**LLANTYSILIO COMMUNITY COUNCIL**

**ANNUAL REPORT 2022-2023**

Council Elections 2022

Following the 2022 local council elections only eight of our nine councillors were elected back into office, this left a vacancy to be filled on the Council. It was resolved to advertise the vacancy on the Council’s website, Facebook page and on the notice-boards. The Clerk formulated the Notice of Co-option. The closing date for submissions of interest to be Friday May 27th with anyone interested to contact the Clerk or Chairman with a brief explanation of why they wish to become a member of the Council. Of the three candidates who applied, David Walton was successfully elected.

The Council sent congratulations to Cllr. Karen Edwards and Cllr. Paul Keddie for their success in being newly elected members of Denbighshire County Council.

Superfast Broadband

The Council has been fighting to get SF installed in its area for almost ten years and, with the help of our County Councillors and Philip Burrows, DCC Digital Officer the process of installing this facility has now begun. Unfortunately, some properties will not be able to receive this facility.

Defibrillators

The Council has sited a fourth defibrillator in Eglwyseg which has already been used, as have the other three. This has been one of the Council’s most successful projects of this past year.

Road surfacing

The road from Pentrefelin to the Horseshoe Falls has now been resurfaced. It has taken many months of the Council asking for this to be done, but we now have a decent road surface.

Parking at the Horseshoe Falls

There have been major problems with parking at the Horseshoe Falls, specifically at weekends and Bank holidays. The Council has been working with Countryside Services and the AONB to find a solution to this problem. Hopefully, the siting of bollards, fencing and a height barrier will help to alleviated this problem. The police have agreed to monitor the situation.

Social Housing

The Council is looking into the possibility of getting more social/affordable housing in its area using the three properties it managed to get in Pentredŵr as an example. Following discussions with DCC the problem is finding the funding and the land.

Dee Valley Levelling Up Fund

Some of this money is being used to resurface the road from Rhewl to Corwen in next year’s budget. DCC has had an underspend on roads in this financial year. This cash was used on resurfacing the road from Llantysilio Green to Pentrefelin. Ty Ddu Hill and the section of road below the Brit’ is also scheduled to be resurfaced.

British National Cycling Championship

The event was held on 30th October 2022 and although it entailed closing a section of the Pass it proved to be a very successful day with over 500 visitors cheering on the participants. The organisers of the event had kept the Councill well informed of their plans. The Council was supportive of the proposals on condition that all the residents effected by the road closure were contacted to ascertain their views. The Council felt that the Cycling Race would bring some funding to businesses in the area.

Pot-holes, hedges

The Council continues to monitor anything which has a detrimental effect on its residents, with the biggest problems being pot-holes and overgrown grass verges and hedges. Thankfully DCC have been supportive, but funds don’t always allow for the necessary repair work to be carried out quickly.

Cemetery

The Council has been looking into the possibility of extending the cemetery as it is fast running out of burial plots. Unfortunately, Llantysilio Estate is not willing to sell any land to the Council to allow for any extension so it is likely that there will only be sufficient space for the burial of ashes in the future.

Planning Applications

The Council has received a number of planning application this year with none of them being controversial. It continues to monitor all applications within its area.

Expenses

Although members of the Community Council are entitled to receive an allowance of £156 per annum to meet costs, all nine of Llantysilio Community Councillors waived their right to this allowance and signed an opt out agreement.

The 2020/21 Audit has been signed off by the Auditor for Wales, but due to a backlog in the Wales Audit Office the 2021/22 Audit is still with the auditors in Cardiff.

The Council is hoping, in the next financial year, to get the cemetery path red-done and remove the bus stop shelter by Llantysilio school and replace it with a seating area.

Residents can be assured that every step is taken to ensure that, as always, value for money remains a priority by councillors when decisions are made regarding expenditure.

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