

Llanrhidian Higher Community Council

Annual Report 2023-2024

The Local Government and Elections (Wales) Act 2021 required that all Councils must provide an annual report, which will be due for publication as soon as practicable after 1st April 2022.

The Community Council's Annual Report for 2023-2024 is based upon the Annual Plan 2023-2024, which gives information about the Community Council, the activities it carried out and progress against its priorities for 2023-2024.

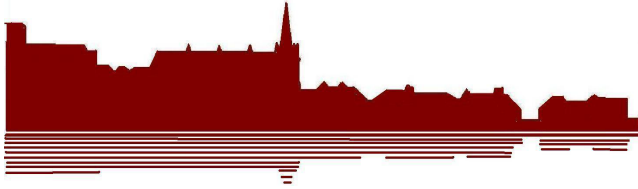
The Annual Report is attached at Appendix A.

Recommendation: It is recommended that the Annual Report 2023-2024 be approved and published on the Community Council website.

Jeremy Parkhouse

Clerk to the Community Council

10th April 2024

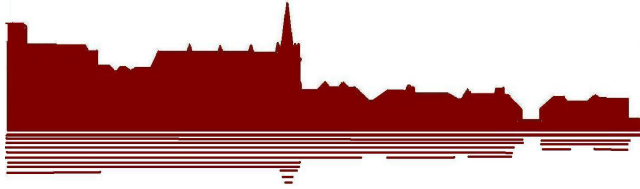


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Appendix A

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The Community Council consists of 10 Councillor positions 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.

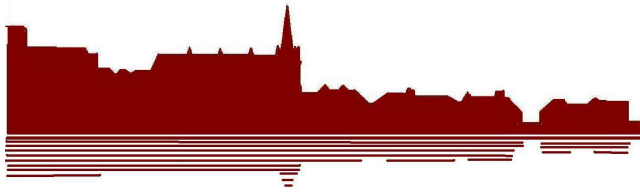
The Council employs one part-time employee who is the Clerk:

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 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.



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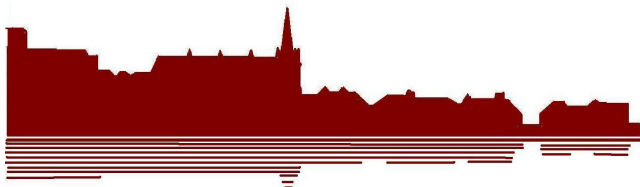
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DATES OF COUNCIL MEETINGS – 2023/2024

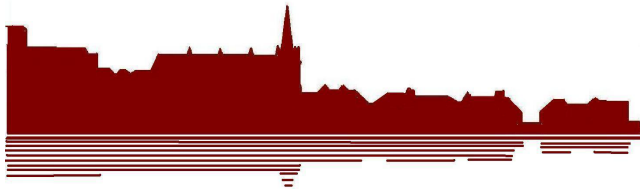
Meetings Commenced at 7 p.m. on the following dates: -

18th May 2023 (Annual Meeting)	-	Penclawdd Community Centre
15th June 2023	-	Penclawdd Community Centre
20th July 2023	-	Penclawdd Community Centre
August 2023	-	Council in Recess
21st September 2023	-	Penclawdd Community Centre
19th October 2023	-	Penclawdd Community Centre
16th November 2023	-	Penclawdd Community Centre
6th December 2023 (Extraordinary)	-	Penclawdd Community Centre
4th January 2024 (Extraordinary)	-	Penclawdd Community Centre
18th January 2024	-	Penclawdd Community Centre
8th February 2024	-	Penclawdd Community Centre
21st March 2024	-	Penclawdd Community Centre
18th April 2024	-	Penclawdd Community Centre

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, Changing Rooms 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

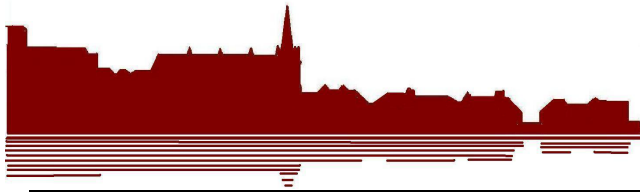
The Council's financial details for 2023/24 are as follows: -

- Council Precept – The Council Precept for 2023-2024 was £164,427.73, (£105.47 per Band D property).
- The total Income for 2023-2024 was £617,384.38
- The total expenditure for 2023-2024 was £376,135.26
- Annual Governance Statement for Years Ended 31st March 2022 and 2023 – Awaiting approval by Audit Wales (External Auditor).

Progress of Council Priorities

The Council agreed the following as its priorities for 2023/24: -

	Priority	Progress
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 previously provided a quotation to install drainage to the newest section of the graveyard. Contractors have been requested to provide quotations to repair the top entrance wall.
3.	To continue with the digital transfer of records and to plan further capital works at Mount Hermon Cemetery.	The transfer of digital records has progressed well. The lower section and cremated remains areas have been completed, with only the older section of the graveyard next to the



		Chapel remaining outstanding. However, the Council does not have any written records of these graves.
4.	Organizing CPR training at Penclawdd Community Centre on an annual basis.	A session was held in July 2023.
5.	Organizing the Remembrance Sunday Service 2023.	The Remembrance Sunday Service was held on 12 th November 2023.
6.	To support the 'Friends Of' Groups on the development of playground Improvements.	The Penclawdd Playground Improvement Project is progressing well and is scheduled to complete in May 2024. A climbing frame removed from Penclawdd will be installed at Crofty Playground.
7.	To oversee the project at Parc Dan Y Graig to install portacabin changing rooms in partnership with Penclawdd Football Club and contractors.	The project has taken far longer than planned owing to delays, mainly by SSE Southern Electric. The only work that remains outstanding is the completion of the disabled showers.
8.	To oversee the installation of CCTV at problem areas, including Mount Hermon Cemetery Car Park, Parc Hendy Cemetery and Graig Y Coed and to manage the facilities going forward.	A quotation is awaited in respect of extending CCTV coverage at Penclawdd Recreation Ground.
9.	To finalise the insurance works being undertaken at the Bowls Pavilion.	The works have been completed.