

LLANGRANNOG COMMUNITY COUNCIL ANNUAL REPORT



2023/24

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Foreword by the Chair of the Committee

I am pleased to present the annual report of Llangrannog Community Council. It provides an overview of the work of the Council during the period 1st April 2023 to 31st March 2024.

The Community Council met monthly, via a combination of Zoom, hybrid and face to face meetings. Technology certainly served us well.

I would like to thank all the Council members for their support and contribution to the Community Council during the past year. Thanks also to the public for their interaction with the Council, which ensures that the Council responds to any concerns effectively.

Councillor Cynyr Ifan

Chair of Llangrannog Community Council 2023/2024

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Roles and Functions of Llangrannog Community Council

The Council's Role

Work done by the Community Council

The Community Council represents the lowest tier of local government and is closest to the public as regards meeting local needs. The Council has several statutory rights and duties.

The Community Council makes observations on planning applications before they are decided upon by Ceredigion County Council. It provides funding to events, clubs and services in the community. Contractors are employed to carry out specialist work, such as repair and maintenance e.g. grass cutting. The Council appoints a member to serve on the Governing Body of the local Primary School.

What is the Council structure?

A list of your local councillors is provided on the next page. The Community Council has 9 Councillors who do not represent any political party. They are elected every 4 years. A part time Clerk/Financial Officer is employed to handle all arrangements for meetings and preparing an agenda to deal with the records and financial and administrative matters linked to implementing the Council's work. Contractors are also employed to carry out specialist work such as repair and maintenance i.e., grass cutting and so on. The Community Council makes observations on planning applications before they are decided upon by Ceredigion County Council. They provide funding for events, clubs and services in the town.

How does the Council work?

Any work done by the Council will be implemented following decisions taken at open meetings. Any work is paid for with public money which the Council receives through raising a precept which is part of the Council Tax set by Ceredigion County Council.

What is the Council's precept?

In 2023/24 the Council's precept was set at £10,500.00 The precept is raised to finance the Community Council's responsibilities including grass cutting, defibrillator maintenance and contributions to local organisations.

All Councillors waived their annual allowance payment of £150.00 in 2023/2024.

Can the public attend the meetings?

By all means. You are welcome to attend our hybrid meetings as listeners only – and we would encourage that. Please contact the Clerk for details / link to the meeting. Members of the public are not entitled to take part in Council discussions or give their opinion during the meeting – there may however be exceptional circumstances where the chairperson is allowed to call for a contribution from the public and for them to make a statement. Council meetings are held monthly, except for August, and are usually held on the first Monday of each month at Pontgarreg Memorial Hall.

Annual Meeting

The annual meeting is a legal obligation as stated by the Local Government Act 1972. Annual meetings must be held in the month of May. The Council decides on the date. The first item on the agenda must be the election of the Chairman of the Community Council for the next twelve months.

Election

To be elected as a Councillor a member must be qualified under the law, be a British Citizen and must have attained the age of 21.

The applicant must also be-

- a local government elector
- has, during the whole twelve months preceding that day, occupied as owner or tenant any land or other premises in the same area
- principal, or only place of work, during twelve months before election, has been in that area.
- resided during the whole of twelve months in that area, or within three miles of that area

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Membership of the Council 2023/2024

Llangrannog Community Council has 9 Councillors

Council Member	Term of Office	Term as Chair & Vice Chair
1. Councillor Cynyr Ifan	13/05/23 -	Chair May 2023-May 2024
2. Councillor Gareth Jones	13/05/23 -	Vice Chair May 2023- May 2024
3. Councillor Wendy Roberts	13/05/23 -	
4. Councillor Deio Evans*	13/05/23 -	
5. Councillor Gari Jones	13/05/23 -	
6. Councillor Heledd Clayton	13/05/23 -	
7. Councillor Lynn Davies*	13/05/23 -	
8. Councillor Mair Evans	13/05/23 -	
9. Councillor Morlais Davies	13/05/23 -	
10. Councillor Anna Stuart**	04/09/23 -	

*They were passed away during the municipal year. We extended our condolences to their families together and thanks for their service over the years.

** Joined during the municipal year.

Relationship with Ceredigion County Council

The Council works closely with our County Councillor who attends our meetings. He is supportive in dealing with queries from residents in relation to services, road conditions and any issues affecting residents.

The Community Council website: [Home \(ccllangrannog.org\)](http://ccllangrannog.org)

The Community Council has a website where all agendas and minutes are published along with financial information, details of internal and external audit outcomes and Council policies.

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The Council's Work in 2023/2023

Public Conveniences in Llangrannog

It was agreed to fund portaloo toilets at the top car park over the Summer term.

Celebrating the Ceredigion Coastal Path

The Community Council collaborated with the County Council's Public Rights of Way department to organise a 15th anniversary celebration of the opening of the coastal path.

Urdd Gobaith Cymru

The Community Council contributed £100 to help Urdd Gobaith Cymru with their work in Ceredigion.

Defibrillator at Pontgarreg and Blaencelyn

The Community Council maintains the defibrillator at Pontgarreg Hall and in Blaencelyn.

Training Programme

Continue with the training plan during 2023/2024 to ensure all councillors are fully aware of the processes and responsibilities of the members and the Council.

Community Council Policies

Several new policies were reviewed during the year.

Planning Applications

Planning applications are considered at every meeting and comments are sent to the Planning Department accordingly.

Financial Donations

1. Urdd Ceredigion
2. Cerebral Palsy
3. Air Ambulance Wales
4. Noah's Ark Charity
5. Kids Cancer Charity
6. Blood Bikes
7. Aberaeron Swimming Pool
8. Cemetary Fund at Capel y Wig
9. Urdd Fund for All

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Future Priorities

The priority areas the Llangrannog Community Council to consider in 2023/24

- Ensuring continuity and progression with our Training Programme
- Continue to provide toilets during the summer at Troedrhiwgam Car Park (in collaboration with Ceredigion County Council)
- Promote the provision of financial support to local groups and charities

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Attending Llangrannog Community Council / Contact us

Attending meetings of Llangrannog Community Council

The Council is keen to see Members of the public attend Llangrannog Community Council.

With the exception of confidential items, all business is held in public.

All of the public agenda papers are published online 3 working days in advance of the meeting.

Meeting can be attended face to face or virtually.

If you wish to attend a meeting, please contact the Clerk.

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