

LLANFAIR YN NEUBWLL COMMUNITY COUNCIL ANNUAL REPORT 2024-25															
1.	Introduction.														
	<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 (part year), 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>														
2.	Financial Information.														
	<p>Income and expenditure in the financial year which ended on 31 March 2025 is summarised as follows:</p> <table> <tr> <td>Balances brought forward from 2023/24</td><td>31,369</td></tr> <tr> <td>Income from local taxation/levy</td><td>19,000</td></tr> <tr> <td>Total other receipts</td><td>14864</td></tr> <tr> <td>Staff costs</td><td>5278</td></tr> <tr> <td>Total other payments</td><td>28240</td></tr> <tr> <td>Balances carried forward to 2024/25</td><td>34682</td></tr> <tr> <td>Total fixed assets and long-term assets</td><td>43066</td></tr> </table> <p>The accounts have been examined by an independent internal auditor and approved by the Council. They are to be submitted to Audit Wales and an audit opinion will be received later in the year. They must therefore be regarded as 'Not yet Audited.' It should be noted that the audit opinion on the Council's accounts for 2023/24 was 'unqualified' which means that there were no issues of concern identified.</p>	Balances brought forward from 2023/24	31,369	Income from local taxation/levy	19,000	Total other receipts	14864	Staff costs	5278	Total other payments	28240	Balances carried forward to 2024/25	34682	Total fixed assets and long-term assets	43066
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3.	Relationship with the Principal Council.														
	<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>														

4.	Complaints.
	No complaints were received about the work of the Community Council during the year.
5.	Code of Conduct.
	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.
6.	Governance. 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 http://www.llanfairynneubwll.org . 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.
7.	Assets managed and the services we provide:
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • We represent our residents, we convey their concerns to the Community Council and, through it, to the County Council and Welsh Assembly Government; • We report back to residents on issues affecting the community; • We negotiate with, and influence, those other organisations that make decisions that affect the community; • We are consulted and give our views on planning applications; • We are consulted and give our views on highway maintenance issues, traffic calming matters, parking issues, street naming etc. • 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; • We maintain Tre Ifan children's play area; • We maintain 10 bus shelters; • We serve on other Committees and Boards on behalf of the community.
8.	Achievements in 2024-25.
	The key achievements during the year were as follows: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Purchase and installation of a defibrillator for the residents of Caergeiliog. • Acquired the lease of Caergeiliog Village Hall; • Succeeded with the application of a grant to fund repairs to the roof, replace three windows and create a new disabled access to the village hall • Installed a new fire alarm system in the village hall.
9.	Key Objectives for 2025-26

	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. To continue to provide an effective and cost-effective service to our community 2. To meet and consult with residents 3. To continue to improve facilities for the enjoyment of all residents 4. To further our commitment to improving and protecting our environment and natural habitats.
10.	Priorities going forward for 2025-26
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • To install a new water supply to the village hall • To replace the heating system in the village hall • To paint the equipment in the children's play area • To repair / upgrade the safety surfaces in the play area. • To make good the damage to the hall garden following the December 2024 storms • To commence work on the street lights on Minffordd Road.
11.	Training
	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.
12.	SECTION 6 THE BIO-DIVERSITY AND RESILIENCE OF ECOSYSTEMS DUTY REPORT 2024-25
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	Our public footpaths which provide direct access to Valley Wetlands, Llyn Penrhyn, Llyn Dinam and Llyn Treflesg as well as direct access to the natural habitats surrounding Llyn Traffwll. These were carefully maintained to achieve a balance between protecting the natural habitat and ensuring easy access and amenity to walkers. In doing so the Council was vigilant in identifying and controlling environmental risks.
12.3	Treifan play area was cut to a standard expected by residents but the boundary hedge of native trees and shrubs is carefully and sympathetically managed. Any broken branches and dead wood are used to create a 'dead hedge' barrier that protect and shelter native saplings, provide habitat for wildlife, making the area more inviting space for birds and insects. Building a dead hedge is also a good way to recycle waste material and reduce landfill contributions.
12.4	The Community Council is vigilant in ensuring that our villages are kept clean and tidy and that any concerns about pollution, fly tipping etc. is promptly reported to the relevant authority.
12.5	All planning applications submitted to the Community Council for consultation were scrutinised with a view to identifying any adverse impact on the environment.

12.6	We adopted a sustainable procurement policy which included ensuring office supplies, benches etc were purchased locally and/or made from recycled material.
	Review of s6 duty
12.7	<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>The grounds surrounding the village hall remains virtually untouched with a mixture of native trees, garden shrubs, fruit trees, ivy and wild flowers competing for space, the area is undoubtedly teeming with wildlife. Decisions will need to be made on how best to make use of the grounds without destroying the natural habitat.</p>
12.8	<p>What have the barriers been? - Lack of awareness of the need to embrace biodiversity</p> <p>What will you change? - We will engage more with residents, raise awareness and try to motivate more people to become more interested and accept responsibility for protecting their environment.</p> <p>How and when will the s6 duty be monitored and the s6 plan reviewed? - The duty will be monitored through regular inclusion on the Community Council Agendas.</p>