

**LLANLLWCHAEARN
COMMUNITY COUNCIL**

**Annual Report
2021/22**

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Foreword by the Chair of the Council

I am pleased to present the first annual report of Llanllwchaearn Community Council. It provides an overview of its work of the Council during the period 1st April 2021 to 31st March 2022.

Councillor Meleri Richards

2021/2022 Chair of Llanllwchaearn Community Council

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Roles and Functions of Llanllwchaearn Community Council

The Council's Role

Work done by the Community Council

The 1972 Local Government Act states that every part of Wales is 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 termed "Community Councils"

The Community Council represents the lowest tier of local government and is closest to the public as regards meeting local needs. The Council has several statutory rights and duties.

What is the Council structure?

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 Clerk/Financial Officer is employed to handle all arrangements for meetings and preparing an agenda to deal with the records and financial and administrative matters linked to implementing the Council's work. Contractors are also employed to carry out specialist work such as repair and maintenance i.e., grass cutting and so on. The Community Council makes observations on planning applications before they are decided upon by Ceredigion County Council. They provide funding for events, clubs and services in the town.

How does the Council work?

Any work done by the Council will be implemented following decisions taken at open meetings. Any work is paid for with public money which the Council receives through raising a precept which is part of the Council Tax set by Ceredigion County Council.

What is the Council's precept?

In 2021/22 the Council's precept is set at £9,000.00. The precept is raised to finance the Community Council's responsibilities including grass cutting and defibrillator maintenance and contributions to local organisations.

The precept works out at £21.36 per property (Band D).

Can the public attend the meetings?

By all means. You are welcome to attend our meetings as listeners only – and we would encourage that. Members of the public are not entitled to take part in Council discussions or give their opinion during the meeting – there may however be exceptional circumstances where the chairperson is allowed to call for a contribution from the public and for them to make a statement. Council meetings are held monthly, except for August, and are usually held on the third Thursday of each month at Caerwedros Hall.

Annual Meeting

The annual meeting is a legal obligation as stated by the Local Government Act 1972. The annual meetings has to be held in the month of May. Council decides on the date. The first item on the agenda must be the election of the Chairman of the Community Council for the next twelve months.

Election

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

The applicant must also be-

- a local government elector
- has, during the whole twelve months preceding that day, occupied as owner or tenant any land or other premises in the same area
- principal, or only place of work, during twelve months before election, has been in that area.
- resided during the whole of twelve months in that area, or within three miles of that area

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Membership of the Council 2021/2022

Llanllwchaearn Community Council has 7 Councillors

Council Member	Term of Office	Term as Chair & Vice Chair
1. Councillor Meleri Richards (Chair)	05/05/17- Local Government elections May 2022	Chair May 2021- May 2022
2. Councillor Gareth Ioan	05/05/17- Local Government elections May 2022	Vice Chair May 2021- May 2022
3. Councillor Silyn Roberts	05/05/17- Local Government elections May 2022	
4. Councillor Euros Lloyd	05/05/17- Local Government elections May 2022	
5. Councillor Gill Hearne	05/05/17- Local Government elections May 2022	
6. Councillor Mel Jones	05/05/17- Local Government elections May 2022	
7. Councillor Matthew Vaux	Co-opted 14/04/2022 Local Government elections May 2022	

When does Llanllwchaearn Community Council meet?

Llanllwchaearn Community Council meet on the third Thursday of every month (except August)

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The Council's Work in 2021/2022

Purchase of Community Light between Pencnwc Isaf and Parc yr Efail

The Community Council has paid for new Community lighting for Pencnwc Isaf and Parc yr Efail.

Fix Bro Hafan Community bench

The Council agreed to pay for the timber to replace broken slats on the bench in Bro Hafan.

Adopt a Defibrillator Machine in Maen y Groes

At our meeting on the 8th July 2021, we agreed to adopt a defibrillator machine. The Council will be responsible for the maintenance of the machine.

Speed through Pentre'r Bryn

The Community Council continues to seek improvements for the speed through Pentre'r Bryn.

Extending the Speed Limit down Penrhiwgaled lane

The Community Council has asked the County Council to consider extending the speed limit down Penrhiwgaled lane.

Consultation into second homes

The Community Council has submitted comments for consultation into second homes.

Planning Applications

Planning Applications are considered at every meeting and comments are sent to the Planning Service accordingly.

Local Government and Elections Act 2021

The Clerk updated Members on the elements of the Act that were relevant to the Town and Community Councils. It was agreed to further

investigate the equipment required; and the costs to accommodate hybrid meetings.

The Local Government and Elections (Wales) Act 2021: Draft Statutory Guidance for Community and Town Councils

The Community Council took part in this consultation by submitting comments raising concerns that rural areas will not be able to facilitate hybrid meetings due to lack of premises with WIFI.

Meeting between representatives of the County Council and Town and Community Councils – 22 November 2021

Clerk Sioned Davies attended on behalf of Llanllwchaearn Community Council

Welsh Flag at Cross Inn

A Welsh flag was purchased and raised for St David's Day.

Increasing publicity of the Community Council

The Community Council continues to increase the Council's publicity by developing information on the website.

Financial Donations (Section 137)

1. W.I – cangen y bryniau
2. Women's Institute, Cross Inn
3. Caerwedros Hall
4. Caerwedros YFC
5. Caerwedros Show
6. Bro Sion Cwilt School
7. Noah's Ark Charity
8. Tenovous Cancer Charity
9. Wales Air Ambulance Charity
10. Aberaeron Swimming Pool

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Future Priorities

The priority areas the Llanllwchaearn Community Council to consider in 2022/23

- Consultation on planning legislation and policy for second homes and short-term holiday accommodation
- Projects page on the Community Council website
- Improve Bro Hafan Play Park
- Local Housing Survey

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Attending Llanllwchaearn Community Council / Contact us

Attending meetings of Llanllwchaearn Community Council

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

With the exception of confidential items, all business is held in public.

All of the public agenda papers are published online 3 working days in advance of the meeting

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