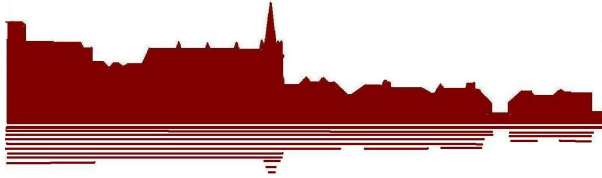


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## **Llanrhidian Higher Community Council**

**Annual Report 2022-2023**



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The Community Council consists of 10 Councillors who are appointed through election or co-option and the current term is from 2022-2027. Councillors were elected at the Local Government elections in May 2022 and their details are provided on the next page.

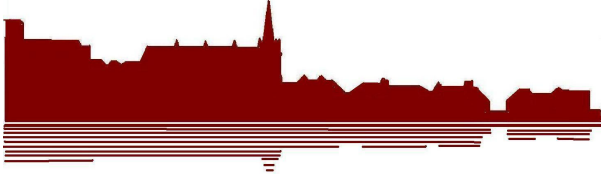
The Council employs one part-time employee who is the Clerk:

Mr Jeremy Parkhouse, Clerk and Responsible Finance Officer.

The Council meets every month each Municipal Year (except August & December when the Council is in recess), normally on the third Thursday of each month and holds its Annual Meeting during May. The dates of the Council meetings are provided in the report. The Council also has a Finance Committee (meets at least 4 times a year), a Personnel Committee (meets at least twice a year) and an Events & Projects Committee (meets at least twice a year).

All meetings are advertised on the Council's website [www.llanrhidianhighercommunitycouncil.co.uk](http://www.llanrhidianhighercommunitycouncil.co.uk) and on the noticeboard situated in the Memorial Gardens, Penclawdd.

The public are welcome to attend meetings and there is an item on every agenda where the public have up to 10 minutes to ask questions relating to any agenda items.



**Councillors**

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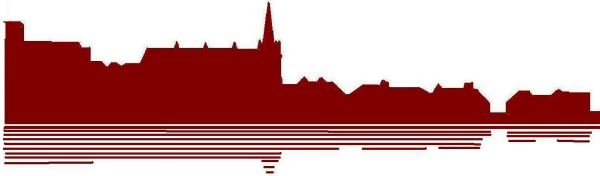
Melissa Roberts (Labour Party)

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**Clerk to the Community Council**

Jeremy Parkhouse

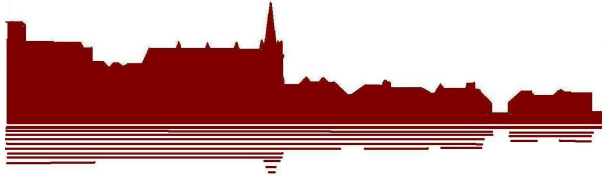
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**DATES OF COUNCIL MEETINGS – 2022/2023**

Meetings Commenced at 7 p.m. on the following dates: -

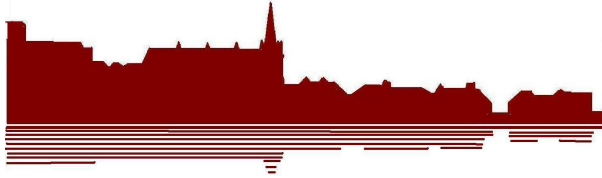
<b>19<sup>th</sup> May 2022 (Annual Meeting)</b>	-	<b>Penclawdd Community Centre</b>
<b>16<sup>th</sup> June 2022</b>	-	<b>Penclawdd Community Centre</b>
<b>21<sup>st</sup> July 2022</b>	-	<b>Penclawdd Community Centre</b>
<b>August 2022</b>	-	<b>Council in Recess</b>
<b>15<sup>th</sup> September 2022</b>	-	<b>Cancelled following the passing of Her Majesty, Queen Elizabeth II</b>
<b>20<sup>th</sup> October 2022</b>	-	<b>Penclawdd Community Centre</b>
<b>17<sup>th</sup> November 2022</b>	-	<b>Penclawdd Community Centre</b>
<b>December 2022</b>	-	<b>Council in Recess</b>
<b>19<sup>th</sup> January 2023</b>	-	<b>Penclawdd Community Centre</b>
<b>16<sup>th</sup> February 2023</b>	-	<b>Penclawdd Community Centre</b>
<b>16<sup>th</sup> March 2023</b>	-	<b>Penclawdd Community Centre</b>
<b>20<sup>th</sup> April 2023</b>	-	<b>Penclawdd Community Centre</b>



**Community Council Property**

The Council currently manages the following sites and employs a ground maintenance contractor to manage its property: -

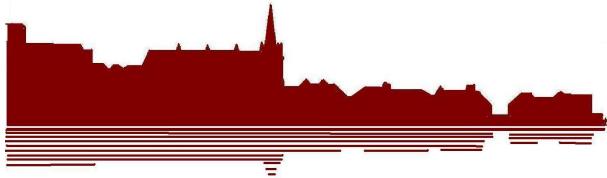
- Penclawdd Recreation Ground, including the Rugby Pavilion, Bowls / Weights Pavilion, Bowls Green and Tennis Courts.
- Dan Y Graig Football Pavilion and Playing Field.
- Llanmorlais Recreation Ground, including Pavilion, MUGA, Tennis Courts, Skateboard Park and Playing Field.
- Graig Y Coed Pavilion and Playing Fields (1 Football and 1 Rugby) (Leased from Swansea Council)
- Crofty Playground (Leased from National Trust)
- Penclawdd Playground (Leased from Somerset Trust).
- Foreshore Car Park, Penclawdd (Leased from Somerset Trust).
- Memorial Gardens.
- Mount Hermon Chapel, Cemetery and Car Park, Penclawdd.
- Parc Hendy Cemetery, Penclawdd.
- Graig Y Coed Woodland Project (Leased from Swansea Council).



**Financial Details**

The Council's financial details for 2022/23 are as follows: -

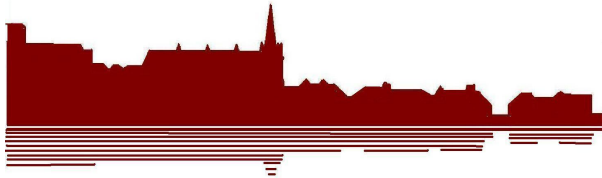
- Council Precept – The Council Precept for 2022-2023 was £153,999.34 - (£95.89 per Band D property).
- The total Income for 2022-2023 was £171,774.57.
- The total expenditure for 2022-2023 was £153,714.08.
- Annual Governance Statement for Year Ended 31<sup>st</sup> March 2022 – Awaiting approval by Audit Wales (External Auditor).



**Progress of Council Priorities**

The Council agreed the following as its priorities for 2022/23: -

	<b>Priority</b>	<b>Progress</b>
1.	To continue to work with Swansea Council / third sector organisations / private businesses to improve the appearance of the area by working with the Penclawdd Ward Member and various departments of the Unitary Authority.	The Community Council has worked in partnership with the Penclawdd Ward Member / Swansea Council throughout the area.
2.	Continuing with the current onsite works, to continue with the digital transfer of records and to plan further capital works at Parc Hendy Cemetery.	The transfer of digital records is slowly progressing. The Grounds Maintenance Contractor has replaced the step at the top pedestrian entrance to the Cemetery. A contractor has been appointed to design the lower section of the Cemetery. The skip has been relocated and a smaller 'green only' bin installed. Drainage works at the bottom area of the graveyard are to be planned next year.
3.	To continue with the digital transfer of records and to plan further capital works at Mount Hermon Cemetery.	The transfer of digital records is slowly progressing. The Community Council was successful with a grant application to extend the footpath to the bottom of the graveyard and work will be completed within the next couple of months.
4.	Organizing CPR training in liaison with the Penclawdd Ward Member.	3 training sessions were held at Penclawdd Community Centre and was attended by over 60 people.



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5.	Organisation of the Remembrance Sunday Service.	The Remembrance Sunday Service was held on 12 <sup>th</sup> November 2022.
6.	Continue to monitor building maintenance requirements through the Finance Committee.	The building maintenance schedule is monitored at each Finance Committee meeting.
7.	To support the 'Friends Of' Groups on the development of playground Improvements.	The Events & Projects Committee is progressing the improvements at Penclawdd Playground. The Community Council is awaiting funding from Swansea Council.
8.	To oversee the project at Dan Y Graig to install portacabin changing rooms in partnership with Penclawdd Football Club.	Planning approval was obtained in January 2023 and the grant application submitted following the approval. The application is ongoing, subject to additional information being submitted.
9.	To oversee the installation of CCTV at the Bowls Pavilion and to manage the facility going forward.	The CCTV was installed in May 2022 and has been used to deal with anti-social behaviour at the Bowls Green, which was forwarded to South Wales Police. The Clerk monitors the CCTV footage.