

Annual Report for Llanboidy Community Council 2022-23



Background

Llanboidy Community Council is the tier of local government that is closest to the communities and people that it serves, and is focussed specifically on the interests and concerns of the people who live or work in Llanboidy, Llanglydwen and the various farms and other businesses within the area that it covers.

The Council is composed of ten Councillors, six from the Llanboidy Ward and 4 from Pontyfenni Ward though it is likely that in future there will only be one ward of Llanboidy. The Councillors are elected to that position every five years by people in those wards. The Council works closely with all the organisations and associations that are active in their communities, especially the Llanglydwen Community Association, Llanboidy Market Hall and Ysgol Bro Brynach, amongst others. The Council has one part-time employee, the Clerk / Responsible Financial Officer. The Council is proud of the Welsh heritage and culture of our community and strives to be bilingual in all its activities, with much discussion at meetings in Welsh, though minutes and agendas are currently only in English as we do not have the resources to get everything translated. If there is anyone in the community who could help us with this we would be delighted!

The Llanboidy Community Council owns the the public toilets in the centre of the village, a small piece of woodland in the parish, and the field behind the car park, Parc yr Enfys, now being developed as a leisure and play area for adults and children alike.

Priorities

Our priorities are to support the people we serve and to enhance the area in which they live and work. To do this we work with other bodies such as Carmarthenshire County Council, Carmarthenshire Association of Voluntary Services, Natural

Resources Wales, Llanglydwen Community Association, in addition to the organisations mentioned above and many others.

The Council has neither the resources nor the legal ability to cover or manage everything that it is asked to do, and as the local Council we are sometimes expected to deal with things which are actually the responsibility of another body, often the County Council. We do our best though! Examples include fixing broken streetlights, sorting out potholes or road damage, or dealing with fly-tipping. When this happens, the request is passed on to the relevant body, and we will let you know the outcome.

We are always open to new ideas of how we can support and help you, and assure you we will do what we can, so please do get in touch via the Clerk – contact details at the end.

Activities and Achievements

Over the last year we have continued to work closely with and be represented on the small group set up in 2019 known as the Llanboidy Funding Group to look at what was needed in the parish and in particular to respond to the issues raised in the community consultation carried out in 2019. This has led to this Council using some of its reserves to fund and build a pavement between Upper and Lower Llanboidy and we are delighted that this has now been completed, increasing safety within the village. We have also applied to The National Lottery for funds for a gazebo to be built in Parc yr Enfys in Llanboidy and this was completed very recently – and has already provided much needed shelter for tourists and locals alike. The National Lottery also provided funding for us to hold Jubilee Celebrations in the Sports and Social Club last year where we were serenaded by the Whitland Male Voice Choir and special commemorative mugs were provided for all the Llanboidy schoolchildren. In early 2023 we applied to the Shared Prosperity Fund (Levelling Up Fund) administered by the County Council for funding to create a play area for children and young people of all ages in the Parc – we are still awaiting the outcome of this but should it not be successful we will be applying elsewhere for the funding.

The public toilets are well used and appreciated we know by both visitors and locals. We have therefore decided to keep them open all the year around, though during this last year they had to be closed for a period after very cold weather caused a number of burst pipes.

We have continued to provide grant funding to local organisations and associations during the year to enable them to thrive and develop – this helps keep our community alive and vibrant. During 2022-23 we gave grants to the following organisations: Cylch Meithrin Ffynnonwen, Wales Air Ambulance, Pwllgor Cymuned Llanglydwen Community Association, St Brynach Church, Llanboidy Market Hall, Trinity Chapel, Capel Cefn-y-Pant, Llanboidy Sports and Social Club, Llanboidy Tug of War Team, Y Cardi Bach, CPD Llanboidy Football Club.

We have also updated our website recently, thanks to help from a member of the community, and intend to use this as a vehicle for keeping people informed of what is going on.

Biodiversity

The Council recognises the importance of improving the natural biodiversity of the area, indeed of the whole country, and works to positively support such initiatives. It is one of the factors which are considered when discussing our responses to local planning applications, and also any chemicals to be used by the Council, for example for maintaining the public toilets in Llanboidy. As a rural community we would encourage all local landowners to use bee-friendly agricultural habits as much as possible.



Looking forward

We want to continue helping our communities by providing physical resources such as seating and waste bins, by supporting events and by responding to the needs of the community as they arise. Whether an individual or group, if you think we can help locally, please do get in touch.

This year should see the introduction of 20mph as the default speed through Llanboidy as part of Welsh Government's intentions to reduce speed through villages. To help the parking problems in Llanboidy, especially at 3.15 when the school children are leaving school, we have asked for more restrictions at certain points in the village and these should be in place shortly.

If anyone is interested, please do get in touch with any of the Councillors, or with the Clerk – contact details below.

Contact details

Your Councillors are:

Rhiannon Davies (Chairperson)

Susan Evans (Vice Chairperson)

Delyth Dent

Dorian Phillips

Julie Thomas

Ben Anthony (recently co-opted)

Owain Young

Eleri Jones

Rodney Williams

Nigel Thomas

Clerk/ Responsible Financial Officer to the Council is **Cathy Davies** and she can be contacted on clercllanboidy@gmail.com or by phone on 01994 419219 / mobile 07467 944987.

Our website is www.llanboidy.cymru On it you can find out more about the history of our area, what is happening now, and also the work of the Council. Please do get in touch if you have any queries, or if you would like to help with Welsh translation of the minutes, agendas, website etc.

Cathy Davies

Clerc/Clerk, Cyngor Cymuned Llanboidy Community Council.