

**ANNUAL REPORT
DYFFRYN ARDUDWY
&TALYBONT
COMMUNITY COUNCIL
2025/2026**

A WORD FROM THE CHAIRMAN – CLLR. WILLIAM HOOBAN

It is a pleasure to present Dyffryn Ardudwy and Talybont Community Council's fourth annual report which records the work that has been undertaken in 2025/26 and how we are working with the community to improve the economic, social, environmental and cultural well-being of both villages to make them an even better place to live and visit. The vision is to “ensure that Dyffryn Ardudwy and Talybont continue to be a pleasant and welcoming place for people of all ages to live because they will feel safe, have opportunities to be physically and mentally healthy and to socialise and work in a quality environment. It will also be a place that welcomes visitors and lives with them easily.” The report aims to give a taste of the work of the Community Council during the year and how the Council promotes life for residents of all ages, business owners, societies and visitors to the villages. We acknowledge that this is a challenging environment for everyone and we are committed to work together with the community to achieve the vision. Although there are plenty of challenges for us as a Community Council, we have managed to carry out a number of exciting projects. It is a privilege to be Chairman of the Community Council.

Membership

Llanenddwyn Ward

Cllr. Deilwen Anderson
Cllr. Sian Edwards
Cllr. John Ceri Evans
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Cllr. Evan Owen
Cllr. Nia Rees (Vice Chairman)
Cllr. Edward Williams
Cllr. Jennifer Yuill

Llanddwywe Ward

Cllr. Beth Bailey
Cllr. Gwynfor Evans (elected 9/25)
Cllr. Edward Griffiths
Cllr. William Hooban (Chairman)
Cllr. Denise Stone (resigned 6/25)
Cllr. Sion Ifor Williams

One Councillor represents the area on Gwynedd Council namely Cllr. Eryl Jones Williams.

In June Cllr. Denise Stone resigned as a Member of the Community Council and because there was no election been held, the Council co-opted Cllr. Gwynfor Evans as a Member of the Council in September.

Staff

The Council has one member of staff, Annwen Hughes, who is the Clerk and Finance Officer. She works part-time. The Clerk may be contacted by e-mail annwen@btconnect.com, letter to Crafnant, Llanbedr, Gwynedd LL45 2PH or phone 01341241613/07919582741.

Meetings

Normal meetings of the Council are held monthly except for August at the village hall, Dyffryn Ardudwy on the first Tuesday of every month.

Website

Information about the Community Council including the agenda for meetings, policies and news is available on the Community Council's website: www.cyngordyffryntalybont.co.uk

EXTERNAL MEMBERSHIP

The Community Council is a member of One Voice Wales, which is the main representative body for Community and Town councils in Wales. The Community Council elects Members to other external bodies, namely, Elin Humphreys Committee, and the Governing Body of Dyffryn Ardudwy Primary School.

ACCOUNTABILITY

The Community Council has adopted a Member's Code of Conduct and a register of interests is kept for each member. Each Councillor has to declare any interest they have in items to be discussed at the start of each meeting and these are noted in the minutes. The

Community Council is audited by internal and external auditors annually. The internal audit is undertaken by the Audit Department of Gwynedd Council and the External Audit by the Wales Audit Office.

FINANCE AND EXPENDITURE

The Community Council sets a budget annually and monitors expenditure against budget throughout the financial year by receiving a regular report from the Clerk. The main source of income for the Community Council is the precept which is set annually and presented to Gwynedd Council in January for the following financial year. The precept is collected on behalf of the Community Council by Gwynedd Council and is the only source of tax revenue available to Town and Community Councils. The process of deciding on the level of precept includes the preparation of a draft budget on the basis of the financial situation of the Community Council by considering the likely costs, plans for projects, setting an amount for contributions - within the guidelines published annually - and any other financial matters. Consideration is also given to the reserves held by the Community Council to ensure an appropriate precept is set. The level of precept was raised to £55,000 for 2025/26.

Income & Expenditure 2025/26

	Income	Expenditure
	£	£
Bank Interest	961.69	
Precept	55,000.00	
Cemetery Income	9,681.00	
Reimbursement Footpaths Cutting	931.75	
V.A.T Reimbursement	1,421.31	
PACT Grant	250.00	

Cut Grass on Footpaths	2,205.00
Cut grass in play park	1,360.00
Cut grass around the new car park	700.00
Cut grass in all cemeteries	2,870.00
Cemetery Expenses	5,290.00
Cut grass in various locations	1,817.00
Upkeep of flower pots in Talybont	56.64
Eradicate Japanese Knotweed	120.00
Toilet Partnership	4,000.00
Clerk's Wages	3,276.72
Clerk's Costs	1,053.42
Office Allowance	1,200.00
Tax on Clerk's Wages	819.00
P.A.Y.E on line	228.00
Translator	1,032.15
Hire of Meeting Room	506.00
Internal Audit 2023/24	468.00
Inspection of Play Equipment	176.40
Donation to Village Hall	3,000.00
Donation to Dyffryn Ardudwy Primary School	3,000.00
Donation to Cylch Meithrin y Gromlech	2,000.00
Donation to Football Club	1,500.00
Donation to Wales Air Ambulance	500.00
Donation to Snooker Club	500.00
Donation to Ardudwy YFC	500.00
Donation to Meirionnydd YFC	500.00
Donation to Dyffryn Elves	500.00
Donation to Ardudwy ATC	500.00
Donation to Village Hall (community xmas dinner)	500.00
Council's Insurance	3,250.49
One Voice Wales Membership	366.00
Councillor's Training	42.00
Councillor's Allowance	624.00

Survey of village hall		1,920.00
Electrical work in the village hall		1,346.19
Change locks in the village hall		200.00
Legal costs with the village hall		313.00
Christmas Trees		621.00
Christmas Lights		2,660.62
New Pads for Defib		70.80
Various		150.00
Bank Costs		40.00
	£67,843.25	£51,782.43

BUDGET

The Council's precept is £55,000 and is earmarked as follows:-

Donates £4,000 to Gwynedd Council to keep the public toilets in Talybont open all year round.

The Council also pays a translator to attend Council meetings every month, and has spent £1,032.15 during this financial year.

The Council spends a substantial sum to cut the grass in the cemeteries of Llanddwywe and Llanenddwyn together with the public cemetery and this work is carried out every two weeks during April to October. Also spending a significant amount to cut the grass in the play park in Pentre Uchaf and also pays to cut the grass around the new car park and this is done every two weeks, also the grass around various places is being cut every two weeks and the grass at Morlo Park and Penybont Garden and the grass on various public footpaths are cut at least twice a year. The cost of all this work in this financial year was £8,952.

The Council donates to various organizations in the area annually at their monthly meetings in October and March and have contributed £2,000 to Ysgol Feithrin y Gromlech, Dyffryn Ardudwy, £3,000 to the Friends of Dyffryn Ardudwy Primary School, contributed £500 to the Welsh Air Ambulance, £500 to Ardudwy YFC, £500 to Meirionnydd YFC, £500 to Dyffryn Elves, £500 to Ardudwy ATC, £500 to the village hall committee towards the cost of the community Christmas lunch they were doing for the elderly of the community and £500 to the Snooker Club. As a rule £6,000 is contributed annually to the Village Hall Committee due to the Community Council been Trustees of this organization, but during the summer of this year the Trustees agreed to take over the running and looking after of the hall back with an independent secretary and treasurer at the helm, as they felt that the present committee was not doing a good job of running the hall. Because of this only £3,000 was contributed to the hall committee as the Council had paid for a survey of the state of the hall to be carried out, change the locks on the doors, electrical work in the hall and legal costs and this all came to a total of £3,779.19 and the Council will be able to have a reimbursement of the VAT that was involved with the above work.

The £500 contribution to the Welsh Air Ambulance, £500 to the Snooker Club, £1,500 to the football club and £3,000 to Friends of the Primary School and £2,000 to Ysgol Feithrin y Gromlech is included annually in the Council's precept as is the £6,000 donation to the village hall.

The Council annually orders a christmas tree to be placed near the toilets in Talybont and this year an additional two christmas trees were ordered one to be placed in the new car park in the village and one to be placed outside the village hall, also more christmas lights were purchased to be placed around the street lamps in the village of

Dyffryn Ardudwy. Also one light was erected on a street lamp in the village of Talybont, but unfortunately as no other poles were coming up to the required standard it was not possible to erect more lights on lamps in Talybont.

A successful Christmas fair and lantern parade was held again on the 30th November that had been organized by some Members of the Community Council together with the Village Hall Trustees as part of the Christmas celebrations. This was a huge success with many children taking part in the lantern parade that started from the play park and along the village high street and to the Hall where Father Christmas was waiting for them. There were many different stalls in the Hall selling various items and Members of the Council were pleased to see the Hall full with some from nearby villages had turned in. It is intended that a Christmas fair and lantern parade will be held again this year and this will take place on the 29th November.

Council work and responsibilities

Property management

1 play park namely Pentre Uchaf

Llidiart y Park car park

The Public Cemetery

The Public Footpaths

Penybont Garden

Morlo Park

Bus shelters in the area

Public Seats

Arrange the Remembrance Day Service

Administration

Gwynedd Council appointed as Internal Auditors 2024/25

Allowances – review four Councillors claimed allowances of £156

Council website

Keep a risk assessment.

Keeping a record of interest