

**CYNGOR CYMUNED LLANGENNECH
COMMUNITY COUNCIL**

At the Annual Meeting of the Council held on Monday, 13th May 2024, at the Llangennech Community Centre.

PRESENT: Councillors: G R Jones (Chair)
I M Williams, M I Slader, G Thomas,
L M Morgan, N Lloyd, A J Parry,
J A Seward, J Leuwerke

APOLOGIES: Councillors: I Griffiths, H J Davies, L D J Armishaw

1. Condolences

The Chair informed the meeting that it is with great sadness he has to announce that Councillor I Griffiths' mother passed away this afternoon. The Council and members expressed their deepest sympathy to Councillor I Griffiths and his family.

2. Welcome

The Chair welcomed Councillor J Prosser and Consort Suzy Curry from Llanelli Town Council, Councillor M Davies and Consort Ruth Thomas from Llanelli Rural Council, fellow members and guests to the Annual Meeting of the Council.

3. Chair Annual Report on the 2023/24 Year

8. Footpaths

The Council carries out some maintenance of footpaths when circumstances allow. It has had discussions with the County Council with regard to Footpath 35/31, Centre to Mwrwg Road to establish whether the County can carry out improvements to the path which is in a poor state at present.

The “beating the bounds” walk recommenced in the autumn after having to postpone the event for several years because of Covid.

Major Items of Expenditure in 2023/24

	£
Election Expenditure	7628
New Plinth in Cemetery	1912
Redecorating Community Centre	2515
New Signage in Parks	2508
Flower Basket Scheme	2457
Tiling Bryn Hall	450
Community Centre Boiler Repairs	3444
Provision of Football Nets	400

Wellbeing of Future Generations Act

The Council continues to work closely with local bodies to deliver improved services and facilities in the village. This includes continuing with the agreement with the LBSA for it to maintain the soccer/rugby pitch in the recreation ground.

Discussions took place with the LBSA with regard to a major project for improving the recreation ground facilities which would have cost in the region of £350,000 or more. This project would require substantial grant aid from various sources to make it viable.

A spectator barrier around the rugby/soccer pitch is to be provided. A new storage container is to be acquired to replace the old bowling club container and portable seating unit is also to be acquired which will be stored in a new container unit. Possible redevelopment of Cae Pownd as a training pitch is to be researched and investigated.

The Council was invited to meet the schoolchildren at Llangennech School to discuss village matters which is important to them. A coffee morning was attended on the 21st December 2023 and this proved a success and it is hoped that regular meetings and contact will take place in the future.

The Council also visited the Llangennech School and met schoolchildren to discuss improvements to the playground at the recreation ground. The schoolchildren were invited to provide ideas and suggestions for the play area which they duly did.

The Day Club Service for the elderly recommenced in January at the Community Centre but Crossroads the previous organiser will not now fund the provision of the catering for the elderly attending. They will not be able to man the service and arrangements have been made to provide the service using volunteer help. The Council has agreed to fund the taxi service to transport the elderly to and from the Community Centre and it has also agreed to contribute to the cost of providing refreshments to the elderly.

There are also a number of defibrillators in the village and the Council has agreed to fund the maintenance cost of these.

Christmas Festivities took place on the 9th December 2023 and the Council is very grateful to the Community Centre Committee for the work in arranging events at the Community Centre. It was again a successful day.

The Council maintains five playgrounds which includes three transferred from the County Council under the Asset Transfer Programme. It also maintains the Recreation Ground which includes Rugby, Soccer, Cricket and Bowls.

It has three buildings, the Pavilion, Community Centre and Bryn Hall.

The Pavilion is a Sports Pavilion with changing rooms and showers and also has the Ysgol Feithrin to cater for very young children and runs on a daily basis during school term time. The Community Centre is open virtually seven days a week and there are art classes, salsa dancing, karate club, craft fairs and events organised by the Centre Committee and meetings taking place.

The Bryn Hall is used virtually seven days a week and provides art classes, yoga sessions, kickboxing, birthday parties and a church service every Saturday.

The Council has agreed to make a major investment this year in playground facilities at the recreation ground. This will cost £85,000 and the contract for the work has now been signed. It is likely to be completed by the summer and the cost will be partly funded by section 106 money to the sum of £17,000 and the balance of £68,000 will be coming from Council funds.

The Council is unlikely to be in a position to fund another major project for another two to three years.

The Council also maintains the public cemetery at Morlais Road and it is in a considerably better state these days after substantial money being spent on it in recent years.

General

Thanks to everyone for their support during the year and best wishes to the incoming Chair.

4. **Installation of Councillor I Griffiths as Chair of the Council for the 2024/25 Year**

Councillor G Thomas proposed that Councillor I Griffiths be the Chair of the Council for 2024/25. She stated that it was with great pleasure that she proposed Councillor I Griffiths as Chair for the 2024/25 year and she gave a brief history of his life to date.

Councillor Griffiths was born in 1975 and his home at that time was Harddfan, Bryn, and was brought up in Tyisha, Llanelli and now lives in Pencoed, Llangennech.

His mother and grandmother were born in Afon Road, Llangennech and he attended Ysgol Dewi Sant and Stradey Comprehensive School and went on to University of Wales, Swansea and graduated in Civil Engineering. He also attended the Bryn Seion Sunday School.

He was employed with West Glamorgan County Council, Swansea City Council, W S Atkins and Alfred Mcalpine. He then set up his own company "Grade Consulting". The Company has provided services to Barclays Bank, HSBC and Santander and he has travelled with his work to many places including London, Germany, Sweden and Denmark.

He played Rugby for seven years for New Dock Stars Rugby Team.

Last year he took part in a 100 kilometre Charity Walk in "Wadi Rum" in Jordan to raise money for the charity supporting poor families. He plans a 100 kilometre walk this November in the Sahara again to raise money for charity.

His Company sponsors Llangennech Cricket Club, Llangennech under 10's Rugby and other teams in the locality.

Councillor I Griffiths is Secretary of the Plaid Cymry Constituency for Llanelli and also the Llangennech Branch of Plaid Cymry Party. He also has other local interests and is a representative of Llangennech Community Council on the Board of Governors of Bryn School.

The proposal was seconded by Councillor N Lloyd and it was unanimously RESOLVED that Councillor I Griffiths be the Chair of the Council for 2024/25.

5. **Installation of Councillor N Lloyd as Vice Chair of the Council for 2024/25**

It was proposed by Councillor L M Morgan that Councillor N Lloyd be the Vice Chair of the Council for 2024/25.

The proposal was seconded by Councillor I M Williams and it was unanimously RESOLVED that Councillor N Lloyd be the Vice Chair of the Council for 2024/25.

6. **Invite Members, Partners, Special Guests and Guests**

The Chair invited everyone to partake of the refreshments provided.