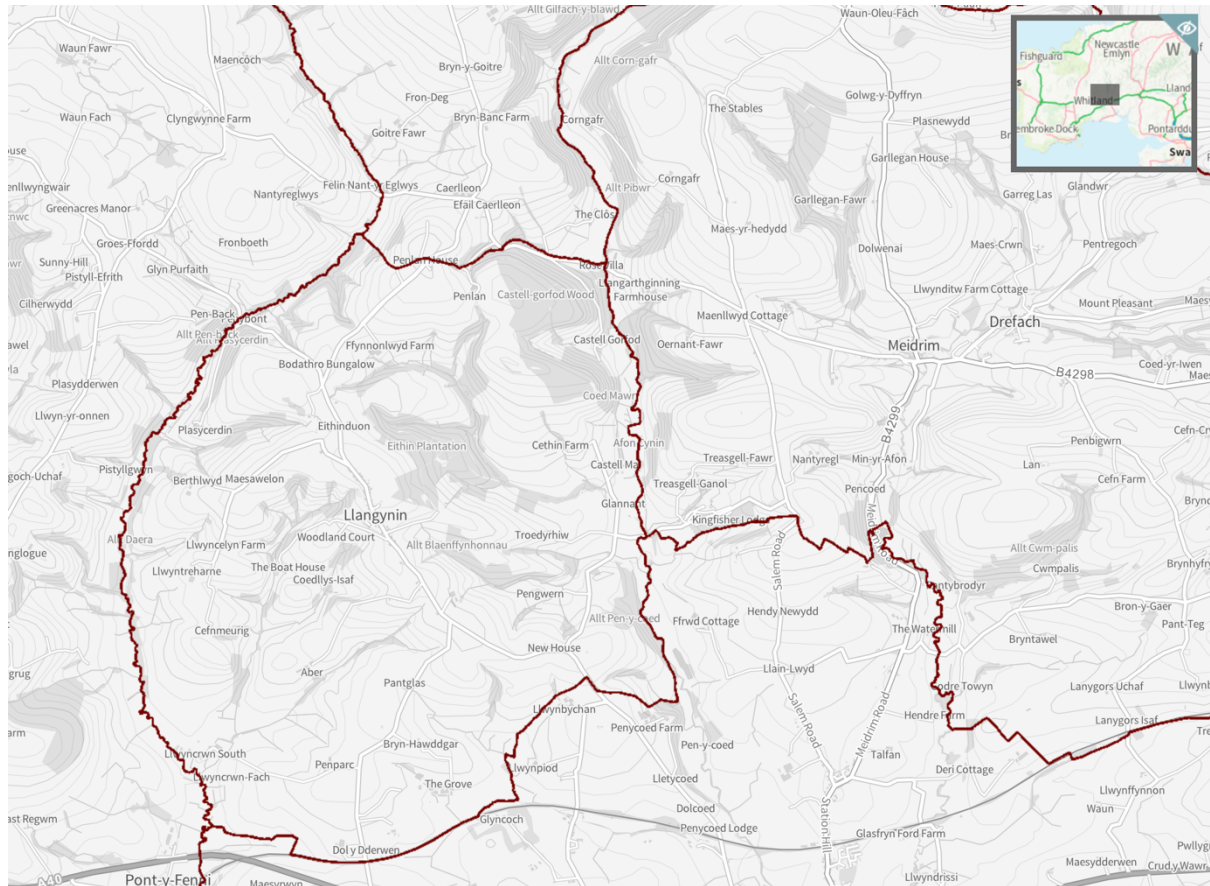


LLANGYNIN COMMUNITY COUNCIL ANNUAL REPORT 2024-2025

Llangynin Community Council is the tier of local government that is closest to the community and people it serves. It is focussed upon the interests and concerns of those who live or work in the Llangynin area including the households, farms and businesses.



The Council has seven Councillor positions, six of which are currently filled. The councillors are elected every five years. In between elections, additional members may be co-opted.

The Council has one part-time employee: the Clerk/Responsible Financial Officer.

Priorities

The Council's work is focussed upon supporting the people that it serves and enhancing the area in which they live and work. To do this it works with others, including various departments of Carmarthenshire County Council. The Council is looking to make new connections to enhance its work.

The Council does not have the resources or the legal right to manage everything in the community. However, please do report issues to the council such as broken streetlights, potholes or fly tipping and we will ensure it is passed on to the relevant body. The Council is open to new ideas: for example, identifying opportunities to enhance biodiversity in the community and developing the environment for the children in our community. Please do get in touch with the Clerk – contact details at the end of this Report.

Financial information

The community council determines its precept request each year. A precept is the amount of money the community council requests from the county council to enable it to fulfil its function. The council publishes its accounts on the website and posts them on the noticeboard. The community has a right to inspect the accounts. There are specific periods where they may make an appointment. Those periods are also posted.

Activities

The Council wishes to maintain strong links with other groups within the community and in the wider geographical area.

The Community Council has a website so that it can provide an online hub for the community and be a source of local information. The website has pages not only for the work of the Council but for the park (managed by the Entertainments Committee) and the Bryn Chapel Hall (managed by its own Management Committee) and including the groups that meet there regularly. The pages also reference the historic St Cynin's church and Rhydyceisiad Chapel in the community along with the history of the area. There is a facility to promote and receive suggestions. The challenge for the council is to promote the website and encourage its use by the community.

The Council, as part of its long-standing support of the Bryn Chapel Hall, will continue to look for ways to find cost effective ways of improving the facilities there for the benefit of the community as a whole. It is the principal meeting place at the centre of Llangynin village.

The speed of vehicles through the village remains a topic of considerable concern, despite the introduction of the 20mph limit through the village in 2023. Since picking up the issue formally with the County Council, and liaising extensively with Ann Davies MP, the community council has seen the introduction of a formal crossing point, Driver Feedback/Vehicle Activated Signs, road signs notifying drivers of the park and more "SLOW" signs written on the road, along with 20mph roundels. The community council also contacted GoSafe which then undertook regular enforcement activity for some months. That activity demonstrated the extent of the problem facing the village area, with more than 200 offenders.

Going forward, the County Council has undertaken to continue monitoring the speeds of vehicles, using the cross road wires (aka tubes) and also repair the village signs and the speed Indicator signs at the South of the village which has persistently failed to work reliably. The community council will continue to push for more safety measures and enforcement activity as there are a significant number of drivers that persist in breaking the speed limits not only in the village but on the roads generally in the community.

The community council has a policy in place relating to biodiversity in the community. With the identification of a nationally important population of rare beetles on one of the village footpaths, the community council secured the input of the County Council's footpath's team and the charity, Buglife, to identify a sympathetic maintenance regime. There is now clear signage to advise walkers with a view to protecting the beetles from harm. The community council would welcome feedback from the community on other nature seen on the footpaths where simple steps can be taken to enhance the habitat, without significant detriment to walkers.

The community council has repaired the bench by the bus stop and ensured that stiles on local footpaths were changed to more accessible stock proof gates.

Looking forward

The issue with speeding traffic through the village remains very much in the foreground currently. This is particularly so now that there are more children in the village who enjoy playing outside after school and at weekends. Provision for them to safely play and enjoy time outside will be at the heart of the councillors' consideration of future policy. The village park (managed by the Entertainments Committee) will need considered investment over time. The community council looks to consult on how this might be best taken forwards.

The community council will continue to reflect on its current biodiversity policy and see what further steps are feasible across our community that it may support and develop.

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