

CYNGOR CYMUNED
LLANGELYNNIN
COMMUNITY COUNCIL



ANNUAL REPORT 2025/26

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CHAIRMAN'S END OF YEAR REPORT - 2025/2026

I am pleased to present Llangelynnin Community Council's Annual Report for 2025/26, which details some of the services we have provided for the community, and the governance and financial arrangements put in place during this period.

The achievements of the Community Council would not be possible without the excellent dedication and diligent work of our Clerk – Jane, and our loyal Community Councillors.

I would like to thank Jane, the Clerk, for the service she has provided in the day to day running of the Community Council over the past year and to Glenda for the translating.

I would also like to thank the Community Councillors for their dedication and support throughout the year. My thanks also to Louise Hughes our County Councillor, who continued to help provide a voice for our community in promoting local issues within Gwynedd Council.

The Community Council receives an annual precept which is used to support community objectives as well as caring for the environment. It also supports the maintenance of our community assets and the promotion of areas of importance which help both public accesses, our enjoyment of the area and our communities' health and wellbeing.

The Community Council applied to Gwynedd Council for an increase in the annual precept for 2025/26 for our community – which was £14,405.

Keeping the precept as low as possible has been achieved by using volunteers where possible and sourcing the best prices possible to provide the best value for money.

Once again, this year, all Councillors barr one waived their right to the annual allowance which shows their commitment to the community. They have also completed mandatory courses to comply with the council's training policy.

Councillors have given up their time to meet up with various bodies - Gwynedd Council, Network Rail and Welsh Water to assist with decision making to improve the Llangelynnin Ward.

I'd like to thank all involved with arranging and volunteering with the following:

- A new defibrillator has been purchased and placed by the Community Council at Gwastadgoed lay-by
- A new artificial Xmas Tree was designed and put up in Rhoslefain which was a success and the same will be put up this year in Llwyngwrl which will meet our environmental objectives
- A new Community Council face book page has been set-up, which helps inform the community of any relevant notices
- The Play Park railings have been painted by a few council members and local volunteers

- The Community Council are currently replacing the old timber benches with recycled plastic benches which offer numerous advantages, including low maintenance, durability, sustainability and cost effectiveness.

I would like to thank the local Community for its fundraising throughout the year along with Fairbourne First Responders for donations to the Council for the maintenance of its defibrillators. Additionally, a big thank you to Andy Evans (Egnitest Ltd) for the donation of a defibrillator, heated cabinet, accessories installed at the Play Park Llwyngwril.

I believe that the contribution by our council members and input from our residents, local groups and event organisers has helped improve our community.

I can report that we continued to invest in the local community (Llwyngwril and Rhoslefain) through the maintenance of the Play Park, War Memorial, Public Conveniences, benches and noticeboards and grass cutting the public footpaths.

The community council also provided funding to support Y Ganolfan, and Llangelynnin Churchyards and the local Air Ambulance Appeal.

The Community Council has two vacant seats at present. Notices have been published, with no response, which means that we can now co-opt two new members.

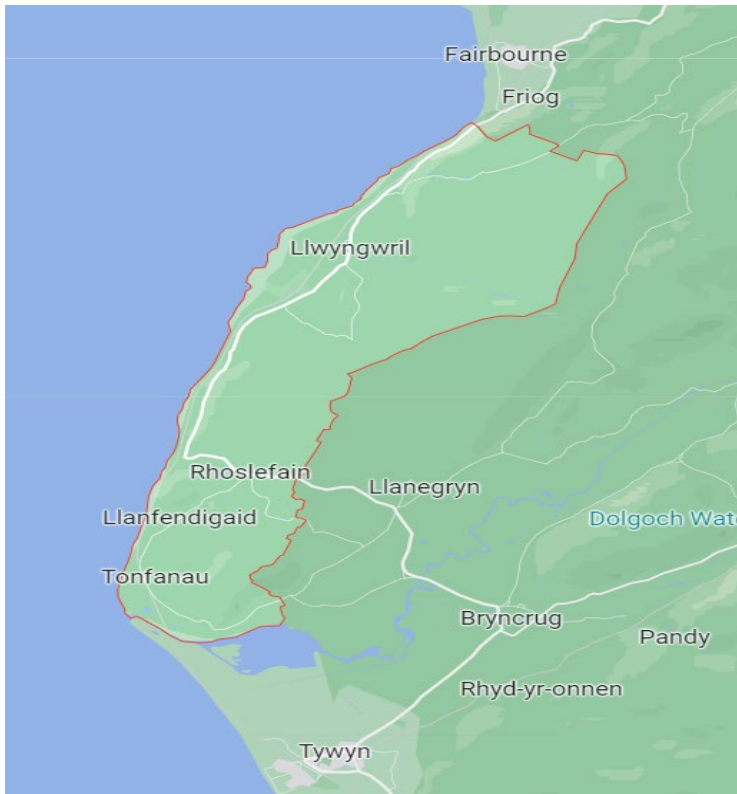
Hopefully, we will continue to provide the community with the level of service expected for 2026/27 and continue to make Llangelynnin Ward a better community.

Geraint Edwards – Chairman of Llangelynnin Community Council

Date: 08.04.2026

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 Llwngwrl.

Community Council Annual Report 2025/26

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 fifth Annual Report for Llangelynnin Community Council, which covers the financial year 2025/26.

2. Councillors and sub committees

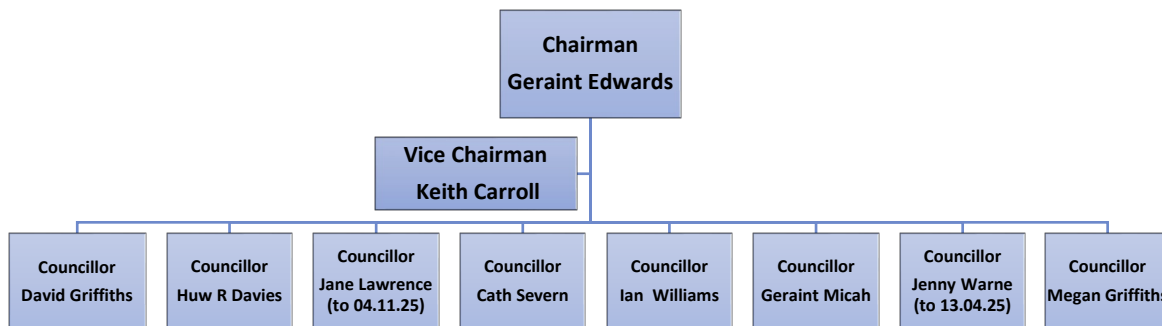
Llangelynnin Community Council has ten elected members who hold ten formal meetings a year. The meetings take place on the second Wednesday of the month except for January and August when there are no meetings.

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 2025/26

During 2025/26 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 2025/26

In 2025/26, there were ten formal meetings held on the following dates: -

April – 09.04.25	May – (AGM) 14.05.25	June – 11.06.25	July – 09.07.25
August – no meeting	September – 10.09.25	October – 08.10.25	November – 12.11.25
December – 10.12.25	January – no meeting	February – 11.02.26	March – 11.03.26

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 2025/26

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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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

S6. Biodiversity Report

Biodiversity Action Plan

Donations Policy

GDPR – Data Protection

Asset Register

Risk Assessment Register

Training Policy

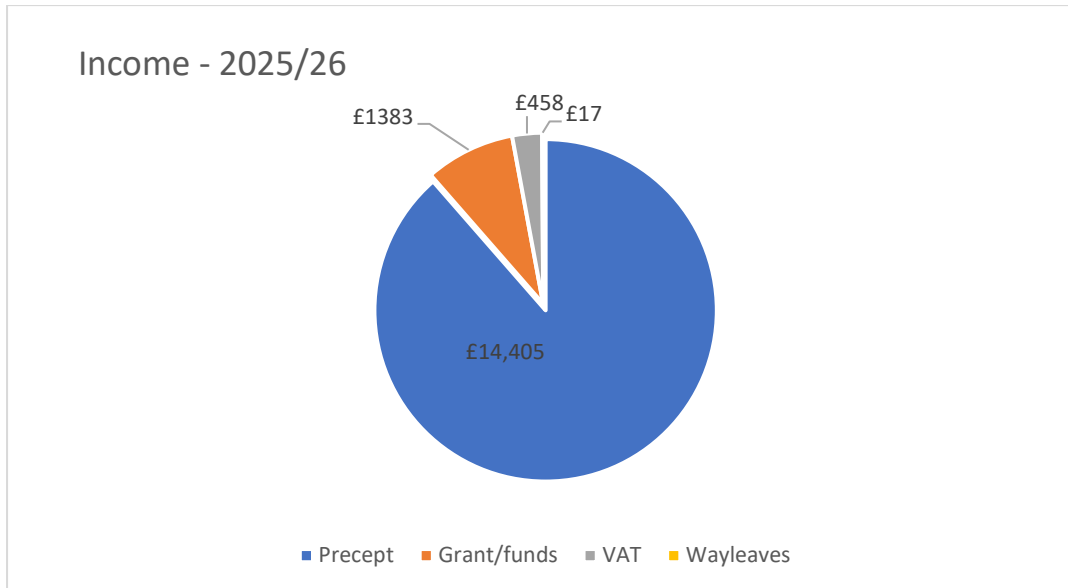
Training Plan

Language Policy

COVID Policy

5. Our finances and how we spend the annual Precept

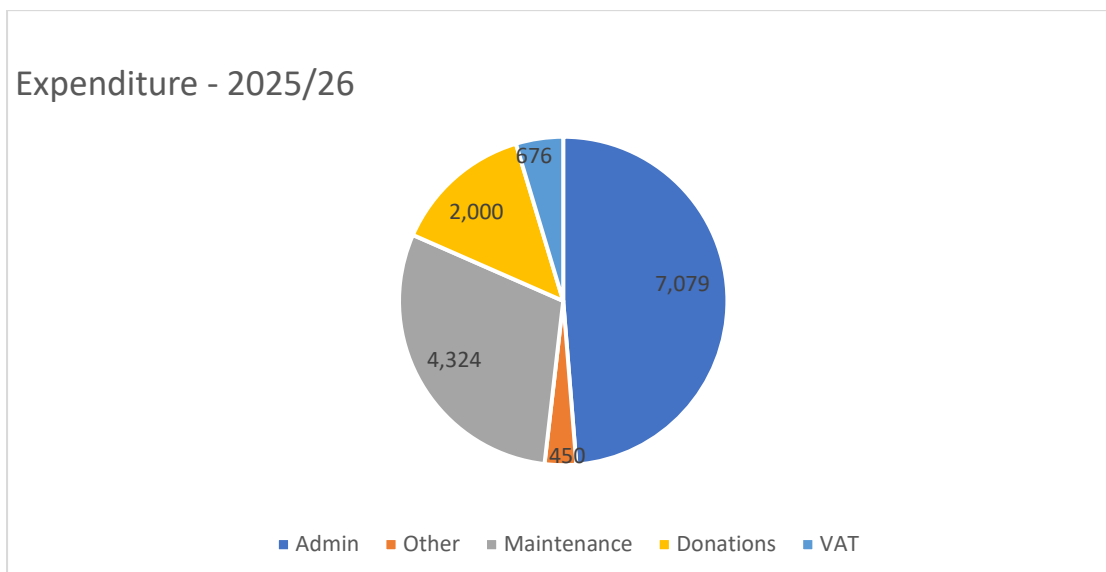
5.1 **Income** - The total income received in 2025/26 was **£16263.95**



5.2 **Expenditure** – In 2025/26 the total expenditure was **£14529.34**

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.

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 2025/26

Llangelynnin Community Council made several charity donations in 2025/26 totalling £1,900 to help support important local services and local organisations.

Donations 2025/26

Y Ganolfan, Llwyngwril £1,000

Llangelynnin Parish Churchyards £500

Wales Air Ambulance £250

Dysynni Hockey Club £75

Urdd Gobaith Cymru £75

Dail Dysynni £75

Royal British Legion £25

5.4 Audit and Compliance

Audit for financial year 2025/26

As a small Community Council there are several annual financial actions that are required to be completed throughout the year. In 2025/26 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. Audit Wales will undertake a full audit in 2025/26.

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

Written confirmation of the completed Audit for the financial year 2024/25 has been received from the Audit for Wales Office and the audit opinion was Qualified.

6. Activities in 2025/26 to help improve our local area.

The activities undertaken by the Community Council in 2025/26 were wide and varied and include: -

- Continuation of partnership with Gwynedd Council, and contribution made, for the provision of public toilets in Llwyngwril.
- Continuing to liaise with the Rights of Way Department regarding beach access.
- Reporting to Snowdonia National Park on local planning conditions
- Reporting and treatment 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.
- 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.
- Dealing with overgrown trees and weeds on public footpaths.
- Responding and reviewing 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.
- Purchase and installation of a new defibrillator at Gwastagoed, Llwyngwrl

7. Our Achievements in 2025/26

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 roadwork/road closures.

SAFETY

- 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 2024/25 with Audit Wales

FINANCIAL MANAGEMENT

- Small increase in local precept for 2025/26.
- 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
- Playpark railings treated and repainted.
- Replacement of two damaged benches.
- Repairs to the wooden bench in Rhoslefain.

REPRESENTATION

- Approximately 65% of Council meetings achieved 100% attendance.

Llangelynnin Community Councillors

Elected in May 2022

Mr Ian R Williams

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Mr Huw Davies

Cae'r Felin
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Mr Geraint Edwards

Elfan
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Mr Keith Carroll

Morannedd
Ffordd Celynnin
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