undertaken by the Council will be implemented following decisions made in open meetings. Any work is paid for with public money received by the Council by erecting a precept which forms part of the Council Tax set by Ceredigion County Council.

What is the precept of the Council?

In 2023/24 the Council's precept is set at £11,170.00. The precept is raised to fund the Community Council's responsibilities including grass cutting and defibrillator maintenance and contributions to local organisations.

Can the public attend the meetings?

By all means. You are welcome to attend our meetings as listeners only – and would encourage that. Members of the public have no right to participate in Council discussions or give their views during the meeting – however, there may be exceptional circumstances in which the chair is permitted to call for public input and make a statement. Council meetings are held monthly, with the exception of August, and are usually held on the fourth Thursday evening of the month. You can attend by visiting the meeting place at Caerwedros Hall or via Zoom.

AGM

The annual meeting is a legal obligation as set out in the Local Government Act 1972. The annual meetings must be held in May. The Council decides the date. The first item on the agenda is to elect the Chair of the Community Council for the next twelve months.

Election

To be elected as a Councillor a member must be qualified by law, be a British Citizen and must have attained the age of 21.

The applicant must also be-

- local government constituent
- occupied, during the whole twelve months preceding that day, as owner or tenant of any other land or premises in the same area
- The headteacher, or sole place of work, during the twelve months leading up to the election, has been in that area.
- lives during the entire twelve months in, or within three miles of, that area

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Council Membership 2023/2024

Llanllwchaearn Community Council has 7 Councillors

Council Member	Term of Office	Term as Chair & Vice Chair
1. Councillor Silyn Roberts	Local Government Elections May 2022	Chair May 2023- May 2024
2. Councillor Euros Lloyd	Local Government Elections May 2022	Vice Chair May 2023 – May 2024
3. Councillor Gareth Ioan	Local Government Elections May 2022	
4. Councillor Meleri Richards	Local Government Elections May 2022	
5. Councillor Gill Hearne	Local Government Elections May 2022	
6. Councillor Mel Jones	Local Government Elections May 2022	
7. Councillor Matthew Vaux	Local Government Elections May 2022	

When does Llanllwchaearn Community Council meet?

Llanllwchaearn Community Council meets on the fourth Thursday of the month (excluding August)

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The Council's work in 2023/2024

Official Opening of Bro Hafan Playhouse

The official opening to the play-off spot was achieved on 30 September 2023 after the tireless work of some Council members and supported by a substantial grant from the National Lottery. Many thanks to everyone for their work.

Maenygroes defibrillator

Ensure the machine is kept safe and dry and available in an emergency.

Vehicular speed through Pentre'r Bryn

The Community Council continues to try to see improvements in the speed of vehicles travelling through Pentre'r Bryn through discussions with the community and local police and trying to create a Speed Watch Scheme.

Ceredigion County Council's Tax Premium Consultation

Comments have been made on the consultation.

Boundary Commission

A response to the Boundary Commission has been produced following the publication of the 'Report of Ceredigion County Community Arrangements' (2024)

Working Group of 4 Llan

Members of the Council are part of the '4 Llan Working Group' following the creation of a Local Housing Survey.

Pentre'r Bryn Stop

The Council continues to make enquiries to seek full access for all residents in the area, including the disabled, to the Pentre'r Bryn bus stop. Maintenance of the stop is also part of the Council's ongoing work.

Banking Service in Ceredigion

A letter received by Ben Lake MP responded to the questionnaire expressing the Community Council's concern about the large number of banks closing in our areas and the impact that will have on residents.

Impact of Changing Conditionality Quotients in the area

Following the receipt of a letter from Elin Jones MP the questionnaire was responded to by members expressing the views among members about the nature of the restriction past Ysgol Bro Siôn Cwilt as well as the need to further restrict the speed of vehicles travelling the villages of Maenygroes and Pentre'r Bryn.

Training Programme

A new training plan was put in place during 2023/24 to ensure that all councillors are fully aware of the processes and responsibilities of members and the Council.

Community Council Policies

A number of new policies were adopted during the year.

Planning Applications

Planning Applications will be considered at each meeting and comments will be sent to the Planning Service accordingly.

Increasing the Council's publicization

The Community Council continues to share information through the www.llanllwchaearn.org website and through a Facebook page. You can also contact us through these facilities.

Financial Donations (Section 137)

- Cultural Society
- Llanllwchaearn Bowls Club
- Ysgol Bro Sion Quilt
- Friends of Ysgol Ysgol Bro Sion Cwilt
- Caerwedros YFC
- Blood Bikes Wales
- Cerebral Palsy
- Noah's Ark Hospital Charity
- Welsh Air Ambulance
- Kids Cancer Charity
- Caerwedros Hall
- Women of the Dawn of the Hills
- Urdd Gobaith Cymru – Opportunity Fund for all

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Future priorities

Priority areas Llanllwchaearn Community Council should consider in 2024/25

- View improvements and full access to Pentre'r Bryn bus stop
- Constant cleaning of road verges through Community litter picking project
- Work continues to try to see a slowdown on vehicles through Pentre'r Bryn and Maenygroes
- Seeing the work of the 4 Llan working group develop further and come to fruition in line with local needs

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Attend Llanllwchaearn Community Council / Contact Us

Attend Llanllwchaearn Community Council meetings

The Council is keen to see members of the public attend Llanllwchaearn Community Council.

With the exception of confidential items, all businesses are kept public.

All public agenda papers will be published online 3 working days prior to the meeting

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