

Llanwrthwl Community Council

Report for Year 2025-26

Llanwrthwl Community Council is one of the smallest Community Councils in Powys situated in Mid Wales, Powys represented by seven members.

The Community Council covers a vast area of upland and arable land and woodland which comprises of 7.795.95 hectares with a population of approximately of 200. This equates to a population density of 0.02 persons per hectare. The local economy is based on farming and tourism.

The local County Councillor is in regular attendance as a guest to support and advice the Community Council as required.

GENERAL

RIGHTS OF WAY PROJECT

The Memorandum of Agreement has been completed on behalf of the Community Council.

A group of local volunteers carries out work in conjunction with Powys County Council, to maintain and improve public rights of way. During the past year there has been much progress in installing signposts and replacing broken stiles with gates.

ST GWRTHWL'S CHURCH

The Church remains open for prayer and quiet and events can take place. The Church remains in full operational control of the ministry area.

VILLAGE HALL

- * A Christmas tree and lighting was provided in the village centre.
- * Throughout the year, the Village Hall Committee continued to organise a range of social events that were enjoyed and well attend by residents of Llanwrthwl and surrounding areas.
- * Facilities at the village Hall were well used by external organisations for events such as training sessions, pilates, meditation, whist drives, and private parties and funeral teas.
- * A list of local contacts is published on the notice board for use by residents in need of emergency help.

FACEBOOK PAGE

The village continues to operate a Facebook page with 260 members, which is used to share information, public events and help people to keep in touch.

COMMUNITY COUNCIL'S FINANCE

The Community Council's income is provided by a precept which is part of the council tax paid by each household and collected by Powys County Council. The precept is paid to the community council in three parts during the months of April, August and December. Expenses of the community Council include Clerk's Salary, Insurance, Internal and External Audit Fees, Support revenue to the Village Hall Peniel URC St. Gwrthwl's Churchyard Fund, Membership to One Voice Wales etc. Precept for 2025/26 was £4000.00

AUDIT

Administered its own affairs effectively which will be subject to an internal and external audit and ensured good governance.

ASSET

Llanwrthwl Village Hall (managed by an independent management committee)
With assistance from charitable funding, a child's play area, with climbing equipment and a slide has been established in the grounds of the hall.

AUDIT OF FUNCTIONS

- * The Community Council is a member of One Voice Wales who provide a wealth of information and are available for advice and training
- * Communication between Councillors is via e-mail, telephone and post
- * Provided financial support of £750.00 to the Village Hall to assist with running costs
- * Donated £70.00 to Peniel URC and St. Gwrthwl's Churchyard Fund
- * Responded appropriately to all planning issues requiring their consideration on time.
- * Road issues which were of concern to residents – notably in respect of highways issues including potholes, blocked drains, speeding of traffic, cutting of grass verges and overhanging branches to improve visibility, continue to be reported to Powys County Council via our County Councillor.
- Representation was provided to The Caerllan Trust and The Smithfield Trust.
- All members opted out of the proposed allowance of £156.00 and notified the Proper Officer.
- * Continue to support the Rights of Way volunteer group to monitor and improve the condition of footpaths and bridleways in Llanwrthwl.
- * The Community Council agreed to take over the responsibility of tidying up of the Millennium Garden. Funds in the Millennium Committee of £1358.39 were handed over to the Community Council. Work will be carried out voluntary; funds will be used to purchase materials.

AIMS AND OBJECTIVES

- To act as a link between public sector organisations and the community on a range of subjects such as the environment, planning matters, community events and safety.
- To represent the views of the community.
- Identify concerns and seek to develop solutions from other bodies.
- Support if need identified community projects and groups.
- The impact of climate change remains an ongoing concern