

CYNGOR CYMUNED LLANGENNECH
COMMUNITY COUNCIL

Wellbeing Report for 2024/25

This Report sets out how Llangennech Community Council is contributing to the wellbeing of the locality under the requirements of the Wellbeing of Future Generations (Wales) Act 2015 (The Act).

The Act sets out seven Wellbeing Objectives :-

A Prosperous Wales
A Resilient Wales
A Healthier Wales
A More Equal Wales
A Wales of Cohesive Communities
A Wales of Vibrant Culture and Thriving Welsh Language
A Globally Responsible Wales

1 Introduction

Llangennech Community Council accepts and takes its responsibilities under the requirements of the Act seriously and has taken decisions and measures to meet these requirements in order to promote wellbeing in its locality.

The Council takes measures and makes decisions to promote sporting bodies, community groups, various associations, educational bodies, chapels and church by making small grants each year. It jointly works with local voluntary groups to organise a Christmas parade, switching on Christmas Tree lights, and Christmas Fayre at the Llangennech Community Centre and Bryn Hall.

The Council is actively involved in providing a weekly Luncheon Club for the elderly and disabled at the Llangennech Community Centre and finances the taxi service for the elderly and disabled to attend the Luncheon Club. The Club provides a meal and other activities for those attending and attendance is around 20 people on a weekly basis.

The Council works closely with local sporting bodies and has responsibility for the Recreation Ground which has a soccer, rugby, cricket and bowling green facilities.

The Sports Pavilion, which is owned by the Community Council, provides an educational service on a daily basis during term time through the Cylch Methrin which has been at this location for a considerable number of years. The Cylch Meithrin is well attended.

The Council has a policy of supporting the environment and provides a flower basket scheme annually through the services of Swansea City Council and it also keeps land it owns to the rear of the Llangennech Community Centre in its natural state.

The Council has developed joint working with local sporting bodies such as the Llangennech and Bryn Sports Association and Llangennch Cricket Club.

The Community Council supports local groups to improve wellbeing in the area and at times Welsh Language classes were held at the Community Centre. Adult learning classes are currently being provided at the Llangennech Community Centre.

The Llangennech Community Centre is the location for a foot clinic and has recently been used by the Health Service for covid purposes.

2 Objective of Supporting Local Services, Organisations and Infrastructure

The Council small grant support to sporting and other bodies on an annual basis including the chapels and church, WI, Merched y Wawr, Troserch Woodland and Cylch Methrin.

3 Provision of Llangennech Community Centre, Bryn Hall and Sports Pavilion

These buildings are owned and maintained by the Community Council and are cultural and sporting hubs for the village which is Llangennech and Bryn and also the wider area.

These buildings are used on a 7 day a week basis for various activities.

The Llangennech Community Centre is an example of collaboration and joint working with the County Council. In early discussions regarding the possibility of a Community Centre in the village the County Council was approached with the aim of including a branch library in the building. These discussions were very fruitful and a branch library was included in the design and construction of the building which was opened in 2008. The resultant building is a considerable benefit to the local community and wider community.

Llangennech Community Centre is used on a 7 day a week basis and the Council works closely with the Community Centre Committee.

The activities taking place at the Community Centre are very varied and include art classes, dance school, ballroom dancing, befriending club, luncheon club, karate classes, cricket club meetings, Troserch Woodland meetings, WI and Merched y Wawr meetings, rugby tots, salsa dancing, short mat bowls, foot clinic, toy and train sale, yoga, birthday parties, wake events and the Centre Committee organises various shows and concerts regularly with the support of Councillors. The Centre is also a polling station at election time. The Community Centre is the focal point of the Christmas Fayre which includes a sleigh run through the village and the lighting of the Christmas Tree.

The Bryn Hall is the focal point for the Bryn locality and the hall is used on a 7 day a week basis.

The Bryn Hall is used for art classes, yoga, kickboxing, birthday parties, WI meetings, mother and baby groups, physical training groups, local primary school, Christmas fayre and switching on Christmas tree lights. It also holds a religious service every Saturday and is a polling station at election times.

The Sports Pavilion has changing rooms for use by sporting bodies such as soccer, rugby and cricket and each have successful junior sections. The Pavilion also houses a very successful Ysgol Feithrin which is open Monday to Friday on term times.

4 Healthier Wales Objectives

The Council maintains five playgrounds which include three transferred from the County Council under the Asset Transfer Programme.

The Council made a significant investment in the Bryn Park in 2019 which had been transferred over from the County Council under the Asset Transfer Programme. It spent some £49000 in new equipment at the park.

This followed public involvement in the proposal including consultations and discussions with the Bryn Primary School Children. There was also discussions with the Bryn Hall Committee and presentation boards set up. There was also discussions with the neighbouring County Councillor and the County Council. This ensured part funding of the project.

The Council has made another significant investment in a playground by upgrading the playground in the Recreation Gound. It invested some £84000 in 2024 to upgrade this playground.

The Council consulted widely on the proposal with meetings with the school children of Llangennech Primary School and their input was greatly valued.

The other playgrounds are maintained to a high standard.

In the Recreation Ground the Council maintains the rugby, soccer, cricket pitches and the bowling green.

5 Environment and Welfare

The Council maintains a public cemetery to a high standard and provides a service for the locality and wider locality.

It is involved in litter picking exercises and carries out some maintenance of the public footpaths when resources allow.

It provides a flower basket scheme for Llangennech and Bryn by contracting and working with Swansea City Council.

There is a minor problem with Japanese Knotweed on Council owned land which is under control through contractor services.

The Council also carries out bulb planting on grass verges.

6 Welsh Language

The Llangennech Community Centre did provide Welsh Language classes and there are plans to recommence such classes.

The Council meeting is bilingual with a translation service offered.