

LLANGADOG COMMUNITY COUNCIL

ANNUAL REPORT MAY 2024 – 2025

(English Only at present)

Llangadog is a village and community located in the eastern part of Carmarthenshire, Wales, which also includes the villages of Bethlehem and Gwynfe.

The Community Council is made up of 8 Members who are either elected to serve a 5 year term or who are co-opted. The Quorum for the Council is 4. The composition of the Council as at 6th May 2025 is:

County Cllr Andrew Davies
Cllr Aaron Hughes (Chairperson)
Cllr Hauwen Booth (Vice Chair)
Cllr Alan Price
Cllr Dafydd Morgan
Cllr Wyn Jones
Cllr Alun Evans
Cllr Hugh Davies
Cllr Jennifer Hughes

The Community Council has its next Annual General Meeting in May 2026 to re-elect a new Chairperson and Vice Chair.

The Community Council employs a part-time Clerk and Responsible Financial Officer who is the Council's Proper Officer. The Council's Clerk is Caron Thomas who has been in post since December 2022. Her contact details are as follows: Tegfan, Station Road, Llangadog, SA19 9LU. Mobile 07545489760. Email: llangadogcommunitycouncil@yahoo.co.uk

Meetings of Council

The Council meets 11 times per year, held on the first Tuesday of every month. A meeting is not held in the month of August,

All meetings take place in rotation at Gwynfe Hall, Bethlehem Hall and Llangadog Community Hall all starting at 7.30pm unless otherwise indicated and are advertised on a noticeboard and website.

All are accessible to Wi-Fi and this has meant that the Community Council is able to comply with one of the requirements of the Local Government and Elections (Wales) 2021 Act in being able to hold multi-location meetings. No meetings have been held remotely.

Finance

The Council at its meeting on 7th January 2025, discussed and set a precept of £25,000, and increase of £2,000. This is to mitigate against the increase in extra costs to cover SCRIBE accounting software, solicitors costs and updating the Llangadog Rugby Club.

The Council's income in 2024– 2025 was £27,977.72 made up as follows:

Precept £23,000

VAT Reclaim £1,027.72

Funeral Costs £3,720.00

Rental Field £30.00

Donation £200.00

The Council's expenditure in 2024–25 was £24,941.89, this was made up of the Clerk's salary, administrative costs, subscriptions, and expenses, provision of public lighting, audit fees, insurance and donations.

Donations

The Council has made donations to the following organisations:

Wales Air Ambulance
Ysgol Llangadog
Gwynfe Community Hall
Llangadog WI
Llangadog Community Hall
COCXmas Toy Box Appeal
Menter Dinefwr
SSAFA
Llangadog Church

Audit of Accounts

Audit Wales completed the audit of the Council's accounts for 2023-24 with no issues. The accounts are published on the website

Activities and Achievements:

SCRIBE – Accounting Software

We have introduced a new software package that allows the Clerk /RFO to be able to complete the full accounts required by Audit Wales every year. Since using SCRIBE, it has proved to be great success and our accounts are now generated with 100% accuracy.

Defibrillators

A new Defibrillator was installed at Victoria House, The Square, Llangadog and the Clerk carries out regular checks. Replacement pads were also purchased and installed at the RFC Llangadog. There are now defibrillators located at Gwynfe Hall, Bethlehem Hall, Llangadog Community Hall, RFC Llangadog and Victoria House, Llangadog

Speeding Issues

The Council continues to be concerned about speeding traffic along the A4069, past Ysgol Llangadog. County Councillor Andrew Davies has been in communication with Carmarthenshire County Council for the purchase of traffic calming signs.

Green GEN Cymru Renewable Energy Proposals

The Community Council has submitted a written objection to the second consultation by Green GEN Cymru requesting that the company place the cable underground and currently support the local community and local areas, who are all affected.

Maintenance of Local Areas

The Community Council continues to employ gardeners to maintain the playground area, the Lawn Cemetery and the Village Green.

Village Green / Carreg Sawdde Common

The Community Council has updated the registration of the Village Green, which is now registered under Llangadog Community Council.

The Community Council actively explored taking full ownership of Carreg Sawdde Common which is still currently registered under the Cawdor Estates. Due to the nature and complexities of trying to achieve this and the future costs that could be incurred, the Community Council have agreed not to pursue any further and to leave it with the solicitors, in case of any future developments.

SCRIBE – Cemetery Software

The Community Council have introduced SCRIBE Cemetery software package that will allow the input of all details of burials in the Lawn Cemetery. This will enable the ease of locating, storing information and allow individuals to be able to locate family

members in future years. It is still in its early stages as there is a lot of work involved inputting all the details, but as soon as this has been completed, it will be included onto our website.