Llansantfffraed Community Council Annual Report May 2023 - April 2024

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 the Llanon Village Hall. Meetings can be accessed via Zoom.

The Council can be contacted by contacting the Clerk by emailing clerc.llansantffraed@btinternet.com or telephoning 07749320915.

The Council's website is <u>Hafan / Home - Llansantffraed Community Council</u>

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 2023-24, set at its Meeting held on 3rd January 2023, was as follows:

Expenditure

£43,960

Income

Precept: £28,000

Community Grant: £7,500

Reserves: £8.460

Council Tax

A Council Tax of £38.85 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 December 2024