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1. Foreword to Llannon Community Council's Annual Report for 2022/23

It's a privilege to present Llannon Community Council's Annual Report for 2022-2023.

The period since May 2022 has been exceedingly busy for the Community Council. As well as fulfilling its extensive statutory duties, several exciting projects have been undertaken and completed in order to improve facilities in Llannon Ward and to enrich residents' lives. These were achieved through the inspirational vision, intense work and ready co-operation of those involved.

In my experience, co-operation is key to success: working together as community councillors in order to build a strong team; co-operation between the Council and its staff; collaborating with local community groups; the community working together. After all, we are all working towards the same end - namely, improving our residents' quality of life and making Llannon Ward a lovely place to live.

I wish to express my sincere thanks to all staff employed by Llannon Community Council for their consistent hard work, flexibility and readiness to go the extra mile. A special 'thank-you' to our Clerk, Mrs Clare Hope, for her dedication, expertise and tireless work on behalf of the Council. I also wish to thank all the volunteers who give their time and skills to support the Community Council.

I hope that you will enjoy reading the 2022-2023 Annual Report in order to learn more about the Community Council's work and to understand what it undertakes on behalf of the residents of Llannon Ward.



**Cllr Julie Owen (Plaid Cymru)
Chair of Llannon Community Council 2023/24**

2. Llannon Community Council Annual Report 2022/23 Introduction

Llannon Community Council has a statutory duty to prepare and publish two Annual Reports and one Biodiversity Action Plan Report, every three years.

Section 52 of the Local Government and Elections (Wales) Act 2021 requires Llannon Community Council to, as soon as reasonably practicable after the end of each financial year (31 March), prepare and publish an Annual Report about the Council's priorities, activities and achievements over the previous year.

Section 40 of the Well-Being of Future Generations (Wales) Act 2015 requires Llannon Community Council to publish a report annually on the progress made in meeting the Carmarthenshire Public Services Board's local well-being objectives. The report must be published as soon as reasonably practicable following the end of the financial year (31 March) to which the report relates.

There are many over-lapping elements associated with the production of these reports so for reasons of practicality and to avoid duplication, Llannon Community Council has prepared this Annual Report, combining the Council's Section 52 requirements and the Council's progress in meeting the Section 40 requirements.

Llannon Community Council has also prepared a Well-being Plan for 2023-2028. These objectives will help build stronger partnerships within the community and bring residents together to help them improve their lives and solve the problems that are important to them with an aim to create positive changes and make a real difference on the journey to delivering a brighter future:

<http://www.ccllannon.org.uk/wp-content/uploads/2023/07/WELL-BEING-PLAN-2023-2028.pdf>

Section 6 of the Environment (Wales) Act 2016 requires Llannon Community Council to publish a report once every three years setting out what it proposes to do to maintain and enhance biodiversity and promote resilience. Llannon Community Council's Environment Committee has prepared an extensive report and plan which can be found here:

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Further requirements of the Local Government and Elections (Wales) Act 2021

In addition to Section 52, The Act included further amendments which have implications for Town and Community Council's across Wales:

Multi-location meetings

Section 47 of The Act provides for multi-location attendance at community council meetings. The requirement is that a community council must make and publish arrangements for convening meetings, which allows – but not requires – participants to be in multiple locations.

Whilst physical meetings are allowable under the Act, the Act requires that participants (i.e., council members, members of the public and press) can join meetings remotely – even if physical meetings are the preferred mode. Councils are not allowed to resolve that all meetings will be held entirely in-person.

Llannon Community Council holds its monthly meetings through the medium of Welsh, therefore an English translation service is required. In order to fulfil this provision, the monthly Council meetings are held remotely via Zoom.

Committee meetings are held in a physical location and offered remotely via Zoom where required.

Public Participation

Section 48 of The Act means that community councils must give the public a reasonable opportunity to participate in its meetings. The meeting arrangements should make clear how this could happen.

The meeting agendas of Llannon Community Council and the Council's website provide residents with information they need to access meetings. During the monthly Council meeting, there is a dedicated section of the agenda should residents wish to participate. The rules surrounding this are published in the Standing Orders.

Reporting on Council Decision-making

No later than seven working days of a council meeting, the council must publish electronically a note setting out:

- The names of the members who attended the meeting, and any apologies for absence.
- Any declarations of interest
- Any decisions taken at the meeting, including the outcomes of any votes.

Llannon Community Council publishes draft minutes of meetings on its website within seven working days of all meetings.

Training Plan

Section 67 of The Act means that community council's must make and publish a plan (a "training plan") setting out its proposals in relation to the provision of training for—

- (a) the councillors of the community council, and
- (b) the community council's staff.

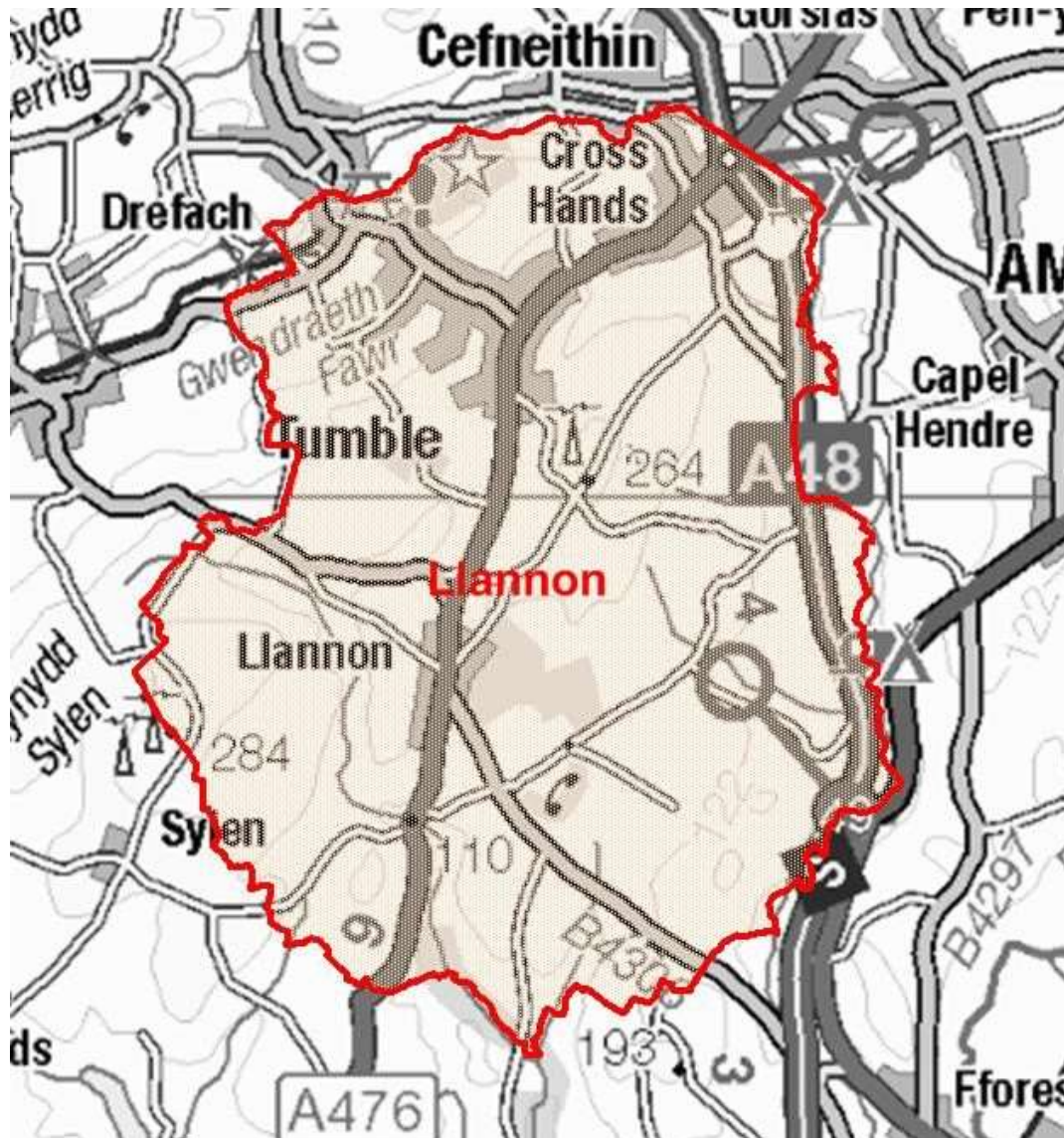
Llannon Community Council has a detailed Training & Development Plan for the Councillors and Staff that can be found here:

<http://www.ccllannon.org.uk/wp-content/uploads/2023/06/TRAINING-DEVELOPMENT-PLAN.pdf>

3. Outline of Llannon Community Council

3.1 The Ward

Llannon Community Council serves the areas of Llannon, Tumble, Cwm-mawr and Cross Hands, with a population of around 5.500 residents.



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3.2 Members of Llannon Community Council

Following the local elections held in May 2022, the Councillors elected were:

Tumble Ward

Cllr. Christopher Davies
Cllr. Llinos Mai Davies
Cllr. Ruth Lloyd Davies
Cllr. Emlyn Dole
Cllr. Emyr Gwyn Evans
Cllr. Dorothy Jones
Cllr. Michael Jones
Cllr. Rhys Jones
Cllr. Philip Owen
Cllr. David Nigel Thomas

Cross Hands Ward (Un-contested)

Cllr. Lesley Williams (Chair)
Cllr. Julie Owen (Vice-Chair)
Cllr. Christopher Bowkett
Cllr. Nathan Edward Holman
Cllr. Sarah Stewart

Llannon Community Council would like to thank Cllr Lesley Williams and Cllr Emlyn Dole for their dedication and service to the Llannon Ward following their respective retirements from their elected roles.

A subsequent by-election was held on 2nd March 2023, resulting in the new composition of Councillors as follows:

Tumble Ward

Cllr. Christopher Davies
Cllr. Llinos Mai Davies
Cllr. Ruth Lloyd Davies
Cllr. Stephen James Eldridge
Cllr. Emyr Gwyn Evans
Cllr. Dorothy Jones
Cllr. Michael Jones
Cllr. Rhys Jones
Cllr. Philip Owen
Cllr. David Nigel Thomas

Cross Hands Ward

Cllr. Julie Owen (Vice-Chair)
Cllr. Joanne Anderson
Cllr. Christopher Bowkett
Cllr. Gary Lewis Jones
Cllr. Sarah Stewart

Further information regarding the Members of the Council, including their Declarations of Personal and Prejudicial Interests can be found here:

[Members & Declarations – Cyngor Cymunedol Llannon Community Council
\(ccllannon.org.uk\)](http://ccllannon.org.uk)

3.3 Meeting Agendas and Minutes

Full information regarding all Council meetings can be found here:

[Meeting Agendas and Minutes – Cyngor Cymunedol Llannon Community Council \(ccllannon.org.uk\)](http://www.ccllannon.org.uk)

The Full Council meets every month (apart from August and December) and is supported by Committees who meet as and when required:

3.4 Sub-Committees of Llannon Community Council

- Finance Committee
- Personnel Committee
- Appeals Committee
- Environment Committee
- Hall Committee
- Policy Review Committee
- Assets Committee (which was introduced in April 2023).

3.5 Standing Orders (Rules of the Council)

There are laws that the Council must abide by and the Standing Orders of Llannon Community Council can be found here:

<http://www.ccllannon.org.uk/wp-content/uploads/2023/06/STANDING-ORDERS-2023.pdf>

3.6 Delegations of Power & Terms of Reference of Committees

In order to achieve efficient ways of working and to deal with emergency situations a scheme of delegation is in operation and can be found here:

<http://www.ccllannon.org.uk/wp-content/uploads/2023/06/LCC-DELEGATION-ARRANGEMENTS-30.05.2023.pdf>

The Terms of Reference of the Committees can be found here:

Finance Committee:

<http://www.ccllannon.org.uk/wp-content/uploads/2023/06/TOR-FINANCE-COMMITTEE-30.05.2023.pdf>

Personnel Committee:

<http://www.ccllannon.org.uk/wp-content/uploads/2023/06/TOR-PERSONNEL-COMMITTEE-30.05.2023.pdf>

Appeals Committee:

<http://www.ccllannon.org.uk/wp-content/uploads/2023/06/TOR-APPEALS-COMMITTEE-30.05.2023.pdf>

Environment Committee:

<http://www.ccllannon.org.uk/wp-content/uploads/2023/07/TOR-ENVIRONMENT-COMMITTEE-30.05.2023.pdf>

Hall Committee:

<http://www.ccllannon.org.uk/wp-content/uploads/2023/06/TOR-HALL-COMMITTEE-30.05.2023.pdf>

Policy Review Committee:

<http://www.ccllannon.org.uk/wp-content/uploads/2023/06/TOR-POLICY-REVIEW-WORKING-GROUP-30.05.2023.pdf>

Assets Committee:

<http://www.ccllannon.org.uk/wp-content/uploads/2023/06/TOR-ASSETS-COMMITTEE-30.05.2023.pdf>

3.7 Council Staff 2022/23

- Clerk – Mrs Clare Hope
- Deputy-Clerk - Mrs Ffion Lewis
- Property & Facilities Officer – Mr Paul Murray
- Facilities & Administration Assistant – Mrs Wendi Freeman
- Playground Inspector & Fire Safety Officer – Mr Roger Perry
- Assets & Maintenance Team Lead – Mr Liam Andrews
- Assets & Maintenance Assistant Team Lead – Mr Walford Williams
- 2 x Assets Maintenance Operatives – Mr Sean Rees, Mr David Flear
- Cleaner – Mrs Paula Goode
- Y Cwtsh Manager (Temporary Post) – Mrs Sara Murray
- Y Cwtsh Assistants x 3 (January – March 2023 funded through Welsh Government Poverty Fund Grant)

3.8 Contacting the Council

As the Proper Officer of the Council, the Clerk is responsible for dealing with all communication on the Council's behalf. The Clerk to the Council, Mrs Clare Hope can be contacted via the following methods:

Post: Llannon Community Council
Tumble Hall
Heol-y-Neuadd
Tumble
Llanelli
Carmarthenshire
SA14 6HR

Telephone: 01269 841213

E-mail: llannonccclerk@outlook.com

In person (by appointment only): At the Council's office in Tumble Hall.

3.9 Services Provided by Llannon Community Council

Llannon Community Council is responsible for many services within Llannon Ward, including:

- Cross Hands Park and playground
- Tirwaun Park and playground
- Cross Hands Memorial
- Upper Tumble Public Cemetery
- Ebenezer Cemetery
- Parc y Mynydd Mawr and playground
- Y Cwtsh (Community Supermarket, Warm Space and Advice Service)
- Changing Rooms at The Pavilion, Parc y Mynydd Mawr
- The Graig area and playground
- Tumble Memorial
- Tumble Hall
- Llannon playground
- Llannon square
- Maes y Fynnon playground
- Maintenance of ten public footpaths
- Hanging Baskets
- Street lighting
- Bus shelters
- Provision of bins within our open spaces
- Provision of seating within our open spaces
- Christmas Trees and lights
- Activities and events including Remembrance Day Services in Tumble & Cross Hands; Easter Fun Day; Outdoor Cinema Event.
- Providing grants and other support for local organisations and good causes.

3.10 Concerns & Complaints

Llannon Community Council is committed to dealing effectively with any concerns or complaints you may have about its service. The Council aims to discuss issues and to correct any mistakes that may have been made. If the Council has failed to provide a service to which you are entitled, it will do its best to rectify this. If possible, it will put things right. The Council aims to learn from mistakes and to use the experience to improve its services.

To raise a concern or complaint, please see the following:

<http://www.cllannon.org.uk/wp-content/uploads/2023/06/CONCERNS-COMPLAINTS-POLICY-PROCEDURE-REVIEWED-JUNE-2023-NEXT-REVIEW-DUE-MAY-2024.pdf>

4. Llannon Community Council Annual Report 2022/23

Aims

In 2022/23 the Council's aims were to:

- 4.1 Establish an effective staffing structure.
- 4.2 Purchase tools and provide the training and equipment necessary to support its fixed assets.
- 4.3 Safeguard its fixed assets.
- 4.4 Support residents through the Cost-of-Living Crisis.
- 4.5 Re-introduce community events following the Covid-19 pandemic.

4.1 To establish an effective staffing structure.

As Covid restrictions passed and the Council's responsibilities were reviewed, changes to the staffing structure were required, resulting in the creation of new posts.

During the year, the Clerk, Mrs Clare Hope was employed on a Full-Time basis and was also the Responsible Financial Officer of the Council. Alongside this role, Mrs Hope was also managing the operations of Tumble Hall, seven days a week.

Due to the extensive portfolio of the Council, it was agreed that a Deputy-Clerk was required. In addition, there was also a need for a Property & Facilities Officer and a Facilities and Administration Assistant. Interviews took place for these roles in August 2022. The wealth of experience and knowledge the successful candidates demonstrate has been instrumental in assisting the Clerk to stabilise the Council and look to the future.

During 2022, the Council also advertised for a Hall Manager but were unable to source a suitable candidate, so appointed casual bar staff instead. As Tumble Hall was open every day, the Council also employed a Cleaner.

Some changes were made to the Maintenance Operative Team, with the creation of a Lead Role and the addition of another two members of staff. Mr Roger Perry retired from his role as a Maintenance Operative, however, fortunately, Mr Perry agreed to continue to share his knowledge and experience by returning as our Fire Safety Officer and Playground Inspector.

Due to the Council's response to the Cost-of-Living crisis, it was necessary to make applications for grant funding. Some temporary positions were made available through a successful bid from the Welsh Government Poverty Fund. To co-ordinate the evolving needs

of vulnerable residents, there was also a requirement for a temporary manager of the social supermarket and warm space.

4.2 To purchase tools and provide the training and equipment necessary to support Llannon Community Council's fixed assets.

The Council is responsible for many large open spaces that require regular maintenance such as grass cutting and strimming. The Council is also responsible for the operation and maintenance of Upper Tumble Public Cemetery and Ebenezer Cemetery.

Due to the age and wear of the existing equipment it was necessary to replace two ride-on mowers. To make the best use of funds, both machines were replaced by lease on a three-year term.

The Council only had one van in operation which was causing logistical problems daily. The Council therefore agreed that an additional van was necessary. A lease was also arranged for the van to make the best use of funds.

The Council agreed there was a need to install additional bins and benches in Parc y Mynydd Mawr.

The maintenance operatives received chainsaw, brushcutter and pesticides training.

It was also necessary to train office staff and outside staff in Cemetery & Memorial maintenance and testing as this was not up to date.

Mr Paul Murray, Mr Roger Perry and Councillor Phil Owen also undertook the Operational Playground Inspection Training and all three passed the test to become qualified RPPi Inspectors.

As Tumble Hall is a public building, there are many Health & Safety requirements that must be adhered to. This was a major project in 2022/23 requiring a vast amount of resources which will be noted in the Safeguarding Fixed Assets section of this report.

Various staff also undertook Health & Safety training; Fire Safety training; Fire Warden training; First Aid training; Food Hygiene training and many more specialist training sessions.

The Clerk, Deputy Clerk and Facilities and Mrs Wendi Freeman attended a three-day conference arranged by the Society of Local Council Clerks.

Most of the Councillors undertook the Code of Conduct training and some Councillors have chosen to undertake additional training offered by One Voice Wales.

4.3 To safeguard Llannon Community Council's fixed assets

Tumble Hall



Tumble Hall is widely used by the community. In 2022/23 the Hall re-opened following the Covid-19 pandemic.

The Hall was regularly hired by; The Performance Factory; Zumba with Tina Tracey Coaching; Tiny Toes Ballet; Turn'd Up Fitness with Sian; Yoga; GJ Fitness for Mums and Line Dancing.

Cyfle i Bawb met on the second and fourth Tuesday of each month, offering members support, company, activities and information sessions.

Merched Y Wawr began using the Hall for their monthly meetings and held an extremely successful AGM in September and Fashion Show in April.

Hywel Dda held Palliative Care training and District Nurses training sessions.

Tumble and Cross Hands Surgery held their Flu & Covid Vaccination Clinics in October, which was attended by over 1000 people.

The Heart Failure Clinic held weekly sessions and the Foot Clinic held sessions every six weeks.

The Hall was used as a Polling Station for the May 2022 Local Elections and March 2023 By-Elections.

On a monthly basis LINKS Llanelli continued to arrange their monthly NAAFI coffee morning, supporting the Armed Forces Community and Blue Light Personnel.

The Council arranged several events at Tumble Hall including:

- Monthly Country Music Nights
- Monthly Lindy Hop & Jive Tea Dances
- An Afternoon Tea with entertainment from West End Star, Peter Karrie to celebrate the Queen's Platinum Jubilee.
- Macmillan Coffee Morning
- Children's Halloween Party
- Christmas Pantomime
- Fun Mornings

Tumble Family Centre ran their Tumble Tots sessions every Wednesday morning at Tumble Hall:



In addition, Tumble Hall was also hired for private functions such as birthday parties; weddings; anniversary parties; a baby shower; wakes and presentation evenings.

Llannon Community Council were determined that Tumble Hall would remain as the hub of the community so it was imperative the Council committed to safeguarding this historical building for future generations.

To secure the future of Tumble Hall, extensive essential maintenance works were required.

The Council employs the services of an external health and safety company, who had previously documented the need for 44 actions. A previous Fire Report had also identified actions required. As Tumble Hall is a public building, it was essential that the following recommended works were carried out.

- Roof repairs
- New fire alarm
- New fire escape doors
- New fire escape staircase
- Upgrade of emergency lighting
- Upgrade of gas supply to kitchen
- Upgrade of ventilation in kitchen
- Better ceiling access across the length of the Hall (to include lighting)
- New windows (where required)
- Electrical testing
- Water Safety Report (which identified over 70 actions)
- All actions completed as per Water Safety Report
- Complete overhaul of all Health & Safety documentation

In addition, due to wear and tear and the changes in the usage of the hall, the following improvements were made:

- **Changes to the library**

The room was no longer used as a library and needed updating. The room was split in two offering a smaller meeting area and separate office for private meetings. The health clinics and community groups find the changes far more suitable for their requirements, as have the Council staff and Members.

- **Conference room and kitchen upgrades on the first floor**

Several safety aspects were identified as problematic. Access to the fire escape was difficult and kitchen facilities were outdated and very limited. Some structural changes were carried out, offering more suitable kitchen facilities for hirers of room. This has provided a more flexible use of the space. The facility can now be used for conferences (chairs in rows – seats 60) and can also be set up café style (seats 48 people). The area also provides the opportunity to display the Eisteddfod Y Tymbl trophies.

- **Painting of the outside of the building**

The outside of the hall was re-painted keeping the original colours of the building.

- **Hall entrance**

The former aluminium doors were broken and could not be repaired. The Hall Committee agreed to re-position the new doors in line with the front of the building allowing for improved disabled access and more room in the foyer.

- **Hall signage and lighting**

The previous sign was damaged so provided an opportunity to incorporate the Hall's branding into a new sign. The Council agreed coloured lighting at night would be of benefit.

- **Improving the main hall as an events venue**

The purchase of tables and chairs has allowed the main hall to be used for a variety of different events. The Hall can now accommodate 380 people in a theatre-style event, enabling stars such as Bronwen Lewis and Robat Arwyn & Friends to perform to sell-out audiences.

The round tables have been used at a number of events, including Tumble RFC's 125th Anniversary Dinner. The Club also utilised the Conference Room for a Meet and Greet session with former Welsh International and British Lion, Scott Quinell.

- **Replacement of carpet**

The carpet in the hallway and the stairs at the rear of the Hall was badly worn and had become a trip hazard.

The Pavilion at Cross Hands Park

The Pavilion is currently used by Cross Hands & District Bowls Club who maintain the bowling green on behalf of Llannon Community Council. The building has also required Fire and Water testing resulting in some maintenance works being carried out.

Upper Tumble Public Cemetery

The cemetery is maintained by Llannon Community Council to an exceptionally high standard.

The Council were aware that the cemetery records required extensive updating following a previous review of the law and procedures required. Mrs Wendi Freeman took on the role of Clerk to the Burial Authority and during the year diligently updated the records held. Mrs Freeman also trained to use a software package and uploaded the vast amount of paper records, ensuring they are safely stored remotely.

The rules of the cemetery have been recently updated and can be found here:

<http://www.ccllannon.org.uk/wp-content/uploads/2023/07/UPPER-TUMBLE-PUBLIC-CEMETERY-RULES-REGULATIONS-2023.pdf>

The Pavilion at Parc Y Mynydd Mawr



The Pavilion was transferred to the Council by Tumble United AFC. The building required extensive repairs to the outside which were completed by Llannon Community Council's Maintenance Team. The building also required new windows and doors and a new boiler. Fire and Water Reports also revealed essential health & safety works were needed. This all came at a time when the Cost-of-Living Crisis was looming. The Council agreed the building would work well as a hub to support residents through the difficult times ahead.

4.4 To support residents through the Cost-of-Living Crisis

Y Cwtsh

In September 2022, the Cost-of-Living crisis was looming and utility bills were on the increase. The Council took a proactive approach in supporting its residents by immediately identifying the pavilion in Parc Y Mynydd Mawr as a suitable space to set up a warm, safe place to include a community supermarket. Once the idea of Y Cwtsh was born, it didn't take long to establish with overwhelming support from the community.

As soon as this project was mentioned to the following local businesses, they were delighted to become involved and gave up their valuable time and materials free of charge or at reduced cost:



- Action Surveillance
- Electrical Wholesale Swansea
- Howdens
- LBS
- Patch Plumbing
- Phase Connections
- ROCK
- Ultimate Window Systems Ltd

Y Cwtsh also received very generous financial donations from:

- Bethel Y Tymbl (£1000)
- Castell Howell (£600)
- Dunbia (£1000)
- Maesrhosyderi Tenants & Residents Association (£250).

In addition, Bethesda Chapel (Tumble) and Dewi Sant Church (Tumble) donated substantial food donations, Llys Nini (RSPCA) donated animal food and Morton's Fine Foods donated carrier bags.

A group of incredible, dedicated volunteers was formed and Y Cwtsh opened its doors on 4th November 2022.

Y Cwtsh became members of the FareShare Cymru scheme who re-distribute surplus food enabling the "pay as you feel" social supermarket to open three times a week.

Llannon Community Council made an application for funding through the Welsh Government Household Food Poverty Fund and received £6000 of food from January to the end of March.

A further application was made through the Welsh Government Poverty Fund where £10,000 was awarded to cover staffing costs and items to help keep people warm through the winter such as hot water bottles and blankets and slow cookers to assist with a more economical way of preparing food. With the benefit of this funding, Y Cwtsh was able to open five times a week.

Y Cwtsh provided a warm, welcoming space to sit with a free cuppa and meet with others. A free bowl of soup was available daily to all users. A book/DVD swap and clothes/school uniform swap was also set up.

Support groups such as Shadows Depression Group and LINKS utilised this community hub to connect with residents. Regular advice clinics were also arranged by Llannon Community Council.

The next challenge for Y Cwtsh came in January 2023 when Tumble Family Centre's building was condemned. Llannon Community Council swiftly acted to share Y Cwtsh with Tumble

Family Centre due to the vital service. The photo below shows the babies and their families enjoying the “Bumps to Babies” session held at Y Cwtsh twice a week.



Llannon Community Council would like to thank everyone that continues to support Y Cwtsh and in particular, our wonderful volunteers.

4.5 Community events following the Covid-19 pandemic.

Llannon Community Council arranged two outdoor events in 2022.

Easter Fun Day

At Easter, a free Family Fun Day was arranged at Parc Y Mynydd Mawr. Over 400 people attended the event. Many activities were arranged, including:

- Easter Egg Hunt (where every child won a free Easter Egg)
- Giant Inflatable Assault Course
- Bouncy Castle
- Arts & Crafts
- Entertainment and games with Purple Penguin

The day was a great success.

Outdoor Cinema Event

In August, Llannon Community Council organised a major Outdoor Cinema event in Cross Hands Park. Screening five films over the weekend, over one thousand people attended the first event of this kind in Cross Hands.

The Council were able to offer some free screenings due to generous sponsorship from the following local businesses:



- Action Surveillance
- Castell Howell
- Gavin Griffiths Group
- Phase Connections
- Sustainable Fuel Solutions
- Wrenvale Nurseries

Visitors to the event watched Dirty Dancing; Elvis; Encanto and Sing 2. Shortly prior to the event, Dame Olivia Newton John sadly passed away having suffered a long battle with breast cancer. In memory of Dame Olivia, an extra screening of Grease Sing-along was added to the itinerary and Llannon Community Council staff and volunteers collected £254.56 in aid of the Peony Breast Care Unit at Prince Philip Hospital.

5. Llannon Community Council Annual Report 2022/23

Further Achievements

In addition to achieving the aims of the Council for 2022/23, Llannon Community Council is also proud to report some significant achievements throughout the year:

- 5.1 Safer Routes in Communities – Tumble Improvements
- 5.2 New playground in Cross Hands Park
- 5.3 Discover Cross Hands App
- 5.4 Installation of communication boards
- 5.5 Commemoration of the 100-Year Anniversary of The Royal British Legion Ammanford and Cross Hands Branch
- 5.6 Supporting the Welsh language and culture.
- 5.7 Civic Ceremony
- 5.8 Financial assistance for community groups.
- 5.9 Biodiversity Initiatives

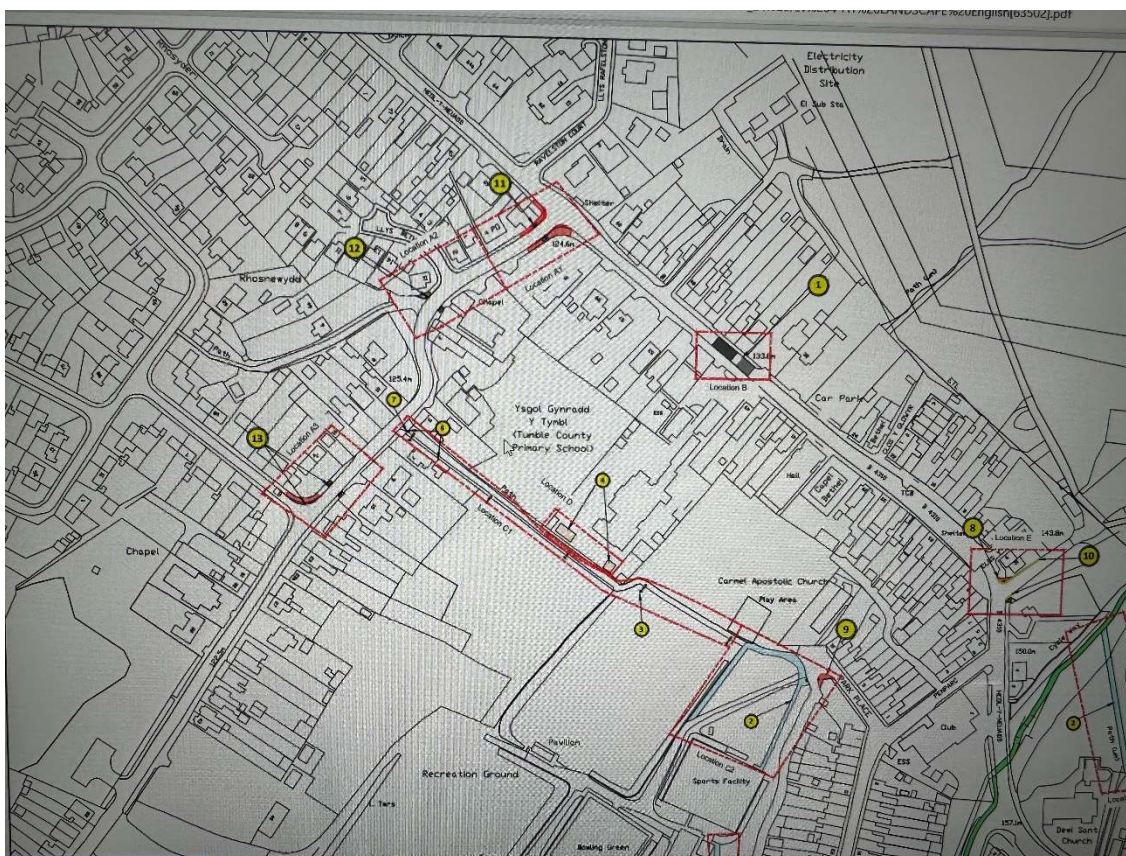
5.1 Safer Routes in Communities – Tumble Improvements

In July 2022, the Clerk of Llannon Community Council submitted an expression of interest for funding from the Welsh Government Safer Routes in Communities Scheme. The bid was to make active travel improvements within Tumble. The expression of interest was accepted and proceeded to a full bid stage, which included consultation with the local community.

Llannon Community Council would like to thank everyone that took the time to complete the online survey, the Head of Tumble Primary School, Mrs Neris Thomas-Samuel and all the stakeholders that provided letters of support. The Council would also like to thank local resident, Mr Phil Snaith for his enthusiasm in assisting with the project.

The Council wish to express their thanks to Mr Thomas Evans (Transport Planner, Highways and Transport Division of Carmarthenshire County Council), for his hard work.

Llannon Community Council was delighted to learn that the bid was successful, bringing £391,000 of improvements to the area, including a zebra crossing outside Tumble Primary School.



Work has already commenced in Parc Y Mynydd Mawr and will continue over the coming months.

5.2 New playground in Cross Hands Park



The installation of a new playground in Cross Hands Park had been an aim of Llannon Community Council since the previous Council term. The Welsh-medium primary school, Cross Hands C.P. is situated just across the road from the site and the large amount of new housing brought more families with children to live in the area.

With £50,000 already set aside for the project, the Council committed a further £40,000. With the support of County Councillors Llinos Davies and Dot Jones, Section 106 funding of £45,000 was also ring fenced for the playground.

Llannon Community Council staff worked with playground companies to produce some outline designs. In November 2022, one hundred people attended a consultation in Cross Hands Primary School. Following the input and excitement of the local children, the Council received a further 286 responses to our online consultation. The project was then put out to tender.

In March 2023, the Assets Committee of Llannon Community Council reviewed four tenders received and recommended the winning design to which was unanimously agreed by the whole Council.

The new playground opened in June 2023 and enables over 100 children to use the apparatus at the same time. It has been designed for ages 2-14 and will offers inclusive and sensory equipment. The design also incorporates a 30-meter zip wire, two goal ends and basketball hoops so children can also play ball sports.

The new playground is just the start of enhancements to Cross Hands Park. The Llannon Community Council will be creating a plan to make further improvements to the park and source funding in 2023/24.

5.5 Commemoration of the 100-Year Anniversary of The Royal British Legion Ammanford and Cross Hands Branch

In 2022, Llannon Community Council was honoured to recognise the role of The Royal British Legion Ammanford and Cross Hands branch by installing two beautiful flower beds at Cross Hands Memorial.

In a commemorative service held in May, Major Kenneth Burton MBE and Chair of the branch, thanked the Council for arranging such a special tribute. Major Burton described how the branch has supported many servicemen and women over the years.

Following the service, refreshments were offered in Cross Hands Workingmen's Club and entertainment was provided by West End performer Stephanie Benavente.



5.6 Supporting the Welsh language and culture.

Eisteddfod Gadeiriol Y Tymbl

In September 2022, Eisteddfod Gadeiriol Y Tymbl returned following the Covid-19 pandemic. Llannon Community Council is proud to support this important cultural event in Cwm Gwendraeth. It is vitally important that this renowned eisteddfod continues to be a resounding success. Being able to support this event by providing free use of Tumble Hall, sound and vision equipment and a £300 financial donation is a matter of pride for Llannon Community Council.



Urdd Eisteddfod Carmarthenshire

In anticipation of the Urdd Eisteddfod to be held in Llandovery in June 2023, Llannon Community Council gave a donation of £2400 (over 3 years) to the local fundraising group.



During the hugely successful event, Côr Ieuentid Cwm Gwendraeth, established by our very own Cllr Christopher Davies in September 2022, came second in the Côr Bl.9 ac iau (Adran) competition. Llannon Community Council will continue to promote the work of the choir.

5.7 Civic Ceremony

Sul y Cofio 2022 Remembrance Sunday



In November, Llannon Community Council remembered all those we have lost through their service to the country. Red and white poppies were displayed throughout Llannon Ward as a mark of respect and remembrance.

On Remembrance Sunday a service was held in Dewi Sant Church in the morning, followed by a parade leading to Tumble Memorial, where a short service was held.

An afternoon service was led by Rev Delyth Wilson and attended by the Royal British Legion Ammanford and Cross Hands branch was attended by over two hundred people.

Cllr Darren Price the Leader of Carmarthenshire County Council laid a wreath on behalf of Carmarthenshire County Council.

The Chair of Llannon Community Council, Cllr Lesley Williams laid wreaths at both Tumble and Cross Hands services on behalf of the Council.

Community groups and relatives also laid wreaths to commemorate lives lost in conflict and to celebrate Service.

Refreshments and cawl were provided in Tumble Hall and refreshments following the service in Cross Hands were provided at the Workingmen's Club.

The services are held on Remembrance Sunday every year and all residents are welcome to attend.

5.8 Financial assistance for community groups

Every year, Llannon Community Council allocates a budget to assist community, voluntary and charitable organisations. To qualify for financial assistance the applicant must be able to demonstrate that funding granted by Llannon Community Council will benefit the Llannon ward or the residents of the Llannon ward.

The funding may be used for:

- a. One off events and activities
- b. As a contribution to the ongoing running costs of organisations that bring significant benefit to Llannon ward and its community.

In 2022/23, Llannon Community Council supported the following causes:

- Tumble Family Centre - £300.00 towards the running costs of their Family Fun Day held in the Summer.
- Cyfeillion Y Coetir - £300.00 towards the purchase of insurance and equipment.
- Carmarthenshire County Council's Christmas Toy Box Appeal - £500.00

- Royal British Legion Poppy Appeal - £360.00 donation for Remembrance Day poppies.
- Cwm Gwendraeth Men's Shed - £500.00 donation towards three beautiful benches which are now sited in the new playground at Cross Hands Park.

Information on applying for financial assistance from Llannon Community Council can be found here:

<http://www.ccllannon.org.uk/wp-content/uploads/2023/06/FINANCIAL-ASSISTANCE-POLICY-PROCEDURE-REVIEWED-MAY-2023-NEXT-REVIEW-DUE-MAY-2024.pdf>

Applications will be dealt with by the Finance Committee and must be submitted using Llannon Community Council's Financial Assistance Application Form and be supported by any relevant documentation.

5.9 Use of Llannon Community Council's land

In addition to assisting community groups with financial assistance, Llannon Community Council allowed the following community groups to use Community Council land to hold events:

1. Cross Hands Action Team
2. Tumble Family Centre
3. Impact 242
4. Early Years Integration Team
5. Active Sport and Leisure
6. Tumble RFC
7. Tumble United AFC

5.10 Biodiversity Initiatives



Llannon Community Council has an extremely active Environmental Committee. The Committee is committed to assist the Council in meeting the six specific objectives identified in the Nature Recovery Action Plan Wales, to address the issues that are driving the decline in biodiversity, and to support recovery.

The Environmental Committee initiated a local walking group to explore some of the footpaths around the ward, encouraging residents to walk footpaths they knew of old. This also provides new residents with the opportunity to discover new areas.

The Environmental Committee organised staff training sessions to understand the significance of the need to increase biodiversity and to recognise opportunities for action to aid in management to boost biodiversity.

To safeguard species and habitats of principal importance green spaces under the control of Llannon Community Council are managed to protect and buffer habitats, linking areas of biodiversity and developing resilient ecological networks.

Several projects were initiated by the Environmental Committee to increase the resilience of our natural environment by restoring degraded habitats and habitat creation.

Areas of Y Graig were identified as sites with indicative plants of suitable habitat for the Marsh Fritillary. Land management on this site reflects this and work is carried out that enhances the habitat with the aim of connecting to other areas of Marsh Fritillary habitat in Cross Hands.

The Council received free packs of trees suitable for planting hedges which were planted in our parks and Upper Tumble Public Cemetery. Spring bulbs were also planted in Parc Y Mynydd Mawr.

The Council is committed to restoring meadow grasslands so grass mowing guidelines were introduced for 2023 to control how mowing practices are to be adapted to reflect the use made of different areas.

The Council is attempting to reduce our carbon footprint and embrace the ethos of the circular economy wherever possible e.g. by ensuring office supplies such as paper, cleaning products and office furniture are sustainably sourced (e.g. locally and/or made from recycled material) and all Llannon Community Council meetings are paperless and held online wherever practicable.

Llannon Community Council works in partnership with local environmental organisations, Keep Mynydd Mawr Tidy and Cyfeillion y Coetir, providing extra volunteers to improve local wildlife areas.

6. Llannon Community Council Financial Summary 2022/23

Income

The main source of Llannon Community Council's income is the Precept. This represents the amount of council tax paid by households in the Llannon Ward that is allocated to Llannon Community Council.

The annual precept was not increased by Llannon Community Council for 2022/23.

The Band D per household figure requested was therefore £186.38. This raised a total of £363,385 for Llannon Community Council during 2022/23. Llannon Community Council does not receive any money from Business Rates. The Council also received income from the provision of its services such as:

- Upper Tumble Public Cemetery
- Tumble Hall
- Y Cwtsh
- Maintenance of ten footpaths on behalf of Carmarthenshire County Council.
- Grant Funding

Expenditure

The Council's budgeted expenditure for 2022/23 was £483,175.94. During the year it became apparent that additional necessary expenditure would be required to meet the following challenges:

- Extensive Health & Safety crucial upgrades required at Tumble Hall.
- The urgent need to update the Council's maintenance equipment.
- Asset transfer of the Pavilion and Changing Rooms at Parc Y Mynydd Mawr (Solicitors Fees, Repair and refurbishment Costs)
- Upper Tumble Public Cemetery (Professional Fees; Staff Training)
- Increase in National Pay Award
- Waste Collection (in-keeping with regulations)
- Security (CCTV) (in an attempt to reduce antisocial behaviour).

The additional expenditure required was sourced from the Council's income and reserves.

Reserves

At the start of the year, the Council retained total reserves of £208,703.64:

- General reserves of £60,000 to deal with unforeseen contingencies.
- Additional Earmarked reserves of £58,703.64.
- Capital Reserve of £90,000 for new Cross Hands Playground.

7. Carmarthenshire's Public Services Board Well-being Plan 2018-2023

In accordance with Section 40 of the Well-Being of Future Generations (Wales) Act 2015, Llannon Community Council is one of eight Council's within Carmarthenshire required to publish an annual report on the progress made in meeting the Carmarthenshire PSB's local well-being objectives. The Carmarthenshire's PSB Well-being Plan for 2018-2023 focussed on the delivery of four well-being objectives:

Healthy Habits



People have a good quality of life and make healthy choices about their lives and environment.

Early Intervention and Prevention



To make sure that people have the right help at the right time as and when they need it.

Strong Connections



Strongly connected people, places and organisations that are able to adapt to change.

Prosperous People and Places



To maximise opportunities for people and places in both urban and rural parts of our county.

Sustainable Development Principle

In working towards these objectives, Llannon Community Council must follow the sustainable development principle, designed to support and deliver a service that meets the needs of the present without compromising the ability of future generations to meet their own needs.

To show how the Council has applied the sustainable development principle, there are five ways of working which we must follow.

Five Ways of Working



Collaboration Acting in collaboration with any other person (or different parts of the body itself) that could help the body to meet its well-being objectives.



Integration Considering how the public body's well-being objectives may impact upon each of the well-being goals, on their objectives, or on the objectives of other public bodies.



Involvement The importance of involving people with an interest in achieving the well-being goals and ensuring that those people reflect the diversity of the area which the body serves.



Long-term The importance of balancing short-term needs with the need to safeguard the ability to also meet long-term needs.

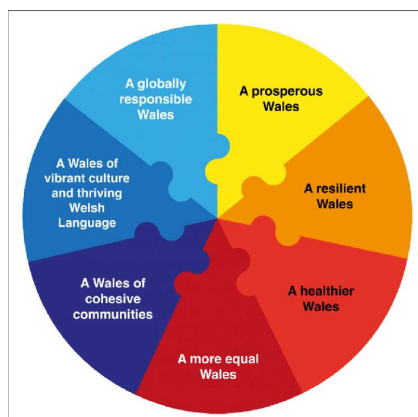


Prevention How acting to prevent problems occurring or getting worse may help public bodies meet their objectives.

Llannon Community Council must ensure that everything we do has taken these ways of working into consideration. The Council must consider long-term aims; work in greater collaboration with local communities; plan ahead to prevent problems and take a more joined-up approach. This will ensure we also work together in a more robust and effective partnership approach.

The Well-being of Future Generations (Wales) Act 2015 sets out seven Well-being Goals which public services must work towards to improve the social, economic, environmental and cultural well-being of all our communities.

National Well-being Goals



A Prosperous Wales:

An innovative, productive and low carbon society which recognises the limits of the Global environment and therefore uses resources efficiently and proportionately, and which develops a skilled and well-educated population in an economy which generates wealth and provides employment opportunities, allowing people to take advantage of the wealth generated through securing decent work.

A Resilient Wales:

A nation which maintains and enhances a biodiverse natural environment with healthy functioning ecosystems that support social, economic and ecological resilience and the capacity to adapt to change.

A Healthier Wales

A society in which people's physical and mental well-being is maximised and in which choices and behaviours that benefit future health are understood.

A More Equal Wales:

A society that enables people to fulfil their potential no matter what their background or circumstances.

A Wales of Cohesive Communities:

Attractive, viable, safe and well-connected communities.




A Wales of Vibrant Culture and Thriving Welsh Language:

Where we have lots of opportunities to do different things and where lots of people can speak Welsh.

A Globally Responsible Wales:

Where we look after the Environment and think about other people around the World

**Llannon Community Council's progress made in meeting
Carmarthenshire's PSB Well-being Plan 2018-2023**

<p>Activity by</p> 	<p>Which well-being objectives have Llannon Community Council assisted Carmarthenshire PSB to deliver with this activity?</p>	<p>How have the 5 Ways of Working been used to shape your activity?</p>	<p>Which national Well-being Goals does this work support?</p>
<p>Provision of Y Cwtsh</p>	<p>Healthy Habits</p> <p>Early Intervention and Prevention</p> <p>Strong Connections</p> <p>Prosperous People and Places</p>	 <p>The mission of Y Cwtsh is to be “At the heart of the community.”</p> <p>To deliver this project we have worked with residents; local businesses; community groups; FareShare Cymru, Neighbourly; Carmarthenshire County Council; Tumble Family Centre; Early Years Integration Team; the local schools; Shadows Depression Support Group; LINKS Llanelli; CAVS; Llanelli and Burry Port Foodbanks and the Welsh Government.</p> 	<p>A prosperous Wales</p> <p>A resilient Wales</p> <p>A healthier Wales</p> <p>A more Equal Wales</p> <p>A Wales of cohesive communities</p> <p>A Wales of vibrant culture and thriving Welsh language</p> <p>A globally responsible Wales</p>

<p>Provision of Y Cwtsh (cont.)</p>	<p>We have a dedicated team of kind, considerate and caring volunteers who assist with cleaning; stock control and rotation; collecting food donations and often, taking time to chat with someone who might not have any contact with anyone else that day or even over many days.</p> <p>Y Cwtsh has provided training opportunities for our volunteers. We were also able to offer paid employment for three volunteers for a period of three months through a successful bid for funding.</p> <p>Y Cwtsh has also been a boon for the volunteers who have found it a very positive and rewarding experience. Some of the volunteers live alone so it has helped them combat the loneliness they experience whilst helping others.</p> <p>Some of our volunteers and service users are also caring for a relative or friend so we encourage them to “Take care of yourself” while caring for others by eating healthy foods and taking exercising as and when they can.</p> <p>Many of our residents faced fuel poverty through the excruciatingly cold Winter of 2022/23. Our warm hub offered a safe and welcoming space for anyone feeling the cold. Every single day, users were offered a free hot drink and a dish of soup at lunch time.</p> <p>Funding from the Welsh Government Poverty Fund enabled us to distribute blankets; hot water bottles and slow cookers to residents to help them at home. We also offered energy saving advice and literature.</p>	
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<p>Provision of Y Cwtsh (cont.)</p>		<p>Through Y Cwtsh we were proud to distribute LED lightbulbs on behalf of Carmarthenshire County Council.</p> <p>Y Cwtsh is also a hub for their Period Poverty Scheme.</p> <p>Residents facing the danger of becoming homeless have felt secure and safe in reaching out to our team for help. They have been guided to the relevant services to receive the appropriate support.</p> <p>Through Y Cwtsh, we have supported the “Claim What’s Yours” campaign by assisting service users to make applications for relevant benefits.</p> <p>Supporting residents with their mental health has been a key priority for Y Cwtsh from the start. Anyone that is struggling with mental health issues is signposted to Shadows, who run a monthly support clinic at Y Cwtsh, for the benefit of all our residents.</p> <div data-bbox="651 1341 1161 1765" data-label="Image"> </div> <p>Embracing our need to reduce waste, reuse materials and recycle waste together with reducing the Carbon Footprint of Llannon Community Council has been a key priority for Y Cwtsh.</p>	
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<p>Provision of Y Cwtsh (cont.)</p>		<p>Energy efficient improvements such as thermostats and sensor lighting were installed in the building.</p> <p>We are committed to reducing single-use plastic so re-usable containers for dried products such as cereal and coffee were purchased. We ask users to return the containers for a re-fill when they are empty.</p> <p>We are committed to creating a circular economy and through Y Cwtsh have established the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Book Swap (Welsh and English) • DVD Swap • Clothes Swap • Toy Swap <p>We also take donations of local school uniforms and PE kits that we re-distribute to our families.</p> <p>We received donations of furniture and even two beautiful plants that had outgrown a resident's bungalow. We also re-purposed many items from Tumble Family Centre.</p> <p>We are proud to champion Carmarthenshire County Council's "2 Minute Litter Pick" Campaign by displaying one of their very well-used boards at Y Cwtsh. This encourages many children and their families to go out collecting litter in Parc Y Mynydd Mawr and we are very grateful for their help.</p>	
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**Provision of
Y Cwtsh
(cont.)**



We recycle all glass; tins; plastic and food waste.

Free Wi-Fi is offered to service users and through a donation from ROCK, we have IT equipment available for service users needing to access the internet, for attending online courses or fill in forms.

Y Cwtsh fully embraces the Welsh language and culture and using a Welsh name that so aptly encompasses what we are about, was vital to us. We have bilingual signage and literature and encourage our volunteers and service users to speak and learn Welsh.

<p>Activity by</p> 	<p>Which well-being objectives have Llannon Community Council assisted Carmarthenshire PSB to deliver with this activity?</p>	<p>How have the 5 Ways of Working been used to shape your activity?</p>	<p>Which national Well-being Goals does this work support?</p>
<p>Provision of Community Space</p> <p>Tumble Hall</p>	<p>Healthy Habits</p> <p>Early Intervention and Prevention</p> <p>Strong Connections</p> <p>Prosperous People And Places</p>	<p>Tumble Hall is extremely well used and is an integral part of the community. There are several versatile spaces which can host a variety of activities that provide residents with many varied opportunities to improve their well-being.</p> <p>In 2022/23 Llannon Community Council made sure that the future of Tumble Hall was secure by carrying out extensive, essential maintenance.</p> <p>As part of this work, energy efficient improvements were made. Sensor lights were installed in various parts of the building and the hot water supplies to the first floor and the bar now run off the Council's own solar panels, sited on the roof.</p> <p>We supported community groups such as Cyfle i Bawb by offering low rental rates, to facilitate and sustain their bi-monthly gatherings.</p> <p>A number of keep-fit style classes' use the Hall's main room. The variety on offer increases the appeal to local residents who can find a suitable activity in which to participate and become more active.</p> <p>Hywel Dda University Health Board have used the main hall and meeting rooms for clinics and training for the benefit of our residents. Over 1000 residents were vaccinated in the flu clinic held in October. The use of the</p>	<p>A prosperous Wales</p> <p>A resilient Wales</p> <p>A healthier Wales</p> <p>A More Equal Wales</p> <p>A Wales of cohesive communities</p> <p>A Wales of vibrant culture and thriving Welsh language</p> <p>A globally responsible Wales</p>

Provision of Community Space

Tumble Hall (cont.)

facilities were complementary since they were held to aid local residents.

Due to the structural changes to the downstairs rooms, the heart failure clinic are able to offer more appointments every week.

Monthly Tea Dance



Cllr Steve Eldridge and his wife Paula were instrumental in setting up a monthly Sunday Tea Dance, featuring lindy hop, swing and jive. This has become an extremely popular event, not only providing residents with another opportunity to be active but also bringing people together in a social activity.

Our commitment to improving our green credentials continues in Tumble Hall. We use Fair Trade products and avoid the use of single-use plastic wherever possible. We recycle glass; tins; paper and plastic.

Tumble Hall also became a second venue for Tumble Family Centre. Tumble Tots sessions take place in the main hall every Wednesday. This is a very well attended session, offering essential support and connecting families.

After their building was condemned, Tumble Family Centre moved their sensory equipment to Tumble Hall.

**Provision of
Community
Space**

**Tumble Hall
(cont.)**

Many items of their furniture and equipment was repurposed in Tumble Hall.

Macmillan Coffee Morning (Sept 2022) was exceptionally well attended.

During October and February half term Cllr Llinos Davies organised a 'Fun Morning' with Cwm Gwendraeth Early Years Team. These events, aimed at children aged 0-5yrs, were free to attend and very positive feedback was received from organisers and families.

Free Wi-Fi is available in the Hall we have IT equipment available for service users needing to access the internet, attend online courses or fill in online forms.

In January, a very informative talk on the biodiversity of Mynydd Mawr Woodland Park was held in Tumble Hall. Cyfeillion y Coetir hosted the well-attended lecture. The guest speaker was Liam Olds of Colliery Spoil Initiative who had carried out an extensive survey of the Park.


Llannon ward remains a stronghold of the Welsh language and many of the events in Tumble Hall are naturally held in the Welsh language or bilingually.

Tumble Hall continues to be used to promote and protect the culture and heritage of Wales and the Welsh language.


Eisteddfod Gaderiol Y Tymbl was held in September, a recognition of its renown was the hundreds of people that attended.



<p>Provision of Community Space</p> <p>Tumble Hall (cont.)</p>		<p>Llannon Community Council is proud to display the Eisteddfod Trophies in the Conference Room on behalf of the Eisteddfod Committee.</p> <p>A charity concert 'Robat Arwyn & Ffrindiau' was held in the Hall.</p> <p>Bronwen Lewis performed two, sell-out concerts incorporating her bilingual versions of hit songs.</p> <p>Merched Y Wawr hold their monthly meetings in the Hall and arranged a successful Fashion Show.</p>	
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<p>Provision of 6 Playgrounds</p>	<p>Healthy Habits</p> <p>Early Intervention and Prevention</p> <p>Strong Connections</p> <p>Prosperous People and Places</p>	<p>In 2022/23, Llannon Community Council was responsible for the maintenance of playgrounds in the following areas:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Parc Y Mynydd Mawr, Tumble • Y Graig, Llechyfedach • Maes-y-Ffynnon, Llannon • Llannon Park • Cross Hands Park • Tirwaun, Cross Hands <p>The physical, social, educational and cognitive benefits of playgrounds is well recognised. The playgrounds provided by Llannon Community Council encourage families to become more active together and help families to connect. They provide opportunities for children and their families to develop friendships and social networks.</p> <p>The playgrounds help families to adopt healthy habits, where children learn to develop healthy habits of physical activity that last throughout their lives.</p> <p>Local schools and organisations make use of the playgrounds as part of their activities.</p> <p>Communication Boards were installed at Cross Hands; Llannon and Tumble playgrounds. The boards were funded by the Child Development Fund, via Carmarthenshire County Council and Hywel Dda Paediatric Speech and Language Therapy Department, the communication boards: help children express feelings and thoughts.</p>	<p>A prosperous Wales</p> <p>A resilient Wales</p> <p>A healthier Wales</p> <p>A More Equal Wales</p> <p>A Wales of cohesive communities</p>

<p>Provision of 6 Playgrounds (cont.)</p>		<p>Throughout 2022/23 Llannon Community Council worked actively with Cross Hands residents; Ysgol Cross Hands; County Councillors; Carmarthenshire County Council and local businesses to successfully install a new playground to Cross Hands Park.</p> <p>Everyone involved in the project was very proud when the new facility opened this year.</p>	
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Activity 	Which well-being objectives have Llannon Community Council assisted Carmarthenshire PSB to deliver with this activity?	How have the 5 Ways of Working been used to shape your activity?	Which national Well-being Goals does this work support?
Provision of Open Spaces and Sports Facilities	<p>Healthy Habits</p> <p>Early Intervention and Prevention</p> <p>Strong Connections</p> <p>Prosperous People and Places</p>	<p>In 2022, the open spaces in Parc Y Mynydd Mawr that had previously been transferred to Tumble United AFC as part of the Community Asset Transfer programme in 2018 were transferred over to Llannon Community Council.</p> <p>The Council is now responsible for the maintenance of the football field, the area behind Tumble Hall and the changing rooms/pavilion. We worked together with Tumble United AFC to ensure that provision would remain in place for the facilities to be maintained to support the Club going forward.</p> <p>The Council also actively liaised with Tumble RFC to share resources and support one another with maintenance when required. This proactive approach helps to deal with issues at an early stage, preventing problems while safeguarding long term needs.</p> <p>Cross Hands and District Bowls Club currently maintain the bowling green at Cross Hands Park, however the pavilion is still maintained by Llannon Community Council.</p> <p>The Council is in regular contact with Tumble RFC; Tumble United AFC, Cross Hands and District Bowls Club and Cefneithin RFC, regarding future</p>	<p>A prosperous Wales</p> <p>A resilient Wales</p> <p>A healthier Wales</p> <p>A More Equal Wales</p> <p>A Wales of cohesive communities</p> <p>A globally responsible Wales</p>

<p>Provision of Open Spaces and Sports Facilities (cont.)</p>		<p>improvements to sporting facilities across the Llannon Ward.</p> <p>The Cwm Gwendraeth Early Years Team and Tumble Family Centre arrange mother, baby and toddler walks in Parc Coetir Mynydd Mawr. Llannon Community Council works closely with other organisations to promote the benefits people obtain from visiting natural spaces in improving their physical and mental well-being.</p> <p>The Environmental Committee has initiated a local walking group to explore some of the footpaths around the ward, encouraging residents to walk footpaths they knew of old and also new residents.</p> <p>Details of biodiversity within Llannon Ward has been surveyed and is noted in Wildlife in your Ward - Llannon. https://binged.it/3DesfUH</p> <p>This profile includes:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Special species recorded in the ward. • Information on how to help and take part in protecting the local wildlife. • How to record species in the area • Special sites of interest in the area, such as conservation areas • Local sites and walks to explore. <p>The Council is working with Isabel Macho (Carmarthenshire Biodiversity Officer); Amanda Evans (Caeau Mynydd Mawr Conservation Officer) and Rachel Carter (Local Places for Nature Officer, One Voice Wales).</p>	
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<p>Provision of Open Spaces and Sports Facilities (cont.)</p>		<p>Under the guidance and support of these officers a solid framework has been developed to support and enhance biodiversity within the ward. Llannon Community Council also works in partnership with local environmental organisations, Keep Mynydd Mawr Tidy and Cyfeillion y Coetir, to provide extra volunteers to improve local wildlife areas.</p>	
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<p>Safer Routes in Communities</p>	<p>Healthy Habits</p> <p>Early Intervention and Prevention</p> <p>Strong Connections</p> <p>Prosperous People and Places</p>	<p>Llannon Community Council is committed to improving cycle and walking routes within Llannon Ward. Local resident Mr Phil Snaith and Carmarthenshire County Council had been developing active travel improvements in Tumble for a considerable time.</p> <p>Llannon Community Council became the Lead Applicant to obtain funding for the ambitious scheme worth £391,000.</p> <p>The aim is to encourage more children to walk, bicycle or use scooters to travel to and from Tumble primary school and reduce local car journeys.</p> <p>Letters of support were received from the following stakeholders:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Nia Griffith MP • Ysgol Y Tymbl • Cyfeillion Y Coetir • Early Years Cwm Gwendraeth Team • Local County Councillors, Cllr Dot Dones and Cllr Llinos Davies • Tumble RFC • Tumble United AFC • Tumble Family Centre • The Chair of Llannon Community Council • Cllr Ruth Davies • Y Cwtsh 	<p>A resilient Wales</p> <p>A healthier Wales</p> <p>A More Equal Wales</p> <p>A Wales of cohesive communities</p> <p>A globally responsible Wales</p>

**Safer Routes
in
Communities
(cont.)**

- 1st Drefach Brownies
- Tumble & Gwendraeth Valley Facebook Page Administrators

The bid was successful and work started on the project in the Summer of 2023.

<p>Activity by</p> 	<p>Which well-being objectives have Llannon Community Council assisted Carmarthenshire PSB to deliver with this activity?</p>	<p>How have the 5 Ways of Working been used to shape your activity?</p>	<p>Which national Well-being Goals does this work support?</p>
<p>Provision of Community Events</p>	<p>Healthy Habits</p> <p>Early Intervention and Prevention</p> <p>Strong Connections</p> <p>Prosperous People and Places</p>	<p>Residents welcomed the re-introduction of community events, following the COVID-19 pandemic.</p> <p>Llannon Community Council organised a range of events that brought the community together.</p> <p><u>Easter Fun Day</u> By working with local businesses to obtain sponsorship, the Council was able to arrange a free Easter Fun Day. Families were encouraged to actively work together participating in our Easter Egg hunt that led them to various locations around Parc Y Mynydd Mawr. The giant inflatable assault course, bouncy castle and dancing also kept everyone energised throughout the day.</p> <p>Tumble Family Centre assisted with arts and crafts activities and many residents volunteered to help on the day.</p> <p>As the event was completely free it was an opportunity for all families in the Llannon Ward to participate.</p> <p><u>Outdoor Cinema</u> In the Summer, the Council worked with local businesses who provided additional funding for our Outdoor Cinema event. Three of the film screenings were free of charge, again</p>	<p>A prosperous Wales</p> <p>A resilient Wales</p> <p>A healthier Wales</p> <p>A More Equal Wales</p> <p>A Wales of cohesive communities</p>

Provision of Community Events (cont.)


enabling all residents to be part of this occasion.

Summer of Fun

The Council also worked with Carmarthenshire County Council to arrange weekly activities throughout the school holidays, through their Summer of Fun programme.






All the equipment used as part of this programme: bikes, trikes, scooters, balls, nets, badminton set and rounders set is now permanently based at Parc Y Mynydd Mawr. This enables Llanon Community Council to hold various activities to benefit our younger residents and their families.

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<p>Provision of:</p> <p>Llannon Community Council's website.</p> <p>Social media presence on Facebook</p> <p>Discover Cross Hands App</p>	<p>Healthy Habits</p> <p>Early Intervention and Prevention</p> <p>Strong Connections</p> <p>Prosperous People and Places</p>	<p>Llannon Community Council's website: www.ccllannon.org.uk is open and transparent, providing residents with information regarding the operations of the Council and links to other services.</p> <p>In 2022 the Council created a new Facebook page: www.facebook.com/llannoncommunitycouncil The page has 420 followers. All posts are made in Welsh and English.</p> <p>The Council also operates the Facebook page for Tumble Hall: www.facebook.com/Tumblehall The page has 1100 followers.</p> <p>In addition, the Council operates the Facebook page for Y Cwtsh: www.facebook.com/CwtshYTymbi The page has 280 followers.</p> <p>The social media presence has allowed the Council to put out public information in a fast and accessible manner. This helps to assist with early resolving of problems and issues. It links well with other local accounts enabling sharing of information for residents.</p> <p>The Discover Cross Hands app is operated by Llannon Community Council and has provided a FREE service for local people and visitors to the area to find out more about what's on in Cross Hands and the surrounding</p>	<p>A prosperous Wales</p> <p>A resilient Wales</p> <p>A healthier Wales</p> <p>A More Equal Wales</p> <p>A Wales of cohesive communities</p> <p>A Wales of vibrant culture and thriving Welsh language</p> <p>A globally responsible Wales</p>

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<p>Maintaining 10 Public Rights of Way within the Llannon Ward</p>	<p>Healthy Habits</p> <p>Early Intervention and Prevention</p> <p>Strong Connections</p> <p>Prosperous People and Places</p>	<p>Llannon Community Council has an agreement in place with Carmarthenshire County Council to maintain 10 public rights of way within the Llannon Ward on behalf of Carmarthenshire County Council, enabling residents to be more active and improve their health and well-being.</p>	<p>A resilient Wales</p> <p>A healthier Wales</p> <p>A More Equal Wales</p> <p>A Wales of cohesive communities</p> <p>A globally responsible Wales</p>

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<p>Provision of grant funding to community groups</p>	<p>Healthy Habits</p> <p>Early Intervention and Prevention</p> <p>Strong Connections</p> <p>Prosperous People and Places</p>	<p>Community groups offer residents the opportunity to come together and participate in activities that interest them.</p> <p>This has many benefits, for example Cwm Gwendraeth Men’s Shed who are helping to tackle isolation and loneliness of gentlemen in the area. Some of which have found the transition into retirement very difficult and a huge strain on their mental health.</p> <p>During 2022/23 Llannon Community Council donated £2160 to local community groups with all of the recipients actively promoting the use of the Welsh language.</p> <p>Groups such as Cyfeillion Y Coetir encourage their members to enjoy the wonderful setting of Mynydd Mawr Country Park by either being a user of the park or becoming actively involved in maintaining the park as a volunteer.</p>	<p>A prosperous Wales</p> <p>A resilient Wales</p> <p>A healthier Wales</p> <p>A More Equal Wales</p> <p>A Wales of cohesive communities</p> <p>A Wales of vibrant culture and thriving Welsh language</p>

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<p>Provision to provide training for staff, councillors and volunteers and Real Living Wage Employer</p>	<p>Healthy Habits</p> <p>Early Intervention and Prevention</p> <p>Strong Connections</p> <p>Prosperous People and Places</p>	<p>To support our workforce, Llannon Community Council arranges regular training for its staff. This training is sometimes mandatory such as First Aid training but is more often to upskill staff in their roles.</p> <p>Training not only provides staff with knowledge, but it can also provide opportunities to form networks. Community Asset Training attended by the Clerk and Deputy Clerk gave them the opportunity to meet other important stakeholders within Carmarthenshire County Council and Hywel Dda University Health Board.</p> <p>Training for our volunteers has included First Aid training and Food Hygiene training and has given them the confidence to take embrace more responsibilities.</p> <p>Looking towards the long-term, the Environmental Committee organised training to help staff to understand the significance of the need to increase biodiversity and to recognise opportunities for action to aid in management to boost biodiversity.</p> <p>Llannon Community Council is proud to be a Real Living Wage Employer, ensuring our staff are valued and recognised for the part the contribution they make.</p> 	<p>A prosperous Wales</p> <p>A resilient Wales</p> <p>A healthier Wales</p> <p>A More Equal Wales</p> <p>A Wales of cohesive communities</p> <p>A globally responsible Wales</p>

