

**LLANFAIR YN NEUBWLL COMMUNITY COUNCIL  
ANNUAL REPORT 2021-22**

**1. Introduction.**

During the year 2021/22, the Council comprised of 10 councillors who were fully committed to representing the residents of Llanfair yn Neubwll and providing them with services and facilities designed to enhance the social and environmental wellbeing of the community.

The councillors who were in office during the year were: Dyfed Williams (Chairman), Celfyn Furlong, Gwilym O. Jones, Siân Enfys Jones, Gordon Owen, Lowri Owen, William Victor Owen, Sharon Parry, Beryl Salisbury and Einir Thomas.

**2. Financial Information.**

Income and expenditure in the financial year which ended on 31 March 2022 is summarised as follows:

Balances brought forward from 2020/21	25269
Income from local taxation/levy	17,000
Total other receipts	820
Staff costs	2923
Total other payments	13,965
Balances carried forward to 2022/23	26,201
Total fixed assets and long-term assets	39,746

The accounts have been submitted to Audit Wales and an audit opinion is expected later in the year. They must therefore be regarded as 'Not yet Audited'

**3. Relationship with the Principal Council.**

Llanfair yn Neubwll Community Council has committed to a Shared Community Charter with the Isle of Anglesey County Council. The Charter sets out how we aim to work together for the benefit of local communities whilst recognising our respective responsibilities as autonomous, democratically elected statutory bodies. We build on existing good practice and embrace the shared principles of openness, respect for each other's opinions, honesty and our common priority of putting our residents at the centre. This Charter is based on equality of partnership and is not a top-down arrangement.

Our County Councillors provided regular updates from the County Council and County Councillor Gwilym Jones also serves as a Community Councillor and has an excellent record of attendance at our meetings.

**4. Complaints.**

No complaints were received about the work of the Community Council during the year.

**5. Code of Conduct.**

	Our Clerk is fully conversant with the Code of Conduct and associated guidance and our Councillors receive training on the Code of Conduct and are fully aware of their roles and responsibilities.
<b>6.</b>	<b>Governance.</b>
	The Community Council was selected by Isle of Anglesey County Council's Standards Committee for a review of its governing practices. The clerk met with the Deputy Monitoring Officer and representatives of the Committee who questioned her on policies and practises, audited documents etc. The feedback was described as "very positive" with only a couple of minor suggestions made, each of which was accepted and adopted.
<b>7.</b>	<b>Assets managed and the services we provide:</b>
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• We represent our residents, we convey their concerns to the Community Council and, through it, to the County Council and Welsh Assembly Government;</li> <li>• We report back to residents on issues affecting the community;</li> <li>• We negotiate with, and influence, those other organisations that make decisions that affect the community;</li> <li>• We are consulted and give our views on planning applications;</li> <li>• We are consulted and give our views on highway maintenance issues, traffic calming matters, parking issues, street naming etc.</li> <li>• We deal with public rights of way issues – footpath and bridleway maintenance - Caergeiliog, Llanfair yn Neubwll and Llanfihangel yn Nhowyn have several miles of public footpaths;</li> <li>• We maintain Tre Ifan children's play area;</li> <li>• We maintain 10 bus shelters;</li> <li>• We serve on other Committees and Boards on behalf of the community.</li> </ul>
<b>8.</b>	<b>Key achievements during 2021-22.</b>
	<p>The key achievements during the year were as follows:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Installation of a new basket swing suitable for children of all ages. The design is also suitable for children and young people with disabilities;</li> <li>• Purchase and installation of a recycled plastic picnic bench for the playing field;</li> <li>• Purchase and installation of a new notice board located in the Village Hall grounds;</li> <li>• Maintained the play area, footpaths and bus shelters to a good standard;</li> <li>• Provided support to the Village Hall;</li> <li>• Secured continuity of a regular bus service through Llanfihangel yn Nhowyn.</li> <li>• Providing grants to a range of local organisations .</li> </ul>
<b>9.</b>	<b>Key Objectives for 2022-23</b>
	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. To continue to provide an effective and cost effective service to our community</li> <li>2. To continue to improve the facilities in the play area</li> <li>3. To continue to upgrade the street furniture</li> <li>4. To continue to provide support for the upgrade of the Village Hall</li> <li>5. To review and impliment our Council Training Plan</li> </ol>

	6. To further our commitment to improving and protecting our environment and natural habitats.
<b>10.</b>	<b>Training Plan</b>
	All Community Councillors attend training courses as appropriate and the Community Council is a Member of One Voice Wales which undertakes most of the training needs of local Councils. A separate Training Plan has been produced to reflect the needs of the Council.
<b>11.</b>	<b>SECTION 6 THE BIO-DIVERSITY AND RESILIENCE OF ECOSYSTEMS DUTY REPORT 2021-22</b>
11.1	<p>Llanfair yn Neubwll Community Council provides a range of services to, and undertakes a range of procurements on behalf of its local communities, which have a potential impact on biodiversity. These include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Maintenance of our open space play areas;</li> <li>• Maintenance and stewardship of sundry assets (noticeboards, bus shelters and public seating) and</li> <li>• Identification / control of environmental risks and /or invasive botanical species such as Japanese Knotweed.</li> </ul> <p>We promoted sustainability and biodiversity by pursuing appropriate practices wherever possible.</p>
11.2	All planning applications submitted to the Community Council for consultation were scrutinised with a view to identifying any adverse impact on the environment. Particular care was given to ensure that any developmental impact on surface drainage, tree cover or impact on existing resources such as public rights of way was duly notified to the Planning Officers.
11.3	We also monitored, maintained and protected all public footpaths and rights of way within our area of jurisdiction, and ensured that they continued to provide access and amenity to residents and visitors alike. It must also be noted that many of these provide direct access to Valley Wetlands, the RSPB reserve that includes Llyn Penrhyn, Llyn Dinam and Llyn Treflesg as well as provide direct access to the natural habitats surrounding Llyn Traffwll.
11.4	We adopted a sustainable procurement policy which included ensuring office supplies such as paper, envelopes and furniture were sustainably sourced (e.g. purchased locally and/or made from recycled material).
11.5	The Community Council has no direct responsibility for waste collection, however we have members who volunteer as litter pickers on a regular basis and all issues of concern about pollution, fly tipping is promptly reported to the County Council.
11.6	<b>Review of s6 duty</b>
	<p>The action taken to date has gone well but there is a need to identify more areas where changes can be made to enhance the environment.</p> <p>What have the barriers been? - Lack of expertise to identify changes needed or best practice.</p>

<p>What will you change? - Work closer with the County Council and encourage more community involvement.</p>
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<p>How and when will the s6 duty be monitored and the s6 plan reviewed? - The duty will be monitored each year at the Annual General Meeting.</p>
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