

	<b>LLANFAIR YN NEUBWLL COMMUNITY COUNCIL ANNUAL REPORT 2023-24</b>	
<b>1.</b>	<b>Introduction.</b>	
	<p>Llanfair-yn-Neubwll Community Council includes the villages of Caergeiliog, Llanfair yn Neubwll and Llanfihangel yn Nhowyn and is one of three community councils that form Bro Llynnoedd Ward on the Isle of Anglesey.</p> <p>As a community council we are the most local level of government and act as a link between residents and the Isle of Anglesey County Council. We have a number of roles but our main aim is to improve the quality of life of people in the community.</p> <p>The Community Council is served by eleven members Councillors Celfyn Furlong, Gwilym O. Jones, Siân Enfys Jones, Gordon Owen, Lowri Owen, William Victor Owen, Sharon Parry, Evan Wyn Robertson (Co-opted Member), Einir Thomas, Gareth Thomas (Co-opted Member) and Dyfed Williams.</p> <p>The council administration is carried out by the Clerk / Responsible Financial Officer who works on a part-time basis.</p>	
<b>2.</b>	<b>Financial Information.</b>	
	Income and expenditure in the financial year which ended on 31 March 2024 is summarised as follows:	
	Balances brought forward from 2022/23	31,369
	Income from local taxation/levy	17,000
	Total other receipts	1,404
	Staff costs	5,056
	Total other payments	10,381
	Balances carried forward to 2024/25	31,369
	Total fixed assets and long-term assets	40,113
	Auditor General's report and audit opinion for 2022-23 was 'Unqualified' with no matters to draw to the Council's attention. The accounts for 2023-24 are not yet audited.	
<b>3.</b>	<b>Relationship with the Principal Council.</b>	
	<p>Two County Councillors: Gwilym Owen Jones and Ken Taylor represent the Ward, Councillor Gwilym O. Jones also serves as one of our community councillors. Both Councillors are regular attenders at Llanfair yn Neubwll Community Council meetings and are very supportive in dealing with queries from the residents in relation to services and any issues affecting residents.</p> <p>The Community Council also benefits greatly from having regular, positive dialogue with the County Council.</p>	
<b>4.</b>	<b>Complaints.</b>	
	No complaints were received about the work of the Community Council during the year.	

<b>5.</b>	<b>Code of Conduct.</b>
	Each one of our Community Councillors have formally declared their acceptance of office and pledged their agreement to abide by our Code of Conduct. Our Clerk is also fully conversant with the Code and associated guidance and is always on hand to advise when necessary.
<b>6.</b>	<b>Governance.</b> The Council is required to have adequate Governance and Policy arrangements in place. The Council maintained high standards of governance and accountability and administered its own affairs effectively throughout the year. It has published its Standing orders, Financial Regulations and Code of Conduct on its website <a href="http://www.llanfairynneubwll.org">http://www.llanfairynneubwll.org</a> . All principle policies and governance documents are reviewed annually. The Chairman and Clerk ensured that regular meetings were held and that decisions were made strictly in accordance with these policies and procedures. Minutes of all meetings are published on the Community Council Website.
<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>Achievements in 2023-24.</b>
	The key achievements during the year were as follows: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Purchase and installation of two recycled plastic benches for the playing field;</li> <li>• Purchase and installation of a defibrillator on the church wall in Llanfihangel yn Nhowyn</li> <li>• Maintained the play area, footpaths and bus shelters to a good standard;</li> <li>• Commencement of discussions regarding the acquisition of the Village Hall;</li> <li>• Providing grants to a range of local organisations .</li> </ul>
<b>9.</b>	<b>Priorities going forward</b>
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• To negotiate the terms of a lease on the village hall and to secure funding for the essential repairs and upgrade of the building.</li> </ul>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• To identify a suitable site for a defibrillator for the village of Caergeiliog – the difficulty being that there are no public buildings at the heart of the village in which case a new electricity supply would be required.</li> <li>• To ensure that there was minimal disruption to residents whilst the cable connecting the solar farm with the electrical substation on Cymyran Road was taking place particularly when it appeared that runway refurbishment at RAF Valley was likely take place at the same time.</li> </ul>
<b>10.</b>	<b>Key Objectives for 2024-25</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 take over responsibility for, and upgrade the Village Hall</li> <li>4. To further our commitment to improving and protecting our environment and natural habitats.</li> </ol>
<b>11.</b>	<b>Training</b>
	All Community Councillors have access to all Planning Aid Wales training and a broad range of training options delivered by One Voice Wales. A separate Training Plan has been produced to reflect the needs of the Council.
<b>12.</b>	<b>SECTION 6 THE BIO-DIVERSITY AND RESILIENCE OF ECOSYSTEMS DUTY REPORT 2023-24</b>
12.1	Llanfair yn Neubwll Ward is committed to protecting the environment and promote sustainability and biodiversity by pursuing sustainability goals and sustainable practices whenever possible.
12.2	We monitored, maintained and protected the play area, 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. These footpaths 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.
12.3	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.
12.4	We adopted a sustainable procurement policy which included ensuring office supplies, benches etc were purchased locally and/or made from recycled material.
12.5	The Community Council is vigilant in ensuring that our Ward is kept clean and tidy and that any concerns about pollution, fly tipping etc. is promptly reported to the relevant authority.
12.6	<b>Review of s6 duty</b>

	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.
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