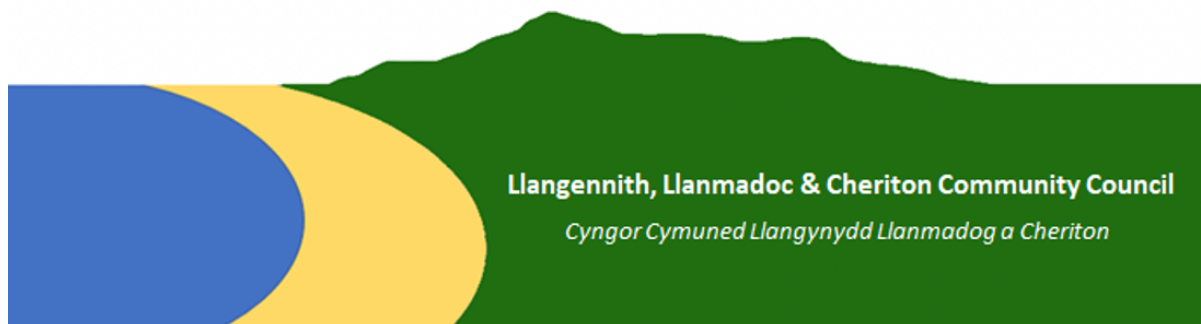




Llangennith, Llanmadoc & Cheriton Community Council Annual Report 2024/25

Council Members

Chair: John David (resigned April 2025)
Vice Chair: Martin Pashley
Councillors: Jonathan Bale
Tom Wentworth
Jackie Royall
Matthew Cowley
John Barker
Gareth Hopkins
Joyce Jenkins (resigned September 2024)
Dave Willis (resigned September 2024)
Clerk: Kathy Browning

You can contact the councillors directly using the contact details on the community council (CC) website www.llangennithllanmadoccc.org.uk or email the clerk at llangennithcommunitycouncil@gmail.com.

Community Council Annual Summary (Chair's Report)

The Chair's report reflects a year of significant community involvement, leadership transition, environmental planning, and infrastructure focus for the Community Council. The Chair's full report can be found with the AGM minutes on the council website.

Acknowledgements & Council Changes

- Gratitude is expressed to all our volunteer councillors, residents, community partners, and especially Clerk Kathy Browning who has worked tirelessly.
 - Several long-standing members have now retired; and we have a number of new councillors with enthusiasm for the future. Thank you for all the years that our long-standing members have supported the council and welcome to the new councillors.
 - The Chair is stepping down as of April 2025, confident in the council's new direction and focus.
 - Martin Pashley will be the new chair.
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Key Achievements & Initiatives

- **Dark Sky Community Status:** Gower is now officially recognised for its commitment to preserving dark skies. Although this is not a community council initiative, it is a great accolade that will be included in our biodiversity plan.
 - **Environmental Focus:**
 - A biodiversity plan is in development with support from Swansea Council.
 - A biodiversity survey is scheduled for June 2025, to involve community halls and churches.
 - A tree survey is commissioned for May 2025 to guide common land management.
 - **Infrastructure & Access:**
 - Collaborated on reinstating a safe route at Cwm Ivy post sea-wall breach.
 - Raised concerns about highways issues (potholes, flooding, verges).
 - Ensured footpaths were kept clear and gateways accessible.
 - **Public Safety & Health:**
 - Raised concerns on ambulance delays and First Response Vehicle access.
 - Continued maintenance of defibrillators across the community.
 - **Community Support:**
 - Provided grants for local events and facilities (e.g., fêtes, film club, Dog Show, benches, Christmas trees).
 - Supported a first aid course and updated the grants policy.
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Outstanding Matters

- Ongoing discussions with Llanmadoc Hall about a potential land sale for hall renovations.
 - The use of the First Response Vehicle.
 - The sea-wall breach solution.
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Financial Summary (2024/25)

Opening Cash balance:	£3,639
Income:	£8,326
Expenditure:	£7,424
Governance:	£4,356
Maintenance:	£1,031
Grants/support:	£1,750
Closing Cash balance:	£4,541

- **Precept* for 2025/26:** £8,900 (approx. £19/household)
- **Total available for 25/26:** Circa £13,800 (opening cash plus income)
- **Planned spending:** Governance, training, biodiversity, tree management, community grants.

**Precept is the amount of money collected from your council tax to support the community council work*

Council Operations

- Meetings are held monthly (except August), open to the public.
 - Updated policies: standing orders, financial policy, and training plan.
 - Training completed on governance, conduct, finance, and biodiversity.
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Community Engagement

- The council welcomes public input at meetings and events. Meetings are held on the first Wednesday of every month (except August). Locations are published on the website.
 - A stand will be present at the Llangennith Dog Show (27 July). Please come and see us and share your views on the work and plans for the community council.
 - We encourage recruitment of diverse councillors and those with an interest in biodiversity.
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Communication

- Ongoing updates via the website, parish magazine, and local Facebook pages.
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This year sets the stage for a more environmentally focused and community-engaged council, with new leadership and initiatives poised to strengthen local involvement and sustainability.