



Llanbrynmair Community Council Annual report 2024

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. Eifion Davies is the Chair for 2023-25

Cllr. Richard Ashton is the Vice Chair for 2023-25

Contact details are in Appendix 1. Register of Interests is in Appendix 2.

Clerk: Sarah Reast

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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 in the noticeboards in Llanbrynmair, Bont and Pennant along with other important Council notices

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

Amongst the routine issue discussed in Council are some larger projects outlined below:



The village playground

The Council has succeeded in winning £20,000 from the Lottery Community Fund and Wicksteed Leisure are busy building a Zip Wire and new climbing frame. The project will also need a small grant from the Wind Farm Trust to complete. During this year other grants will be sought for the purposes of developing places for nature, gardens and trees.

The Playground undergoes a safety inspection every year by ROSPA.

The Community Field is now under Community Council management. The dangerous trees by the riverside have been cleared and a beech hedge has been planted between the field and the school children's play area for their privacy. The grass has been prepared for a cycling and running track around the perimeter and a football pitch has been marked in the centre. Signs saying that the public use the space at their own risk and that no dogs are allowed and that litter must not be left have been put up. It is probable that a sub-committee will need to be established to care for the field and the Council will be

asking for volunteers with creative ideas for future development. The Show Committee will begin their preparation work on the filed onAugust and apart from that time, no vehicles will be allowed access.

Car park, toilets and bus shelter are all maintained by Llanbrynmair Community Council. There was significant damage in the toilets during the winter following some burst pipes. The building is old and starting to fail in various ways so a comprehensive review was undertaken to identify all the renovation jobs needed. So far, the roof, soffits and ceilings have been mended, there are new windows and the inside has been repainted. New doors and a complete re-plumbing throughout are the next jobs to be done in the forthcoming months. The Council are applying to Powys County Council for a grant to help with the finance. The toilets cost on average £7500.00 a year to run but the Council currently receive a grant of £5000.00 from the Welsh Government to help with this. These funds do not cover any additional repair work of any size. The Council would like the toilets to be free to use for as long as possible.

Dolfach bus shelters are being installed by Traws Cambria as a larger project across Mid-Wales. A long awaited shelter has been put in on the East bound side of the road through Dolfach, the shelter on the Westbound side will arrive soon and the two in Llanbrynmair itself have already been built.

Road matters Traffic speed through the village has been a big problem for years especially on the corner by the shop. A meeting was held with Russell George MS during March to underline residents concerns. The landslip at Dolgoch was also discussed and it was confirmed that design work for the repairs are currently underway. He was also asked that more attention be given to how traffic will be diverted and managed while work is happening. There is a continuing campaign to build a walkway from Dolfach to Llanbrynmair and on to Tafolwern but the challenge of finding available funds is immense. The new road at Brook has now been completed, much to everyone's relief!



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
- 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 also supports local eisteddfods
- **The Council funds the purchase of a village Christmas tree each year which** has
- The Council have been in regular contact with the Health Centre in Machynlleth on the matter of communication problems especially for the elderly who struggle with contemporary technology

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
- 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

Finance

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 £14,000 for 2023-24 was raised to £15,000 for 2024-25 to reflect rising costs. The year's accounts can be seen in Appendix 4. Updated accounts are presented at each meeting then finally externally audited before being sent to the Welsh Government in the form of an Annual Return.

The Council has a financial policy which is reviewed every year.

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 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.

Atodiad 1 / Appendix 1

Manylion cyswllt i Cynghorwyr / Councillor contact details

2024		
Cyng. Gwyndaf Davies	Pandy	01650 521581
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Cyng. Dai Jones	Llan	01650 521399
Cyng. Pennant Jones	Talerddig	01686 420281
Cyng. Fiona Cauley	Bont	07914 710794
Cyng. Ifan Edwards	Talerddig	01650 521729
Cyng. Sue Evans	Talerddig	07745 470171

Atodiad 2 / Appendix 2

Cofrestr o diddordebau a cynrichiolaeth / Register of interests and representation

2024				
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 Asociassociation		
Cllr. Dai Jones	One Voice Wales		Hen Gapel Graveyard	Morgan Lloyd Trust
Cllr. Pennant Jones	Llanbrynmair School Governors		Hen Gapel Graveyard	Morgan Lloyd Trust
Cllr. Fiona Cauley	Patient's Forum	Llanbrynmair Show Committee	Grŵp Natur Llanbrynmair Nature Connect	Ecodyfi Llan Church (informal)
Cllr. Ifan Edwards		Llanbrynmair Show Committee		Defibrillator Co-ordinator (informal)
Cllr. Sue Evans	Patient's Forum			

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Rhestr o hyffordiant cynghorwyr / List of councillor training

2024	Years as councillor	Training done	Training to do
Cllr. Gwyndaf Davies	15	New Councillor Induction 19/05/13	
Cllr. Eifion Davies	15	The Council Meeting, module 5 Charing Skills, module 10 Code of Conduct	
Cllr. Bryn Jones	2	New Councillor Induction 23/02/23	
Cllr. Richard Ashton	2	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	
Cllr. Emyr Lewis	17	Code of Conduct Understanding the Law	
Cllr. Dai Jones	30		
Cllr. Pennant Jones	19	New Councillor induction	
Cllr. Fiona Cauley	2	New Councillor induction 15/12/22 Community Engagement 09/02/23 Planning Training 24/05/23	
Cllr. Ifan Edwards	2	New Councillor Induction 15/02/23 Planning Training 24/05/23	
Cllr. Sue Evans	1	New Councillor Induction 07/03/23	

Appendix 4

2022-2023 Balance Sheet

Sarah Reast
 Clerc Cyngor Bro Llanbryn-mair
 Clerk to Llanbryn-mair Community Council

Expenses						Income		
Date	Item	Cheque n°	Gross	Net	VAT	Item	Gross	Balance
	Opening balance							7979.54
07/04/2023	Bank charges			5.80				7973.74
13/04/2023	GoDaddy Domain Name	100806	372.02					7601.72
13/04/2023	S Reast, Salary	100807	368.00					7233.72
18/04/2023	R A Hughes, Translation	100814	100.00					7133.72
18/04/2023	Gloversure, web-site	100813	51.12	42.60	8.52			7082.60
19/04/2023	HMRC, Tax and NI	100808	92.00					6990.60
21/04/2023	Hafren Dyfrdwy	100810	101.00					5979.60
21/04/2023	Llangollen Eisteddfod	100816	100.00					5879.60
21/04/2023	One Voice Wales	100811	52.50					5827.10
24/04/2023	DRE&Co, PAYE admin	100815	96.00	80.00	16.00			5731.10
26/04/2023						Precept	4668.00	10399.10
03/05/2023						Wind Farm (admin costs)	414.00	10813.10
08/05/2023	Bank charges			7.40				10805.70
16/05/2023	R A Hughes, Translation	100819	140.00					10665.70
18/05/2023	S Reast, Salary	100817	368.00					10297.70
19/05/2023	HMRC, Tax and NI	100818	92.00					10205.70
07/08/2023	Bank charges			9.00				10196.70
12/06/2023	Bank charges			10.00				10186.70
14/06/2023	Gloversure Ltd	100821	42.00	35.00	7.00			10144.70
16/06/2023	PHS Group	100826	844.27	703.56	140.71			9300.43
19/06/2023	A C Evans	100820	956.00					8344.43
19/06/2023	HMRC, Tax and NI	100822	92.00					8252.43
19/06/2023	Powys County Council	100830	1254.00					6998.43
20/06/2023	R A Hughes, translation	100828	165.00					6833.43
20/06/2023	S Reast, salary	100825	368.00					6465.43
21/06/2023	Boys & Boden	100829	22.97	19.14	3.83			6442.46
23/06/2023	Hafren Dyfrdwy	100832	1835.73					4606.73
26/06/2023	Planning Aid Wales	100831	77.00					4529.73
29/06/2023	Country Living Plumbing	100834	109.78					4419.95
01/07/2023						S Reast, bike event, cash	50.00	4469.95
08/07/2023	Bank charges			6.60				4463.35
13/07/2023	R A Hughes, Translation	100836	160.00					4303.35
13/07/2023	S Reast, travel costs	100839	56.20					4247.15
13/07/2023	S Reast, salary	100840	368.00					3879.15
13/07/2023	Timberkits Ltd, post	100838	40.50					3838.65
17/07/2023	HMRC, Tax and NI	100841	92.00					3746.65
21/07/2023	Powys County Council	100843	1006.70					2739.95
21/07/2023	Powys County Council	100842	449.40					2290.55
24/07/2023						PCC, Toilet grant	5000.00	7290.55
24/07/2023	Un Llais Cymru	100837	19.00					7271.55
07/08/2023	Bank charges			10.60				7260.95
08/08/2023	DRE and Co.	100844	77.40	64.50	12.90			7183.55
10/08/2023	S Reast, salary	100845	368.00					6815.55
24/08/2023	R A Hughes, translation	100848	140.00					6675.55
30/08/2023	HMRC, Tax and NI	100846	92.00					6583.55
30/08/2023	DRE and Co.	100847	90.00	75.00	15.00			6493.55
30/08/2023	Country Living Plumbing	BACS	315.33					6178.22
31/08/2023						Precept	4666.00	10844.22
04/09/2023	Office Express	100849	56.24	46.87	9.37			10787.98
07/09/2023	Bank charges			7.40				10780.58
13/09/2023	Country Living Plumbing	BACS	70.00					10710.58
14/09/2023	Hafren Dyfrdwy	101008	1060.69					9649.89
14/09/2023	E.ON Next	101004	809.60					8840.29
15/09/2023	PHS Group	101011	101.40	84.50	16.90			8738.89
18/09/2023	Play Safety	101005	102.60	85.50	17.10			8636.29
19/09/2023	S Reast, Salary	101012	368.00					8268.29
19/09/2023	Josh Reast	101013	15.00					8253.29
20/09/2023	HMRC, Tax and NI	101010	92.00					8161.29
08/10/2023	Bank charges			7.80				8153.49
09/10/2023	BHB Insurance	BACS	573.66					7579.83
09/10/2023	R A Hughes, Translation	BACS	140.00					7439.83
09/10/2023	S Reast, Salary	BACS	368.00					7071.83
09/10/2023	E.ON Next	BACS	16.25					7055.58
09/10/2023	DRE&Co, PAYE admin	BACS	77.40	64.50	12.90			6994.18
10/10/2023	Attec Print	101009	96.00	80.00	16.00			6898.18
10/10/2023	HMRC, Tax and NI	BACS	92.00					6806.18
03/11/2023	A C Evans	100850	1979.00					4827.18
05/11/2023	E.ON Next	BACS	15.46					4811.72
05/11/2023	R A Hughes, Translation	BACS	40.00					4671.72
05/11/2023	S Reast, Salary	BACS	368.00					4303.72
05/11/2023	HMRC, Tax and NI	BACS	92.00					4211.72
05/11/2023	Hafren Dyfrdwy	BACS	597.42					3614.30
07/11/2023	Bank charges			7.00				3607.30
23/11/2023	Air Ambulance	100852	100.00					3507.30
08/12/2023	Bank charges			5.40				3501.90
10/12/2023	E.ON Next	BACS	16.75					3485.15
10/12/2023	E.ON Next	BACS	16.98					3468.17
10/12/2023	S Reast, Salary	BACS	368.00					3100.17
10/12/2023	S Reast, costs	BACS	31.48					3068.69
10/12/2023	HMRC, Tax and NI	BACS	92.00					2976.69
10/12/2023	R A Hughes, Translation	BACS	140.00					2836.69
10/12/2023	Un Llais Cymru	BACS	19.00					2817.69
10/12/2023	Timberkits Ltd, post	BACS	53.00					2764.69
10/12/2023	Attec Print	BACS	112.80	94.00	18.80			2651.89
29/12/2023						Precept	4666.00	7317.89
04/01/2024	Gloversure Ltd	BACS	162.00	135.00	27.00			7155.89
07/01/2024	Bank charges			5.40				7150.49
07/01/2024	S Reast, Salary	BACS	368.00					6782.49
07/01/2024	HMRC, Tax and NI	BACS	92.00					6690.49
07/01/2024	DRE&Co, PAYE admin	BACS	77.40	64.50	12.90			6613.09
07/01/2024	R A Hughes, Translation	BACS	130.00					6483.09
07/01/2024	Wales Audit Office	BACS	805.00					5678.09
08/01/2024	Richard Evans	100853	100.00					5578.09
21/01/2024	Hafren Dyfrdwy	BACS	791.58					4786.51
21/01/2024	Un Llais Cymru	BACS	40.00					4746.51
29/01/2024	A C Evans	100854	500.00					4246.51
07/02/2024	Bank charges			5.40				4241.11
08/02/2024	S Reast, Salary	BACS	368.00					3873.11
08/02/2024	HMRC, Tax and NI	BACS	92.00					3781.11
09/02/2024						Lottery Grant	20000.00	23781.11
11/02/2024	Josh Reast	BACS	30.00					23751.11
11/02/2024	Blewyn Glas	BACS	10.00					23741.11
11/02/2024	E.ON Next	BACS	17.85					23723.26
11/02/2024	R A Hughes, Translation	BACS	100.00					23623.26
25/02/2024	E.ON Next	BACS	17.45					23605.81
09/03/2024	Bank charges			5.40				23600.41
10/03/2024	R A Hughes, Translation	BACS	130.00					23470.41
10/03/2024	S Reast, Salary	BACS	368.00					23102.41
10/03/2024	HMRC, Tax and NI	BACS	92.00					23010.41
10/03/2024	E.ON Next	BACS	9.97					23000.44
10/03/2024	Office Express	BACS	32.34	26.95	5.39			22968.10
20/03/2024						PCC	5000.00	27968.10
25/03/2024	Ioan Bryn Jones	BACS	55.00					27913.10
Totals			24530.44		340.32		44464.00	
Cheques outstanding								
Item	Cheque n°	Gross						
Cyfle I Bawb	100855	100.00						
Total		100.00						
Summary								
Current Account	27931							
Savings Account	2927							
Sub-total	30858							
Outstanding cheques	100							
Total available	30758							