

**LLANDYSILIOGOGO
COMMUNITY COUNCIL**

**Annual Report
2021/22**

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Foreword by the Chair of the Council

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

Councillor Ann Harris

2021/2022 Chair of Llandysiliogogo Community Council

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Roles and Functions of Llandysiliogogo 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 Community Council has 11 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 £9,873. 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 third Thursday of each month at Caerwedros 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

Llandysiliogogo Community Council has 11 Councillors

Member of the Council	Term of Office	Term as Chair & Vice Chair
1. Councillor Ann Harris	05/05/17- Local Government elections May 2022	Chair May 2021- May 2022
2. Councillor Aled Dafis	05/05/17- Local Government elections May 2022	Vice Chair May 2021- May 2022
3. Councillor Alun Evans	05/05/17- Local Government elections May 2022	
4. Councillor Bleddyn Davies	05/05/17- Local Government elections May 2022	
5. Councillor Cen Llwyd	05/05/17- Local Government elections May 2022	
6. Councillor Gareth Evans	05/05/17- Local Government elections May 2022	
7. Councillor Gareth Lloyd	05/05/17 Local Government elections May 2022	
8. Councillor Heledd Dafis	Co-opted – 15/02/22 Local Government elections May 2022	
9. Councillor Mary Davies	05/05/17 Local Government elections May 2022	
10. Councillor Morys Ioan	Co-opted – 15/03/22 Local Government elections May 2022	
11. Councillor Vaughan Jones	Co-opted – 19/10/21 Local Government elections May 2022	

When does Llandysiliogogo Community Council meet?

Llandysiliogogo Community Council meet on the third Tuesday of every month (except August)

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The Council's Work in 2021/2022

Create a Facebook Page

The Community Council page was operational from May 2021.

Fix two benches in Talgarreg

It was agreed that the 15th June 2021 would arrange for a local carpenter to replace broken slats on two benches.

Parking in Cwmttydu

Liaise with the County Council on a number of occasions stating concerns about parking in Cwmttydu on busy occasions.

Erosion in Cwmttydu

Work collaboratively with residents of Cwmttydu, County Councillor Gareth Lloyd, Ceredigion County Council, MP for Ben Lake and the National Trust to have a plan in place to resolve the erosion on the river bank.

Talgarreg Defibrillator adopted (outside Glan yr Afon)

The Council agreed on the 14th of December to adopt a defibrillator machine in Talgarreg recognising its importance to the community.

Speed on entering Caerwedros

Liaise with the County Council asking them to consider speed measures at the next traffic review.

Curriculum for Wales – Ysgol Bro Sion Cwilt

Contribute to the creation of a new whole-school vision. Statements have been identified that the Community Council feels are core and personal to the vision of the school and its community.

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 Llandysiliogogo Community Council.

Financial Donations (Section 137)

- Elderly Society Talgarreg
- Talgarreg Hall
- Caerwedros Hall
- W.I - Cangen y Bryniau
- Caerwedros Show
- Cylch Meithrin Talgarreg
- Caerwedros YFC
- Talgarreg School

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Future Priorities

The priority areas the Llandysiliogogo Community Council to consider in 2022/23

- Consultation on planning legislation and policy for second homes and short-term holiday accommodation
- Improving the Community Council's Website
- Continue to run Cwmtedu Toilets
- Contribute to a local Housing Survey
- Print Talgarreg Booklet
- Create a Booklet for the Caerwedros area
- Arrange resources for multi-venue meetings

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Attending Llandysiliogogo Community Council / Contact us

Attending meetings of Llandysiliogogo Community Council

The Council is keen to see Members of the public attend Llandysiliogogo 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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