

# **Llansantffraed Community Council Annual Report May 2022 - April 2023**

## **Chairman's Review of the Year at the 2023 Annual Meeting held on 2<sup>nd</sup> May 2023**

Firstly of course I would like to thank each and every Councillor for their support and the contributions they have made individually and collectively throughout the year.

We were delighted to welcome two new Councillors - Jim and Martine, who have brought with them areas of expertise that will enhance the community council.

A mention for Andrew who has served in the role of Vice-Chair and whose commitment to the role has been evidenced by the range of projects he has been involved in during the year. It has been a pleasure to work alongside him.

So what happened over the last year? It's been a busy year for the Community Council and here are just a few of the matters we have been involved in:

- Finding a permanent home for the community council
- Various matters arising from the extensions to the housing estates at Cylch Peris and Stad Craig Ddu
- Work completed on the updating of the bus shelters located at Cylch Peris and the relocation of one of them
- New notice board at Cylch Peris
- Working with Llan-non School on projects including the competition to design the new Book Exchange facility situated in the old telephone kiosk and for the next project the children will be designing 'welcome to Llanon' signs
- Several new benches were purchased and installed and a programme of bench renovation is in place
- Footpaths - cutting contract, monitoring etc
- Dog poo signs erected and bags provided
- Improvements made to several footpaths including new signage and new surfaces laid
- Financial assistance given to a number of local organisations which benefit our community
- Funding the very successful children's summer activities provided by Ray Ceredigion
- Defibrillator and first aid training sessions funded
- Playground extension project underway. Massive thank you to the sub-committee whose hard work made this possible
- Removing the fencing in the alleyway adjacent to the Central and thank you to those who made this happen
- New salt bins being provided in several areas

- Christmas tree and lights purchased - thanks to those who erected the tree
- We've looked at the provision of Warm Spaces and this is on-going
- Food banks
- Visits by PCSO Charlotte Carter
- Community speed watch
- Our County Councillor Keith Henson picked up the baton when he joined the Council and has dealt with numerous issues - The day the town ran dry! Complaints about speed limits, yellow lines, disappearing rubbish bins, I could go on! I doubt his phone ever stops ringing. Every query I have made to Keith has been dealt with quickly and with the highest level of professionalism, expertise and courtesy - thank you Keith.

That was just a taste of what we have been involved in during the last year and I'm sure the next year will bring many other interesting issues for the Community Council.

And last, but by no means least, I would like to thank our Clerk to the Council, Denfer. We are fortunate to have someone equipped with the administrative and legislative expertise that ensures that we as a community council conduct our business properly. He unstintingly provides independent, objective, professional advice and support and his calm approach and sense of humour have certainly helped me in my role. Thank you Denfer for your help and support during my year in post.

And finally, may I take this opportunity to wish the incoming Chair and the committee every success in the coming year.

*Sheila Davies*

## **Organisation of the Council**

Llansantffraed Community Council is the most local tier of local government for the administrative Community of Llansantffraed and is a local authority established by way of the Local Government Act 1972.

The Council comprises ten elected Members.

The Members during the 2022-23 municipal year were:

Councillors Sheila Davies, Keith Henson, Hywel Llŷr Jenkins, Lodwick Lloyd, Dennis Morgan, Andrew Phillips, Gwenno Piette and Aled Roberts (elected unopposed May 2022)

Councillors Martine Robson and Jim Rollinson (co-opted after the election).

The Council employs a part-time Clerk and Responsible Finance Officer, Mr Denfer Morgan, who is responsible for the administration of the Council, including its

finances.

The Council meets at 7:30 pm on the first Tuesday of each month at various locations during the year. The Council actively looked for locations where it could meet the provisions of the Local Government Act 2021 whereby meetings can be attended in person or by remote attendance using Zoom.

The Council can be contacted by contacting the Clerk by emailing [clerc.llansantffraed@btinternet.com](mailto:clerc.llansantffraed@btinternet.com) or telephoning 07749320915.

The Council's website is [Hafan / Home - Llansantffraed Community Council](#)

Information provided on the website includes:

- Contact details
- Details of Councillors
- Calendar of meetings and agendas and minutes
- Financial information
- Policies

## **Recreational and Amenity Land**

The Council owns three areas of land in the villages of Llanon and Llansantffraed which it provides for recreational and amenity purposes, namely:

- The slang with its shelter at Llansantffraed
- The children's playground at Llansantffraed
- Tennis court and multi-use games area at the Waun, Llanon.

## **Services**

Services provided by the Council include:

- Keeping footpaths clear by way of regular strimming by a contractor
- Contributing towards the cost of cutting the playing field
- Providing play sessions by Ray Ceredigion for children during the summer holidays
- Making financial contributions to local organisations and the Llanon Village Hall

## **Cloncan**

The Council produces a community newsletter called Cloncan which is edited by Councillors Sheila Davies and Gwenno Piette.

## **Finance**

The Council sets an Annual Budget at its January meeting which outlines its

proposed expenditure for the following financial year in respect of the services it intends to provide and the projects it intends to undertake during the year. This expenditure is funded by way of a precept which is approved at the same meeting. The precept, in turn, is raised by way of a Council Tax payable by each dwelling within the community. Other sources of income are also used together with reserves.

The Council's budget for 2022-23, set at its Meeting held on 4<sup>th</sup> January 2022, was as follows:

### **Expenditure**

£31,000

### **Income**

Precept: £17,000

VAT Refund: £3,500

Community Grant: £7,500

Reserves: £3,000

### **Council Tax**

A Council Tax of £30.07 was approved for Band D properties in order to produce the Precept.

### **Annual Accounts**

The latest Annual Accounts to have been audited by Audit Wales are those for the previous financial year, 2021-22. The Council received an 'unqualified' report, with no matters requiring attention.

Further details can be found on the Council's website.

### **Community Matters**

#### **Representing the Community**

Ceredigion County Council is the local education authority, local highways authority, local planning authority and is responsible for the provision of social services for the County. The Community Council is consulted by Ceredigion County Council on certain matters.

The Community Council has made representations on the following during the year:

- Planning applications
- Footpath creation and diversions

Denfer Morgan  
Clerk to the Council

October 2023