

CYNGOR CYMUNED
LLANGELYNNIN
COMMUNITY COUNCIL



ANNUAL REPORT 2024/25

May 2025

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CHAIRMAN'S END OF YEAR REPORT



2024/25 Once again the year started with a full Council, however since then two members have handed in their resignations. And as such the Council is currently seeking two new members. Hopefully we will be able to fill these posts as soon as possible to support our community to our best ability. Members of the Council have been taking advantage of courses on offer to help with the running and what is expected of them as council members, and it has also been agreed that new members should be encouraged to participate in introduction courses.

Again all Councillors waived their right to their annual allowance, and have given up their time to help the community with projects such as once again redirecting the river course, meeting with organisations with regards to issues in the village, helping with the duck race, and especially this year with the Christmas trees not only having to cut, collect and erect the tree in Llwyngwrlil but also thanks to Keith Carroll for engineering the tree for Rhoslefain. It is now hoped that both villages will be able to have artificial trees in the future thus meaning there is no need to fell an actual tree.

Unfortunately, this year after much discussion it was decided to raise the precept with rising costs of contractors, bills, and wages we had no option but to do so after looking over our budget for the year.

As most of the community will have realised by now after several years of complaints the retaining wall on the A493 now has finally been completed and will hopefully now make the route over not only safer but not take as long with the removal of the traffic lights.

The Council are currently in the process of replacing our aging timber benches with recycled plastic benches with two being ordered so far with the view to eventually replace all the wooden benches as to save the cost of maintenance each year.

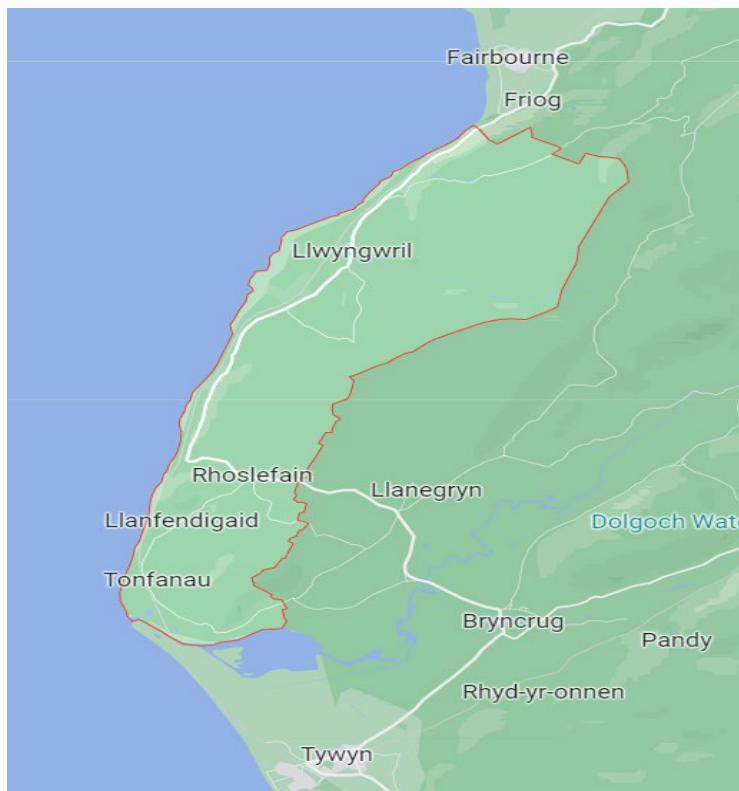
The new defibrillators will hopefully be installed within the coming months at either end of the village now that funds have been raised.

Once again, I would like to thank Jane the Clerk for all her hard work in the day to day running of the council and to Glenda for helping out and for translating.

David Griffiths Chairman Llangelynnin Community Council

Date 1st May 2025

1. Llangelynnin - Our Area and Community Council Annual Report



LLANGELYNNIN

Area covered by
Llangelynnin Community
Council.

Llangelynnin falls within
the Eryri National Park
and has a population of
562 on its Electoral
Register (May 2022) with
the community ward
covering Rhoslefain and
Llwyngwrl.

Community Council Annual Report 2024/25

In February 2021 the Community Council was advised of the introduction of a new duty under the Local Government and Democracy (Wales) Act, to produce an annual report as soon as practicable after the 1st of April 2022 and annually thereafter.

There is no template for a community council annual report as the format and level of detail is expected to reflect the size and scope of council activity. However, the overarching purpose of the report is to provide the Community Council with an opportunity to detail its governance and financial arrangements, and demonstrate the work undertaken to both address any local concerns and improve the local area.

This is the fourth Annual Report for Llangelynnin Community Council, which covers the financial year 2024/25.

2. Councillors and sub committees

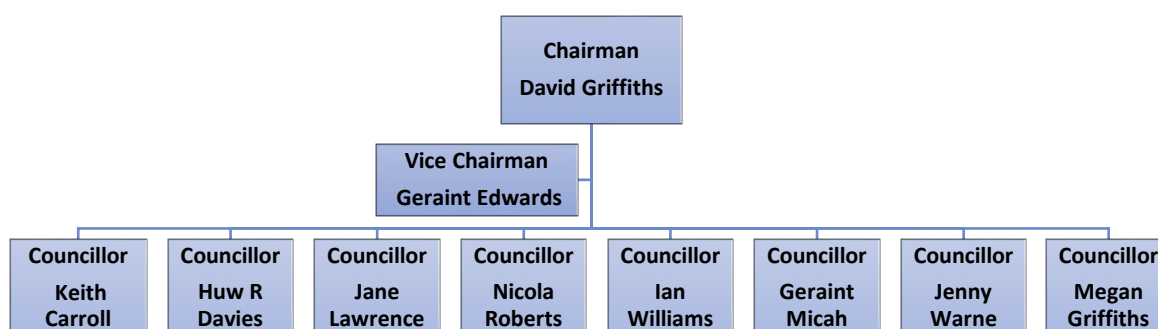
Llangelynnin Community Council has ten elected members who hold ten formal meetings a year. The meetings take place on the second Wednesday of the month except for January and August when there are no meetings.

A Chair and Vice-chair are elected each year at the Annual General Meeting in May. Community Councillors are elected every five years. The next election will be in 2027. The present Councillors are members of the Community Council until May 2027.

The County Councillor for the ward is invited to attend every meeting.

2.1 Our Councillors in 2024/25

During 2024/25 the elected members comprised: - further details on page 12



County Councillor for Llangelynnin - Mrs Louise Hughes - louisehughes1962@yahoo.com
Tel: 01654 711 051

Clerk to the Council - February 2023 to date – Jane Jenkins – clerc@cyngor-llangelynnin-council.org.uk

2.2 Meetings in 2024/25

In 2024/25, there were eleven formal meetings held on the following dates: -

April – 10.04.24	May – (AGM) 15.05.24	June – 12.06.24	July – 17.07.24
August – no meeting	September – 25.09.24	October – 09.10.24	November – 13.11.24
December – 11.12.24	January – no meeting	February – 12.02.25	March – 12.03.25

Minutes of the meetings held were made available on the internal and external notice boards at Y Ganolfan and on the Llangelynnin Community Council website.

2.3 Sub committees

There was no sub committees held during 2024/25.

However, the Community Council maintains links with a few groups including:

- The Community First Responders - Llwyngwrl / Fairbourne / Friog / Arthog.
- Y Ganolfan Committee.

3. Key contact and information

The key contact for the Community Council is

Clerk— Mrs Jane Jenkins

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Dolgellau

Gwynedd

LL40 1UA

 - clerc@cyngor-llangelynnin-council.org.uk

Website – <https://www.cyngorllangelynnincouncil.co.uk>

The minutes of the meetings are displayed on the external and internal notices boards at Y Ganolfan, external notice board at Rhoslefain and on the Community Council Website.

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4. Governance and Compliance

Llangelynnin Community Council has several policies to support the governance of the Council which are updated and/or reviewed annually. These are available to view on our Website.

Code of Conduct for Members

Standing Orders

Financial Regulations

Environmental Policy

Donations Policy

GDPR – Data Protection

Asset Register

Risk Assessment Register

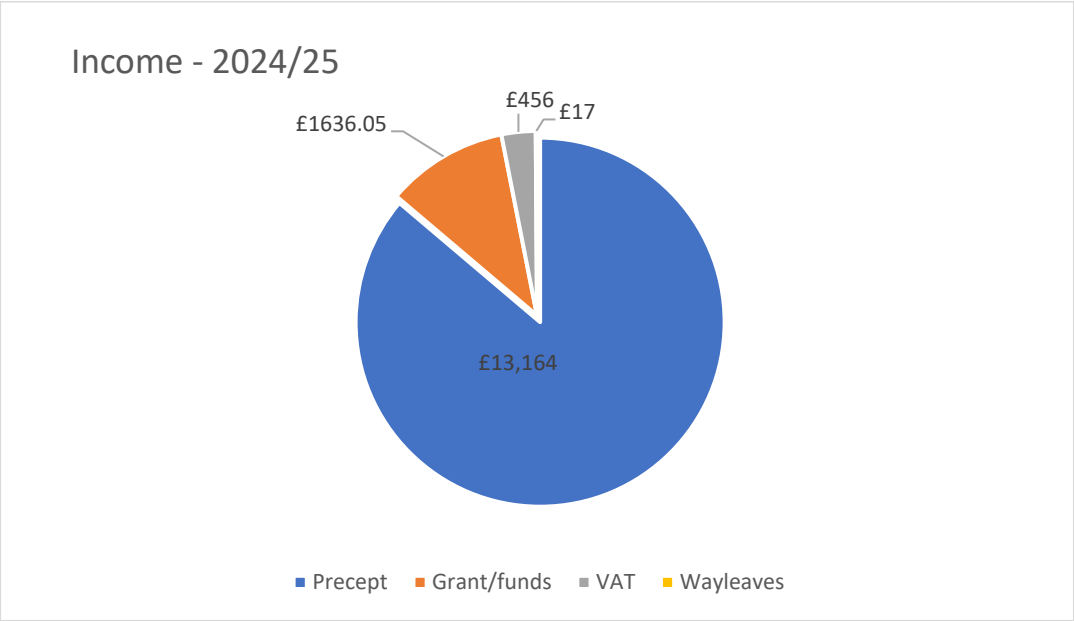
Training Policy

Language Policy

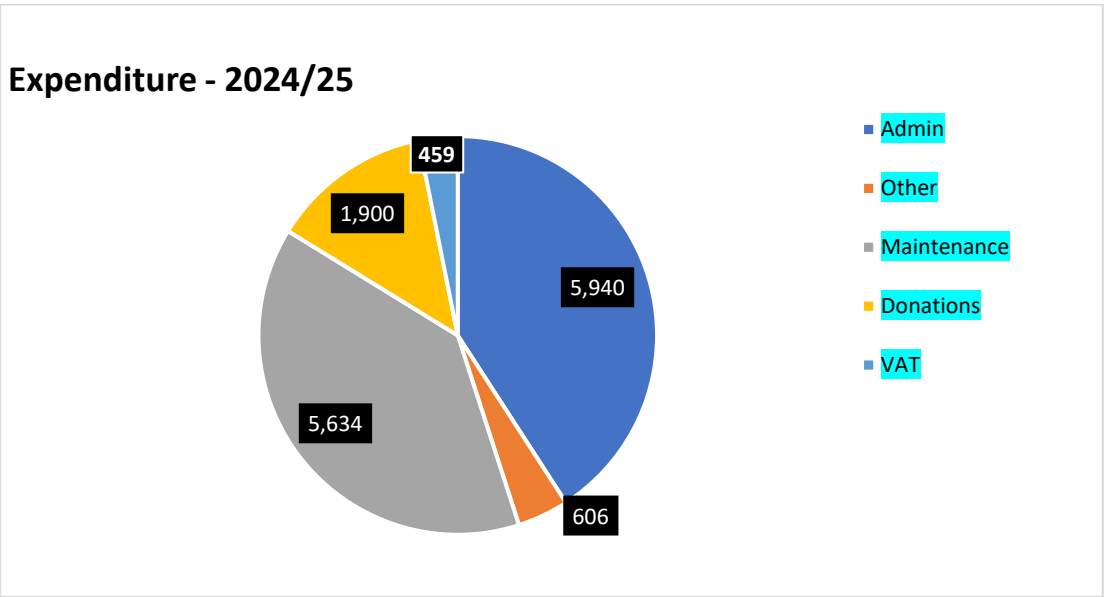
COVID Policy

5. Our finances and how we spend the annual Precept

5.1 **Income** - The total income received in 2024/25 was **£15506.66**
£1636.05 was grants and fundraising.



5.2 **Expenditure** – In 2024/25 the total expenditure was **£14538.93**
The administration and the running costs for the Community Council form part of the highest spend in the year and includes insurances, audit payments, clerk’s expenses and wages, licences and membership of the One Voice Wales and SARPA.
The second largest area of spend relates to maintenance works and this includes grass cutting of the War Memorial, public footpaths, and the playpark, replacing benches, maintaining defibrillators and a contribution of £2,000.00 to Gwynedd Council to keep the public toilets open throughout the summer months in Llwyngwril.



5.3 Grants and Donations 2024/25

Llangelynnin Community Council made several charity donations in 2024/25 totalling £1,900 to help support important local services and local organisations.

Donations 2024/25

Y Ganolfan, Llwyngwrlil £1,000

Parish Churchyards £500

Wales Air Ambulance £250

SSAFA £50

Urdd Gobaith Cymru £50

Swyddfa NFU (Young Farmers) £50.00

5.4 Audit and Compliance

Audit for financial year 2024/25

As a small Community Council there are several annual financial actions that are required to be completed throughout the year. In 2024/25 the audit actions comprised of preparation of the budget, receipt of the Audit Notice, close and balance the cash book for the year, complete the annual return, arrange an internal audit and when complete and signed arrange the external audit. The internal audit is carried out by the Auditor's Office of Gwynedd Council and the external audit is carried out by the Audit Wales Office. The audit for 2024/25 is a basic audit.

The "notice of electors' rights" will be displayed on the public noticeboards and our website.

Written confirmation of completed Audits for the financial year 2023/24 is still outstanding from the Audit for Wales Office.

6. Activities in 2024/25 to help improve our local area.

The activities undertaken by the Community Council in 2024/25 were wide and varied and include: -

- Continuation of partnership with Gwynedd Council, and contribution made, for the provision of public toilets in Llwyngwrl.
- Continuing to liaise with the Rights of Way Department regarding beach access.
- Reporting to Snowdonia National Park on local planning conditions
- Reporting of Japanese Knotweed
- Reporting of blocked footpaths
- Review/receipt of the Gwynedd Highways works programmes.
- Liaise with Cambrian Coast Liaison Group regarding issues relating to Network Rail and Gwynedd Council's boundary wall and barriers on Friog hill.
- Report through to Network Rail and lobby for repairs to crash barrier between Llwyngwrl and Friog. Meeting representatives on site to discuss works.
- Report of safety concerns with parking near to the play park
- Arrange ROSPA playpark inspection.
- Reporting of overgrown trees and weeds, drainage issues, boundary wall damage, road marking refurbishment to Gwynedd Council
- Maintenance work to the War Memorial – grass cutting and cleaning.
- Site visit with Gwynedd Council regarding obstructive parking on the main road in Llwyngwrl
- Deal with overgrown trees and weeds on public footpaths.
- Responded and reviewed Government consultations as requested.
- Attending Remembrance Sunday to represent the local community.
- Arranging provision of Xmas Trees in Llwyngwrl and Rhoslefain
- Clear debris from Llwyngwrl Beach
- Liaising with Gwynedd Council regarding road closures and reporting traffic management issues
- Provision of remote access facility to enable meetings to be conducted via Teams/Zoom
- Assisting the former Llwyngwrl Environmental Group by taking on the task of eliminating Japanese Knotweed from the village working alongside the groups sole remaining member.
- Liaising with local First Responders Group to maintain all Defibrillators locally.

7. Our Achievements in 2024/25

LOCAL DEVELOPMENT

- Responded to Snowdonia National Park planning applications.
- Responded to planning notifications from Gwynedd Council Planning.
- Responded to licensing matters from Gwynedd Council.

ROADS AND HIGHWAYS

- Liaising with Gwynedd Council, Highways Department, and North Wales Police on highways issues pertaining to parking and Friog Hill roadworks.

SAFETY

- Continue to liaise with Network Rail and Gwynedd Council to help with scheme prioritisation of safety barrier renewal.
- ROSPA inspection carried out at play park.
- Welsh Water inspection and proposed works on River Gwrl and sewerage pipe
- Liaise with Gwynedd Council regarding beach erosion and repair work.

REPRESENTING COMMUNITY NEEDS

- Site visits with organisations including Gwynedd Highways/Network Rail/ROSPA/Welsh Water

FINANCIAL COMPLIANCE

- Successful Audit achieved for 2023/24 with Audit Wales

FINANCIAL MANAGEMENT

- Small increase in local precept for 2024/25
- Updated asset register, risk assessment register for insurance purpose.

GOOD GOVERNANCE

- Updating and reviewing standing orders, financial regulations, code of conduct for members, donation policy, environment policy, asset register, and risk assessment register.

COMMUNITY REPRESENTATION

- Represented the Llangelynnin area at Remembrance Sunday Church Service.
- Representation on local committees (Y Ganolfan) and events.

ASSET MAINTENANCE

- Playpark equipment and matting maintained and updated where required

REPRESENTATION

- Approximately 70% of Council meetings achieved 100% attendance.

Llangelynnin Community Councillors

Elected in May 2022

Mr Ian R Williams

Coed y Gweddill
Llwyngwrl
LL37 2QJ

Mr Huw Davies

Cae'r Felin
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Mr Geraint Edwards

Elfan
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Mr Keith Carroll

Morannedd
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LL37 2JD

Nicola Roberts

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LL37 2JZ (resigned December 2024)

Jenny Warne

The Paddock
Ffordd y Coleg
Llwyngwrl
LL37 2UZ

Mrs Jane Lawrence

Bron Danw
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Mr Geraint Micah

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Megan Griffiths

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