

LLANGRANNOG COMMUNITY COUNCIL ANNUAL REPORT



**Annual Report
2021/22**

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Foreword by the Chair of the Committee

I am pleased to present the first annual report of Llangrannog Community Council. It provides an overview of its work of the Council during the period 1st April 2021 to 31st March 2022.

Councillor Gari Jones

2021/2022 Chair of Llangrannog Community Council

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Roles and Functions of Llangrannog Community Council

The Council's Role

Work done by the Community Council

The 1972 Local Government Act states that every part of Wales is in a community. In England, the term "Parish Councils" is still used but in Wales, however, the legal and constitutional term for these units of local government administration is termed "Community Councils"

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.

What is the Council structure?

A list of your local councillors is provided on the next page. The Town Council has 10 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 2021/22 the Council's precept is set at £10,000.00 The precept is raised to finance the Community Council's responsibilities including grass cutting and defibrillator maintenance and contributions to local organisations.

The precept works out at £21.36 per property (Band D).

Can the public attend the meetings?

By all means. You are welcome to attend our meetings as listeners only – and we would encourage that. 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 Hall.

Annual Meeting

The annual meeting is a legal obligation as stated by the Local Government Act 1972. The annual meetings has to be held in the month of May. 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 2021/2022

Llangrannog Community Council has 10 Councillors

Council Member	Term of Office	Term as Chair & Vice Chair
1. Councillor Gari Jones (Chair)	05/05/17- Local Government elections May 2022	Chair May 2021- May 2022
2. Councillor Wendy Roberts	05/05/17- Local Government elections May 2022	Vice Chair May 2021- May 2022
3. Councillor Cynyr Ifan	05/05/17- Local Government elections May 2022	
4. Councillor Deio Evans	05/05/17- Local Government elections May 2022	
5. Councillor Heledd Clayton	05/05/17- Local Government elections May 2022	
6. Councillor Lynn Davies	05/05/17- Local Government elections May 2022	
7. Councillor Mair Evans	05/05/17- Local Government elections May 2022	
8. Councillor Morlais Davies	05/05/17- Local Government elections May 2022	
9. Councillor Steffan Jenkins	05/05/17- Local Government elections May 2022	
10. Councillor Gareth Jones	Co-opted 04/10/21- Local Government elections May 2022	

When does Llangrannog Community Council meet?

Llangrannog Community Council meet on the first Monday of every month (except August)

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The Council's Work in 2021/2022

Cranogwen Community Monument project.

The Community Council at their meeting held on the 5th of July 2021 to contribute £2,500 towards Cranogwen Community Monument project.

Claim to record public Byway Open to All Traffic & Footpaths at the Ship Inn Car Park.

The Community Council at their meeting held on the 7th of June 2021 agreed to support the application.

Car Park at Llangrannog

A meeting was held on the 2nd of November 2021 with the following in attendance - Gari Jones (Chair of Community Council) Cynyr Ifan (Chair of Welfare Committee) Wendy Roberts (Vice-Chair Community Council) MP Ben Lake, Mr Anthony Ramsey Williams, PCSO Huw Williams (Cardigan Police Station) and Sioned Davies (Community Council Clerk)

Planning Applications

Planning Applications are considered at every meeting and comments are sent to the Planning Service accordingly.

Local Government and Elections Act 2021

The Clerk updated Members on the elements of the Act that were relevant to the Town and Community Councils. It was agreed to further investigate the equipment required; and the costs to accommodate hybrid meetings.

The Local Government and Elections (Wales) Act 2021: Draft Statutory Guidance for Community and Town Councils

The Community Council took part in this consultation by submitting comments raising concerns that rural areas will not be able to facilitate hybrid meetings due to lack of premises with WIFI.

Meeting between representatives of the County Council and Town and Community Councils – 22 November 2021

Clerk Sioned Davies attended on behalf of Llangrannog Community Council

Welsh Flag at Pontgarreg Hall

A Welsh flag was purchased and erected for St David's day.

Financial Donations (Section 137)

1. Cranogwen Community Monument Project
2. Citizens Advice Ceredigion
3. Noah's Ark Appeal
4. Aberaeron Swimming Pool
5. Ceredigion YFC
6. Llangollen International Musical Eisteddfod
7. Wales Air Ambulance Charity

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Future Priorities

The priority areas the Llangrannog Community Council to consider in 2021/22

- Purchasing the new Hybrid system
- Supporting Pontgarreg Community field committee
- Purchase signs for Llangrannog Car Park
- Encourage councillors to attend courses that will help our Community Council as we face the challenges ahead

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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

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