

**LLANFAELOG COMMUNITY COUNCIL
ANNUAL REPORT 2022-23**

1. Introduction.

Welcome to the first annual report following the May 2022 elections. The primary purpose of the council is to represent the interest of the residents of the communities of Llanfaelog, Rhosneigr, Ty Croes, Bryn du, and Pencarnisiog. The councillors who came to office following the elections were:

Councillors: Andrew Bolter, Charles Carnall, Delyth Ingram, Emma Roberts and Carron White – representing the Llanfaelog Ward and

Councillors: Derek Browne, Christopher Coates, Evan Owen, Gwyneth Parry, Kate Simmonds and John Summerfield – representing the Rhosneigr Ward.

Councillor Delyth Ingram was elected as Chair at the Annual Meeting of the Council in May 2022.

The Council co-opted Loraine Arderne to Llanfaelog Ward in June 2022

2. Financial Information.

Income and expenditure in the financial year which ended on 31 March 2023 is summarised as follows:

Balances brought forward from 2021/22	72,464
Income from local taxation/levy	42,000
Total other receipts	27368
Staff costs	12494
Total other payments	31887
Balances carried forward to 2022/23	97451
Total fixed assets and long-term assets	628,128

The External Auditors had approved the final accounts and issued an unqualified report with no issues raised.

3. Relationship with the Principal Council.

The May 2022 Elections saw the implementation of the changes to the County Council Electoral Boundaries and Llanfaelog Community Council joined the communities of Bryngwran and Trewalchmai to create Crigyll Ward. Two County Councillors, Douglas Fowlie and Neville Evans were duly elected to represent the Ward. Both Councillors were regular attenders at the Community Council meetings and worked closely with the Council in responding to the issues raised.

The County Council continued to cascade a vast amount of information and guidance and there was regular dialogue between the councils throughout the year.

4. Complaints.

	There were no complaints about the service provided by the Community Council or its Members.
5.	Code of Conduct.
	All Community Councillors have formally declared their acceptance of office and pledged their agreement to abide by our Code of Conduct. Our Clerk is also fully conversant with the Code and associated guidance and is always on hand to advise when necessary.
6.	Governance.
	<p>The Council maintained high standards of governance and accountability and administered its own affairs effectively throughout the year. Members were kept up to date on all governance matters including the contents of the newsletters issued by the Standards Committee. The Chairman and Clerk ensured that regular meetings were held and that decisions were made strictly in accordance with statutory policies and procedures. Minutes of all meetings were published on the Community Council Website.</p> <p>Annual Audits: Community Councils are audited twice a year. The first audit is an Internal Audit carried out by an independent person appointed by the Council. The Internal Auditor carries out a thorough check of the Council's books and accounting procedures and produces a report. The second, is an external audit carried out by the Wales Audit Office. They select a number of items for closer scrutiny and issue an Audit Opinion at the end of that process. The 'Annual Return' containing the Council's accounting figures, 'Annual Governance' statement and Auditor's Reports are available to view on the Council's website.</p>
7.	Assets managed by the Community Council:
	<p>The Community Council owns and maintains:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Llanfaelog Village Hall, the community garden, play area and the adjacent car park; • the New Cemetery in Llanfaelog • the Memorial Clock in Rhosneigr; • Cae Cynlas, Bryn Du. The football field, buildings and carpark are on lease to, and are maintained by Aberffraw Football Club. The community council manages and maintain the surrounding grounds. <p>The Community Council lease and maintain:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • the library building and seating area in Rhosneigr • the public toilets in Rhosneigr • the play areas in Rhosneigr, Maes Cynlas and Bryn Du; <p>The Community Council also manages and maintains:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • the Lake Side and Maelog picnic areas • Boat Island and the Boat Pool Lookout in Rhosneigr • the bus shelters and a large number of benches and planters.
8.	Services provided in 2022-23

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • We ensured that the public toilets were kept open • We dealt with public rights of way issues and ensured that our picnic areas and footpaths were regularly cut; • We responded to requests for consultation on 43 planning applications; • We carried out internal repairs and replaced timber supports in the Memorial Clock tower. • We repaired and replaced timber work in Llanfaelog Village Hall garden • We conveyed residents' concerns to the County Council and Welsh Assembly Government; • We kept residents informed on issues affecting the community; • We dealt with correspondence from the County Council on a number of highway matters. • We served on other Committees and Boards on behalf of the community; • We had representatives on the Board of Governors of both Pencarnisiog and Rhosneigr Primary Schools.
<p>9.</p>	<p>Achievements and challenges during 2022-23.</p>
	<p>Our main achievement was securing a grant of £11,000 to create a new community garden at Llanfaelog Village Hall. We purchased a number of large recycled plastic planters, planted plants, trees and shrubs and installed a recycled plastic notice board and storage shed to store the tools required to maintain the grounds.</p> <p>All our councillors are volunteers but it's safe to say that we have a small core of hard working individuals who have worked quietly behind the scenes not only on this project but on various other sites saving the Council and ultimately our residents a lot of money. We are very grateful to them.</p> <p>The main challenges continued to be the shortage of parking in Rhosneigr, the large influx of tourists was good for local businesses but not so good for local residents who complained of blocked pavements and driveways and overflowing waste bins.</p> <p>The general increase in vandalism was also very frustrating. The Public toilets in Rhosneigr became particularly difficult to manage as the regular vandalism of the toilet door mechanisms proved very expensive.</p>
<p>10.</p>	<p>Key Objectives for 2023-24</p>
	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. To continue to provide an effective and cost effective service to our community 2. To continue to improve the facilities in the play areas 3. To continue to upgrade the public toilets 4. To continue to upgrade the library building 5. To continue to upgrade Llanfaelog Village Hall 6. To implement our Council Training Plan 7. To further our commitment to improving and protecting our environment and natural habitats.

11.	SECTION 6 THE BIO-DIVERSITY AND RESILIENCE OF ECOSYSTEMS DUTY REPORT 2022-23
11.1	Llanfaelog Community Council continued to promote sustainability and biodiversity whilst maintaining our footpaths, open spaces, gardens and seating areas. We were vigilant in our monitoring of our beaches, sand dunes and common land so as to identify and control environmental risks.
11.2	All planning applications submitted to the Community Council for consultation were scrutinised for any adverse impact on the environment.
11.3	We operated a sustainable procurement policy which included ensuring that our street furniture, notice boards, planters and benches were sustainably sourced and /or made from recycled materials.
11.4	We continued to be vigilant in monitoring waste management and ensured that all issues of concern about pollution, fly tipping etc. were promptly reported to the relevant authority.