

LLANAFANFAWR COMMUNITY COUNCIL

Report for Year 2022/23

Llanafanfawr Community Council is situated on a tributary of the River Wye in Mid Wales, Powys. Consists of two wards- Llanafanfawr Ward represented by four members, Llanfihangel Brynpabuan and Llysdinam Ward also represented by four members.

Meetings are held at Llanafanfawr and District Community Centre. A venue used by other bodies for meetings and social functions. The building was formally a public elementary school built in 1867, erection due to the liberality of Miss Clara Thomas, Llwynmadoc. The land was donated by a London Solicitor Ebenezer Fuller-Maitland.

The Community Council consists of an area of upland and arable land and woodland which comprises of 8241.48 hectares with a scattered population of approximately 470. This equates to a population density of 0.06 persons per hectare.

The local County Councillor is in regular attendance as a guest to support and advice the Community Council as required.

After serving the Llanafanfawr Ward as County Councillor for 23 years Mr David Price did not stand for re-election in May 2022. Following the election Mr Bryan Davies now represents the Ward which has increased in size and called Llanafanfawr with Garth. CC. Davies in this capacity was welcomed to the AGM held on 18th May 2022.

Within the Community Council area there are four religious edifices which provide an abundance of history.

St. Afan's Church was founded in the 7th century by St Afan. His tomb lies in the churchyard.

Troedrhiwdalar Congregational Chapel founded in 1590 is famous for its association with Rev. David Williams (1779-1874).

GENERAL

This year has been unique as the Platinum Jubilee of HM Queen Elizabeth 11 was an international celebration marking the 70th anniversary of her accession on 6th February 1952. The 1st British Monarch to ever celebrate one.

Unfortunately, the Queen passed away on 8th September in Balmoral aged 96 years.

During the mourning period meetings and events were postponed and a flag flying at half mast was sited at the Community Centre and the building remained closed.

COMMUNITY COUNCIL'S FINANCE

The Community Council's income is provided by a precept which is part of the council tax paid by each household and collected by Powys County Council. The precept is paid to the Community Council in three parts during the months of April, August and December. Expenses of the Community Council include the Clerk's Salary, Insurance, Internal and External Audit Fees, Support revenue to the Community Centre, Membership to One Voice Wales etc. As local elections will be taking place in May it was agreed to apply for a precept for 2022/23 of £4500.00 to cover costs.

AUDIT

Administered its own affairs effectively which will be subject to an internal and external audit and ensured good governance

ASSETS

Five telephone kiosks

AUDIT OF FUNCTIONS

- * The Community Council is a member of One Voice Wales who provide a wealth of information and are available for advice and training
- * Communication between Councillors is via e-mail, telephone and post
- * Supported residents (in conjunction with Llanwrthwl Community Council) by administering and with the possibility of a digital broadband project supplied by Broadway Partners LTD
- * Provided financial support of £750.00 to Llanafanfawr and District Community Centre to assist with running costs
- * Two members of the Community Council serve on the Management Committee
- * Responded appropriately to all planning issues requiring their consideration on time
- * Road matters which were of concern to residents- notably in respect of highways issues including potholes, blocked drains, speeding traffic, cutting of grass verges and overhanging branches to improve visibility.
- * All members opted out of the proposed allowance of £150.00 and notified the Proper Officer

AIMS AND OBJECTIVES

- * To act as a link between public sector organisations and the community on a range of subjects such as the environment, planning issues, community events and safety.
- * To represent the views of the community
- * Identify concerns and issues and seek to develop solutions from other bodies
- * Support if need identified community projects and groups
- * The impact of climate change remains an ongoing priority