

# Annual Report for Llangors Community Council

Financial Year 1st April 2025 to 31st March 2026



## Meetings

During the last financial year the Community Council has held:

- 12 Monthly and 1 Extra Meeting,
- 1 Annual General Meeting,
- 1 Annual Public Meeting and
- 7 Planning meetings.

Working Party Groups have also met on an array of topics. The Community Council has held its meetings in different public venues around the community to encourage public participation. 'Hybrid' provision has been available on request for meetings.

## Employees

The Council has one employee, who acts as Clerk to the Council, Proper Officer, Responsible Financial Officer, advisor, Data Protection Officer and is the main contact for the Council. Hannah Davies has just completed her second year in this role. During the year the Community Council enthusiastically congratulated Hannah on the birth of a new addition to her family and were grateful for the support of Judith Phillips in clerking meetings during the period of Hannah's maternity leave.

As a corporate body, all Councillors equally share responsibility for statutory employment duties, guided by the discussions of the Employment Working Group.

## **Membership and appointments**

The Council has run through the year with 8 members serving across the two wards, with 5 seats in each ward. The vacant seats have been advertised and encouragement has been given by word of mouth to individuals to fill the 2 vacant seats. However, at present they still remain unfilled.

The area covered includes Llangors, Trefeinon, part of Cathedine, Llanfihangel Talyllyn, Talyllyn, Llanywern, Pennorth and Llangasty Talyllyn. The election term of a Community Councillor is 5 years.

Current members are as follows:

### **Llangors Ward**

Colin Preece  
Alan Jevons  
Geoff Beaven  
Helen Quarrell

### **Llanfihangel Talyllyn Ward**

Dave Jones  
Clare Owen  
Simon Bailey  
David Scully

Councillors contact information is displayed on Council noticeboards around the community and on the website.

Councillors serve as a representative voice for the whole community on the following external organisations:

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| • Llangors CIW Primary School Governing Body                                     | Cllr Scully                 |
| • Llangors Lake Advisory Group Committee   | Cllr Bailey                 |
| • Discover Llangors & Bwlch Group  | Cllr Quarrell               |
| • Siop Llangors Shop Committee   | Cllr Owen                   |
| • Llanfihangel Talyllyn & Llanywern Village Hall Committee as Custodial Trustees | Cllr Jones                  |
| • Brecon to Hay Greenway Steering Committee                                      | Cllr Bailey                 |
| • One Voice Wales  | Cllr Preece                 |
| • Llangors Lake Invasive Species Group   | Cllr Beaven                 |
| • Talybont CC Joint Council Group  | Cllr Jevons and Cllr Scully |
| • St. Paulinus Churchyard Burial Board   | Cllr Preece and Cllr Beaven |
| • Llangors Common Management Group   | Cllr Scully                 |

Whilst LCC does not operate a separate Planning Committee, any planning matters operate under the same terms as ordinary meetings and all Councillors take part.

There are five working parties:

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| • Glebe Community Field Working Party   | Cllr Bailey, Cllr Scully,<br>Cllr Jones, Cllr Owen      |
| • St. Paulinus Churchyard Working Party | Cllr Jevons, Cllr Preece,<br>Cllr Beaven, Cllr Quarrell |

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| • IT Working Party   | Cllr Preece, Cllr Bailey, Cllr Jones                |
| • Employment Monitoring Group which may also be seen as the Employment Working party | Cllr Scully, Cllr Owen, Cllr Jevons, Cllr. Quarrell |
| • Environmental Working Party  | Cllr Scully, Cllr Owen, Cllr Jevons                 |

In compliance with the insurance requirements and health and safety policy of the Community Council, appointed Councillors carry out regular health and safety inspections and maintenance of all assets. These inspections are reported back to each of the main Community Council meetings.

During the year, and in conjunction with the Clerk, designated responsibilities were allocated out amongst Councillors:

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| • Overall responsibility for Health & Safety | Chairperson, Cllr Preece as Advisor             |
| • Health & Safety Inspections of Assets:     |   |
| Glebe Community Field                        | Cllr Scully                                     |
| Llangors Ward assets                         | Cllr Beaven                                     |
| Llanfihangel Talylyn Ward assets             | Cllr Scully, Cllr Jones, Cllr Owen, Cllr Bailey |
| Llangors bus shelter maintenance             | Cllr Quarrell                                   |
| • To sign Bank Reconciliations quarterly     | Cllr Owen                                       |
| • To attend PCC quarterly T&CC meetings      | Chairperson, Cllr Owen as backup                |
| • Overall responsibility for Payroll         | Chairperson                                     |

Our County Councillor Sian Cox is a resident in the Llangors community and is a regular contributor to Community Council meetings. Sian produces a full written report to each Community Council Meeting as well as providing verbal updates.

## **Assets**

Llangors Community Council's assets consists of the following;

- St Paulinus Churchyard - Freehold
- Llangors Triangle, registered Village Green - Freehold
- Land Adjacent to River Cwy, registered as Village Green – Freehold
- Llangors Bus Shelter
- Llanfihangel Talylyn Bus Shelter and Freehold land that it's built on
- Various Lamps, Gates, Notice Boards, Seats/benches, Glebe Community Field play equipment
- Council laptop located with the Clerk
- Digital meeting equipment

## **St. Paulinus Churchyard**

- Burial fees continue to be reviewed annually and are kept in line with the Church in Wales charges. The Council continues to have a Memorandum of Understanding and does not charge for burials of those under the age of 18.
- Works continue to be undertaken on trees and headstones at the site for safety purposes. Currently there is discussion and action concerning the safety of a large box tomb.

- In line with financial regulations every three years a tender process takes place for two grass cutting contracts to maintain St. Paulinus Churchyard, Llangors Triangle, land adjacent to the River Cwy and the Glebe Community Field. This process took place last year and a revised contract is at the beginning of a new triennium.

## **Policies**

The following policies are reviewed and updated where appropriate:

- The Council's Data Protection Regulations.
- Standing Orders
- Financial Regulations
- Reserves Policy
- General Data Protection Regulations
- St. Paulinus Churchyard Policy
- Public Complaints Policy
- Press & Media Policy
- Email address protocol
- Equality & Diversity Policy
- Freedom of Information - Also referred to as a publication schedule
- Social Media Policy
- Payments to Councillors Policy
- Digital Meeting Equipment Policy
- Welsh Language Policy
- Asset Register
- Financial and Management Risk assessment
- Grants Policy
- Health & Safety Policy and Procedures
- Glebe Community Field Policy
- Noticeboards
- Insurance
- Councillor Code of Conduct
- Councillor Training Plan
- The Community Council website - website, [www.llangors.org.uk](http://www.llangors.org.uk) - is subject to several legislative requirements, including accessibility, agendas, minutes, notices and policies, which are required to be published on the website.

## **Finance Matters**

The annual budget of the Council has been monitored by the members of the Council. This is funded by residents of the community and collected by Powys County Council via the Council Tax process and paid to the Community Council as funds known as the precept. Councillors set the precept value to reflect the budgeted expenditure of the Council and do everything possible to keep all expenses to a minimum.

The Annual Governance Statement of the council for the year ending 31st March 2026 is published on the Council website [www.llangors.org.uk](http://www.llangors.org.uk). The summary of accounts is:

- Opening Cash at Bank £23,504
- Total Income received (including precept) £25,799
- Total Expenditure (all costs) £21,694
- Closing Cash at Bank £27,609

The Independent Remuneration Panel mandates the Council to make payments to members as a contribution towards costs incurred. This is reflected in the Payments to Councillors Policy as adopted by the Council. In this last year all Councillors opted out of receiving payment for any work they do in their roles as Councillors.

The Council is grateful to Cllr Owen who is appointed, as independent of the current bank signatories, to oversee the banking procedures of the Council on a quarterly basis. In May the annual internal audit of the 2024/25 accounts and procedures of the Council were examined by the appointed internal auditor, who is independent of the Council. The conclusion was satisfactory. The Annual Governance statement and related documents submitted to Audit Wales for external audit have also been satisfactorily approved, with an unqualified audit and no issues raised. Alan Williams the current internal auditor carries out his role free of charge, for which the Community Council is very grateful.

### **Areas of Consideration**

During 2025/2026 the Community Council have been involved with the following diverse areas of community life:

- Planning matters - The Council remains a statutory consultee for planning applications in the community, when placed with both Powys County Council (PCC) and Brecon Beacons National Park Authority (BBNPA).
- Monitoring issues at Llangors CIW Primary School (based on published information).
- Development and accessibility of the website (including consideration of web analytics).
- Maintenance of St. Paulinus churchyard. Currently there is discussion and we are seeking advice on a potential safety concern with a large box tomb. Consideration of electrical work and painting of the light columns.
- Hill fires on Mynydd Llangors.
- Support for Llyn Safaddan History Group.
- Discussion of policing matters (notably speeding, solar panel scams) with our Community Police Officers.
- Ongoing planning of a public consultation to obtain the views of the public on all aspects of life in the community in order to inform the Council of the current needs of the public and future aspirations
- Involvement with Llangors Lake Invasive Species Group.
- Maintenance and enhancement of the Glebe Field (including mole trapping, movement of wall, accessibility).
- Llangors Community Shop.
- Regular inspection (Health and Safety) of community assets.
- Lobbying on Highway issues.
- Cross border health issues.
- Speedwatch training.
- Dog fouling.
- Repair of community benches.
- Community Led Housing.
- Increasing a presence on social media.
- Grant requests.

The Annual Community meeting contained a presentation of the Annual Report, an Annual Planning Report, and presentations on the subjects of the Glebe Field Diversity Project, the

Llangors Common Management Group, and Powys County Council Ward Update.

### **Biodiversity and Resilience of Ecosystems Duty**

Under Section 6 of Environment (Wales) Act 2016, all public authorities in Wales, including Town and Community Councils, have a duty to maintain and enhance biodiversity and promote resilience of ecosystems. All Town and Community Councils have a responsibility to publish a report on what they have done to comply with the Section 6 Duty every 3 years. The S6 Biodiversity Action Plan 2026-2028 (reviewed by the Environmental Working Party) was approved and adopted by the Council:

- Bulbs, perennial plants and wildflowers are planted on Llangors Triangle and grass cutting contractors refrain from cutting the site until flowers have seeded usually around mid-July. The Council monitors the splay vision from the junction to ensure the long grass does not interfere with highway egress. Bird feeders are located in the churchyard.
- The Council has also been investigating ways to improve biodiversity in the Glebe Community Field by changing mowing practices in some marginal areas. The neutral grassland on the Glebe has been well regarded in terms of the benefits for biodiversity.

### **Looking Ahead the Council will:**

- Continue to encourage public engagement at meetings and to represent the diverse views of residents (of all ages) on a wide variety of topics:
- Work collaboratively with external bodies to meet local needs and deliver services.



- Plan a public consultation to obtain the views of the public on all aspects of life in the community in order to inform the Council of the current needs of the public and future aspirations.
- Develop employment responsibilities and carry out annual staff appraisals, health and safety working practices and draft reports accordingly.
- Ensure Councillors share the workload of the Council equally, attend meetings and fulfil the role as community appointed representatives.
- Where appointed on outside bodies ensure Councillors will regularly circulate minutes of these meetings and feedback at Council meetings, so that factual information is shared.
- Ensure Councillors engage in an array of community life and obtain feedback about services provided by the Council.

**The Community Council seeks to work with all people to enable a safe, healthy and active community in which each person can feel they can contribute and are valued.**