

LLANCARFAN COMMUNITY COUNCIL CYNGOR CYMUNED LLANCARFAN



ANNUAL REPORT FOR THE YEAR 2021/22



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Introduction

During the year 2021/22, the Council comprised of 10 councillors who were fully committed to representing the residents of the two Community Council wards – Llanccarfann and Llantrithyd, with other villages and hamlets falling within the Llanccarfann ward; namely Llanbethery, Llanccadle and Moulton. The councillors who were in office during the year were as follows:

Councillor Katherine Kemp (Chair)
Councillor Tony Thomas
Councillor John Angell
Councillor Joann Scott-Quelch
Councillor Martyn Hughes
Councillor Alex Rees (Vice-Chair)
Councillor Jane Lott
Councillor Tim Bluff-Higgins
Councillor Philip Bear
Councillor Melinda Thomas

The Council has a few standing Committees and councillors are appointed to serve on some of these. The standing committees are:

- Burial Committee
- Planning Committee
- Community Engagement & Future Generations Committee
- Finance Committee
- Road Matters Committee

Membership of the Committees and contact details of councillors is available on the following web-link:

[Home - Llanccarfann Community Council \(llanccarfann-cc.org.uk\)](http://llanccarfann-cc.org.uk)

Representatives of the Community Council sit on a number of 'outside bodies'.

- Airport Consultative Committee – Cllr J Scott-Quelch
- Tarmac Community Liaison Committee – Cllr T Thomas
- One Voice Wales – Cllr P Bear
- Llanccarfann School Governor – Cllr J Scott-Quelch
- Vale of Glamorgan Community Liaison Committee - Cllr A Rees

The main contact for all council business is Joanne Western, Clerk to the Council:
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Town and Community Councils Elections are held every five years with the next Election taking place on Thursday 5th May 2022.

The Community Council meets once a month, on the third Thursday. Prior to the Pandemic, the Community Council met in the meeting room on the first floor of Llanccarfan community Hall Primary School. Since March 2020, the Community Council has met 'virtually' via Zoom. Hybrid meetings will be held as soon as possible with access available via face-to-face and through Zoom.

Financial Information

The Community Council's income is provided by a precept which is a part of the Council Tax, paid by each household and collected by the Vale of Glamorgan Council. The precept is paid to the Community Council in three parts during the months of April, August and December. The expenses of the Community Council include the Clerk's salary; insurance, subscription to One Voice Wales and other items. All councillors waived their annual allowance payment of £150.

Income and expenditure in the financial year which ended on 31 March 2022 is summarised as follows:

Balances brought forward from 2020/21	21,085.00
Income from local taxation	12,350.00
Receipts other than from local taxation	1,540.00
Sub-Total	34,975.00
Staff Costs	5,261.00
Total of all other Payments	6,013.00
Sub-Total	11,274.00
BALANCE C/FWD IN TO 2022/23	23,700.00

The value of fixed assets of the Council are £7,585.65

The accounts have been submitted to Audit Wales and an audit opinion is expected later in the year. They must therefore be regarded as 'Not yet Audited'

Relationship with the principal council

The Council worked in partnership with Councillor Gordon Kemp and he attended all meetings of the Council, listened to issues raised by councillors relating to the responsibilities of the Vale of Glamorgan Council and took up matters for action with

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relevant officers as appropriate. A representative of the Community Council serves on the Community Liaison Committee which organises its work modelled on the agreed Charter with Community and Town Councils.

Code of Conduct

Councillors have been trained in the Code of Conduct and are fully aware of their commitment to the Code. During the year a member of the Vale of Glamorgan Council's Standards Committee attended a council meeting, and no issues were raised about the way in which the council conducted its business.

Key Achievements during 2021/22.

- Represented community views on planning applications and the closure of Llanccarfan Primary School.
- The public showing of the Llanccarfan Primary School archives following its closure.
- Liaising with the Vale of Glamorgan Council regarding road conditions and repairs.
- Liaising with Natural Resources Wales regarding rivers and flooding.

Assets managed by the Council

The Council is responsible for managing the following assets:

- St Cadoc's Burial Ground
- 3 Benches

Planned Activities for 2022/23

These include:

- a) Planning for community Christmas events.
- b) Celebrations for the Platinum Jubilee Anniversary in June 2022.
- c) Establishment of a new Council website.
- d) Planting a remembrance tree for those affected by COVID.
- e) Implementing the proposal to create cremated remains plots within the burial ground.
- f) Replacing the Perspex in the notice boards in Llanccarfan, Llanbethery, and Llancadle to make notices more visible.

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The Chairman's Report

The continuing impact of the pandemic has meant another challenging year for the Council. We have continued to hold meetings via Zoom, although this has not prevented us from carrying on with council business.

Sadly, in February, we saw the closure of Llanccarfan School when it moved to its new site in Rhoose. In March, the Vale Council determined that the school site was surplus to requirements and the Council has now been formally informed of its intention to dispose of it. The site will therefore be placed on the market for sale. The Council facilitated a public meeting to discuss the issue and it was agreed that a further meeting would be arranged when the Community Council had more information.

Issues of potholes and flooding remain. The Roads Committee continually engages with the Vale Council about the state of our roads and site meetings have been held with officers from the Vale Council in places which give particular cause for concern – notably the hill from Llanccarfan to Walterston where it is considered that subsidence is a problem.

Dog fouling around Llanccarfan continues to be a problem as is the fact that some residents walk their dogs through the burial ground. Repeated reminders on the Llanccarfan Hub have failed to stop the problem and there remain persistent offenders. The Council is therefore arranging for new signage which will be placed at the points of entry into the burial ground.

The Planning Committee monitors planning applications and where appropriate makes observations. A close eye will be kept on any application for the school site, but it is hoped that there will be consultation with the Council and residents generally before any application is approved. Several Councillors (Cllr Philip Bear, Cllr Jane Lott and Cllr Tony Thomas) decided they will not be standing for re-election in May. They will be missed. Cllr Tony Thomas had been a councillor for around 40 years and his knowledge of the area was invaluable.

I have enjoyed my time as Chairman and I would like to thank everyone for their support. I'm sure that all councillors will join me in thanking our clerk, Jo Western, for her support and commitment to the Council. Finally, I would like to wish Cllr Alex Rees well as she embarks on her term of office as Chairman. She will be ably supported by Cllr Tim Bluff-Higgins as Vice Chairman.