



Llanbrynmair Community Council Annual Report 2026

Llanbrynmair Community Council delivers services, maintains spaces and facilities and works in partnership with the community to represent its interests and to respond to its concerns.

Community Councillors:

Cllr. Dai Jones (Llan), Cllr. Pennant Jones (Talerddig), Cllr. Gwyndaf Davies (Pandy), Cllr. Richard Ashton (Pandy), Cllr. Fiona Cauley (Bont), Cllr. Ifan Edwards (Talerddig) Cllr. Sue Evans (Talerddig), Cllr. Emyr Lewis (Llanbrynmair), Cllr. Eifion Davies (Bont) and Cllr. Bryn Jones (Llanbrynmair)

Cllr. Richard Ashton is the Chair for 2025-27

Cllr. Bryn Jones is the Vice Chair for 2025-27

Contact details are in Appendix 1. Register of representation on other organisations is in **Appendix 2.**

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Web-site can be found at www.llanbrynmaircouncil.com where residents can access minutes, agendas and other information and news relating to Council activities.

Meetings are held on the first Wednesday of every month at 7.00 in the Community Centre. The meetings are held in Welsh but a translation service is always available. Anyone is welcome to attend the meetings (except confidential sessions) but as observers only. If you want to raise an issue or make a presentation, please inform the Clerk 5 working days before the meeting. The County Councillor, Cllr. Gary Mitchell, also attends meetings.

The **Agendas** are put on the noticeboards in Llanbrynmair, Bont, Talerddig, Llan and Pennant along with other important Council notices. The noticeboard in Llanbrynmair bus-shelter is the main Council information board

The work of the Community Council

- Councillors must attend Council meetings, preparing in advance by reading previous minutes and other documents sent by the Clerk
- Councillors must decide how to spend the public money available through the precept which is set annually.
- The Council looks after various facilities and public spaces in the community and supports other organisations that do likewise
- The Council collaborates with the County Council on many issues and shared responsibilities including reviewing planning applications
- Councillors must make impartial decisions based on a collective view of community benefit
- The Council is guided by Model Standing Orders and Financial Regulations which are available by links on the web-site

Amongst the routine issues discussed in Council, some of the larger projects are outlined below:

The village playground and community field are both managed by the Council. The playground equipment has an annual ROSPA safety-check and it is the Council's responsibility to address any concerns that arise. Dogs (other than assistance dogs) are not allowed in either space as it is the Council's responsibility to ensure the spaces are clean and safe.

A public meeting about the community field was held on the 23rd of September 2025. The history of the management of the field was presented along with the current costs. A list of suggestions about possible developments for the future was shown following a questionnaire distributed earlier in the Summer. The potential for using a part of the field for dog walking was discussed. Challenges such as the cost of fencing, gates, toxic poo, emptying bins and policing transgressors were presented. A very helpful presentation was also given by Paul Bufton (Powys Environmental Health Department) especially including the information about reporting problems with dog mess and irresponsible owners. The need to keep the field clear for the annual show was emphasised. It has been decided to return sheep to the field for grazing due to the lack of interest in its use by the public to justify the cost of grass cutting. The full report is on the Minutes page of the Council web-site

Car park, toilets and bus shelter are all maintained by the Council. There is a commitment to keeping them free of charge for users but there is a plan to install a box for voluntary contributions on the outside wall to raise funds to help with some improvements. Their maintenance is partially supported by an additional grant from the Welsh government.

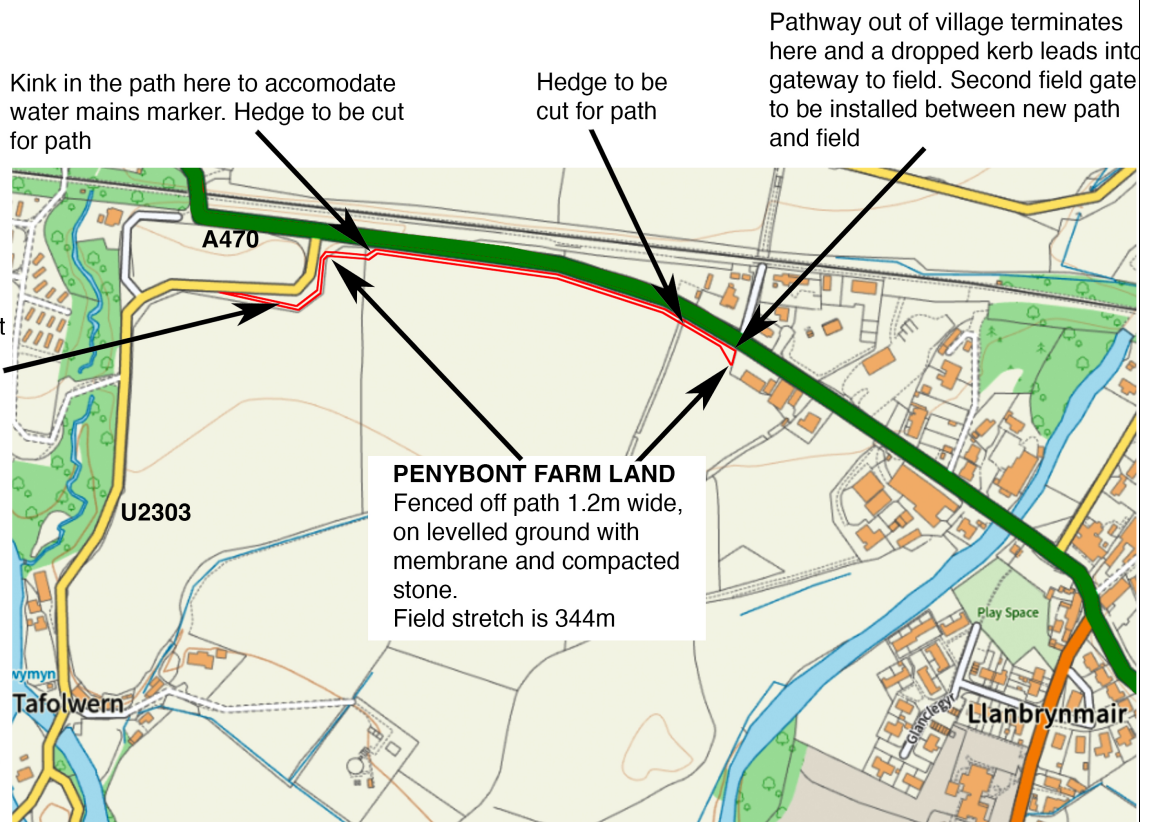


Road matters have been very focussed on pot-holes this year along with the rest of the country. The Council reports every issue received to Powys and pressurise them to prioritise the worst problems. Attention has also been given to traffic speed especially at the Talerddig junction where thorough measurement exercises were undertaken but the results were not sufficiently concerning to effect any changes. The Council has bought a Police cut-out to instal around the area as a warning. There is a campaign underway to impose constrictions on the little lane from Plas Llwyn Owen Cilin, past the Pandy and down to Bont to prevent HGV's from using the fragile road and failing to turn a corner upon reaching the bridge

The footpath from Llanbrynmair to Tafolwern project has taken a lot of the Council's energy and effort. The aim of the path is to enable pedestrians to walk safely along the A470 and to do the Brook Loop more easily. It was necessary to create a legal agreement with the landowner, find suitable contractors and to co-ordinate plans with Powys Highways. The work will start in May 2026

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Footpath made of compacted stone on membrane for 100m stretch along base of embankment (Powys land), no excavation allowed on verge or embankment. Any levelling to be done will be by means of in-fill. Path to end 1 metre away from edge of the road. Works to be accessed via farm land. Sign post to be erected by the fence 3 metres away from edge of tarmac



A Public Meeting about the Council Yard and Railway Station in Llanbrynmair was held on the 29th of January 2026. The history of the use of the yard for Council activities over decades was presented. Various suggestions about other possible uses in the future were discussed along with the problems associated with the site such as pollution and the restrictions caused by Network Rail's right of access across it for maintaining the railway. It is understood that the site is most likely to have been sold subject to contract. Further updates from Powys are expected.

The historical and current situation with the train station was presented. Different possible sites for a new station were discussed considering the need for passing places for trains, car parking for passengers and the potential for timber freight and loading. Notes from the last public meeting held on the 15th of February 2023 were presented which are still relevant for the purposes of describing the necessary steps for creating a campaign for a new station. A document outlining the history of the campaign in Carno was presented. Although Llanbrynmair has its unique features, the story in Carno is indicative of the sort of challenges facing any similar attempt. A document by Grow Mid Wales from 2022 was presented to demonstrate the broader strategic context of the Welsh Government and the transport agencies as all developments need to be considered in the light of national plans. It was explained that the Council would not be embarking on a campaign for a new station but would support any other group wishing to do so.

The full report is on the minutes page of the Council web-site

The Sbwriel a Sbri group was set up during this year. They meet every other month to collect rubbish as and where needed. Emyr Lewis did a presentation on rivers and nature on the 10th of September 2025 as part of the intention to use the opportunity for members to learn more about their area as they go around. The group co-ordinates its efforts with Keep Wales Tidy

Other local projects and concerns during the year

- The Council looks after the defibrillators around the area, doing regular checks, re-newing and maintaining the equipment and re-siting where necessary funded by the Wind Farm Trust
- The Council receive requests from various charities and often make contributions to those such as the Wales Air Ambulance and Marie Curie Cancer Support and local eisteddfods
- The Council organises a village Christmas tree each year which is sited outside the Community Centre
- The Council are in regular contact with the Dyfi Health Centre in Machynlleth via the Patients' Forum



Biodiversity and the Environment and the Council's responsibilities under Section 6, Biodiversity and Ecosystem Resilience duty, Environment (Wales) Act 2016. The Council is required to maintain and enhance biodiversity and in doing so promote the resilience of ecosystems throughout all of its functions.

To do that the Council commits to:

- Three yearly reporting of its activities and outputs within the context of this legislation. The report for 2025-26 is available on the Council web-site.
- Use its powers to promote and support community initiatives that produce a net biodiversity gain
- Continue to review the working practices of the Council especially in regard to its environmental footprint
- To challenge new planning applications, or variations of existing planning consent in the ward that are perceived to be detrimental to the environment. Through the planning system it can call on developers to have a strong regard for the environment in relation to local applications
- Learning more about the environmental challenges we face and to take positive action wherever possible

The Council's first Biodiversity Report was produced and published in December 2025 and it is intended that the aims and principles are adhered to throughout the years to come. Biodiversity and the Environment will be a matter to discuss on every agenda from now on as required by the Welsh Government

Finance and Governance

The Community Council allocates funds from the annual precept to the various practical projects and administrative responsibilities such as the Clerk's salary, insurance and safety inspections.

Each year the Council must analyse previous years' spending and make a budget for the next year to set as the precept which amounts to a portion of residents' Council Tax bills. The annual precept of £15,500 for 2025-26 was raised to £16,000 for 2026-27 to reflect rising costs. The year's accounts can be seen in

Appendix 4. Updated accounts are presented at each meeting then finally audited before being sent to the Welsh Government in the form of an Annual Return. Notices are published to invite residents to scrutinise the accounts and to raise queries or concerns with the Clerk

The Council has a financial management and risk assessment policy which is reviewed every year and is available on the web-site

The Council is supported by its membership to One Voice Wales which includes the provision of updated policies, regulations and legal advice

The Wind Farm Trust receives money from several wind farm developers that have infrastructure within Llanbrynmair parish boundaries to use strictly for the benefit of Llanbrynmair residents. The Trust is a separate legal entity to the Council but the Trustees and the Councillors are one and the same. The Clerk of the Council is also the secretary to the Trust so can be contacted for enquiries in the same way. Money is disbursed to students, churches and chapels, community centre, clubs and societies, park benches, playground equipment and maintenance, charities and many other community causes. The Trust produces a separate annual report.

Reflections on what has worked well, what has not and what can be done in the future

- **Communications** – The Council will review different techniques for publishing and communicating information
- **Biodiversity** – The Council will continue to use its powers to promote and support community initiatives that produce a net biodiversity gain
- The Council has listened to the concerns of local residents and has held both public meetings and small informal meetings all over the area
- The Council has sought alternative funding sources for various projects in order to lessen the burden on the tax payer
- The Council continues to maintain a broad representation on many other committees

Appendix 1

Councillor contact details

2026		
Cyng. Gwyndaf Davies	Pandy	01650 521581
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Cyng. Ifan Edwards	Talerddig	01650 521729
Cyng. Sue Evans	Talerddig	07745 470171

Appendix 2
Register of representation

2026				
Cllr. Gwyndaf Davies	Community Centre Committee	Llanbrynmair Show Committee		
Cllr. Eifion Davies	Community Centre Committee			Morgan Lloyd Trust
Cllr. Bryn Jones		Llanbrynmair Show Committee	Hen Gapel Graveyard	Cyfarfod Bach
Cllr. Richard Ashton	Community Centre Committee	Cyfarfod Bach Ganolfan	One Voice Wales	Snooker Room Committee
Cllr. Emyr Lewis		Fishing Club and Dyfi Fisheries Association		
Cllr. Dai Jones	One Voice Wales		Hen Gapel Graveyard	
Cllr. Pennant Jones	Llanbrynmair School Governors		Hen Gapel Graveyard	Morgan Lloyd Trust
Cllr. Fiona Cauley	Patients' Forum (Chair)	Llanbrynmair Show Committee	Llan Church (informal)	Morgan Lloyd Trust
Cllr. Ifan Edwards		Llanbrynmair Show Committee		Defibrillator Co-ordinator
Cllr. Sue Evans	Patient's Forum			

Appendix 3
List of councillor training

Councillors name and years in role		Training done	Training to do
Cllr. Gwyndaf Davies	17	New Councillor Induction 19/05/13	
Cllr. Eifion Davies	19	The Council Meeting, module 5 Charing Skills, module 10 Code of Conduct	
Cllr. Bryn Jones	4	New Councillor Induction 23/02/23 Understanding the Law 28/10/25	
Cllr. Richard Ashton	4	New Councillor Induction 23/03/23 Code of Conduct 30/03/23 Understanding the law 11/04/05 Local Government Finance 24/04/2023 The Council Meeting 16/05/23 Planning Training 24/05/23	Preparing Accounts for Audit webinar 21/05/26
Cllr. Emyr Lewis	19	Code of Conduct Understanding the Law	
Cllr. Dai Jones	32		
Cllr. Pennant Jones	21	New Councillor induction	
Cllr. Fiona Cauley	4	New Councillor induction 15/12/22 Community Engagement 09/02/23	Biodiversity2-----

		Planning Training 24/05/23 Biodiversity1 23/03/26	
Cllr. Ifan Edwards	4	New Councillor Induction 15/02/23 Planning Training 24/05/23	
Cllr. Sue Evans	3	New Councillor Induction 07/03/23 Planning Training 20/10/26	
Clerc	4	Preparing Accounts for Audit webinar 21/05/26 ILCA (Introduction to Local Council Administration) April-December 2026	Underway

Appendix 4
Balance sheet

Category	Item	2023/24	2024/25	2025/26	2025/26	2026/27
		Final spend	Final spend	Final spend	Budget	Budget
Expenditure						
Admin	Clerk's Salary - Sarah	4416.00	4739.80	4991.00	5012.00	6571.20
	Tax/NI	1104.00	1750.80	1247.80	1252.80	
	Clerk's Salary costs	328.00	433.80	522.60	300.00	600.00
	Councillors Allowance			156.00		156.00
	Software					250.00
	Office expenses	192.00	30.18	141.28	200.00	200.00
	Web-site costs	648.00	255.00	247.20	350.00	350.00
	Audits/accountancy	895.00	1425.12	1031.13	1255.00	1300.00
	Bank charges	93.00	62.00	25.40	60.00	60.00
	One Voice Wales	207.00	403.00	216.00	300.00	300.00
	Training			40.00		50.00
	Translating	1485.00	1200.00	1300.00	1400.00	1400.00
	Elections	449.00				
	Insurance	557.00	581.93	694.74	600.00	750.00
	Council tax	1254.00	472.08	477.12	500.00	500.00
Toilets	Cleaning	3930.00	2814.00	3058.10	3500.00	3700.00
	Janitorial supplies		422.44	530.36	450.00	600.00
	PHS	1046.00	1033.01	889.02	1100.00	1100.00
	Plumbing	1155.00	6315.60	38.78	1000.00	400.00
	Electrical work		803.67		500.00	400.00
	Building repairs		3855.00		1000.00	600.00
	Portaloo cleaning/drains		913.24	350.00		400.00
	Electricity	920.00	231.57	354.11	350.00	380.00
	Water	5296.00	1621.26	654.50	1200.00	1600.00
General rep/ren					200.00	
Grants(section 137)	Grants S137	200.00	500.00	500.00	500.00	500.00
Miscellaneous	General	622.00	344.60	196.75	500.00	500.00
Play park	Equipment		27138.59			
	Bins			15.00		150.00
	Safety inspection		117.60	124.80	120.00	130.00
Total Expenditure		24797.00	57464.29	17801.69	21649.80	22947.20
Income	Precept	14000.00	15000.00	15500.00	15500.00	16000.00
	Grant Menter Maldwyn		620.00	1320.00	1400.00	600.00
	Grant - other		6521.79			
	Grant for toilets (PCC)	10000.00		10000.00	10000.00	5000.00
	Wind farm	464.00	3359.61	469.80	500.00	500.00
	Lottery	20000.00				
	Other			40.00		
	VAT reclaim		6368.46		300.00	400.00
Total Income		44464.00	31869.86	27329.80	27700.00	22500.00
Balance		47580.10	-25594.43	9528.11	6050.20	-447.20
Bank		27913.10	2318.67	11846.78		
Reserve Account						
Expenditure	Membership allowances					2080.00
	Unforseen expenses					
Total expenditure						
Bank		2877.5	2927.08	3030.29		950.29