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Annual Report 2024-2025

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 in any given year.

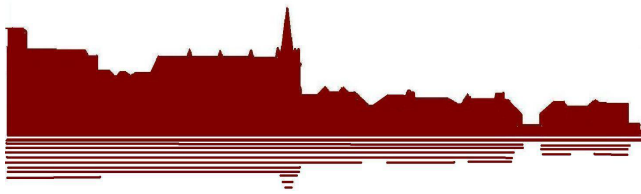
The Community Council's Annual Report for 2024-2025 is based upon the Annual Plan 2024-2025, which gives information about the Community Council, the activities it carried out and progress against its priorities for 2024-2025.

The Annual Report is attached at Appendix A.

Jeremy Parkhouse

Clerk to the Community Council

3rd April 2025

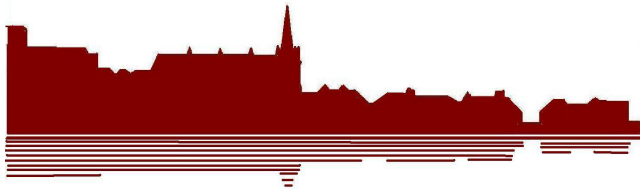


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Appendix A

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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.

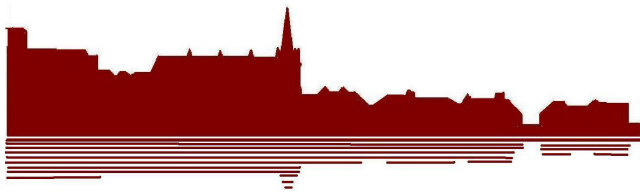
The Council employs one part-time employee who is the Clerk:

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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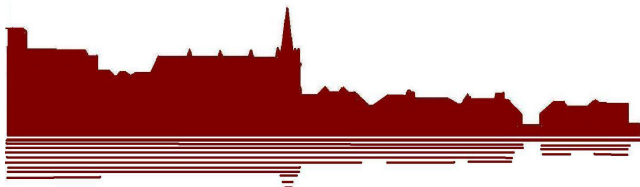
Mike Sheehan (Welsh Liberal Democrats)

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DATES OF COUNCIL MEETINGS – 2024/2025

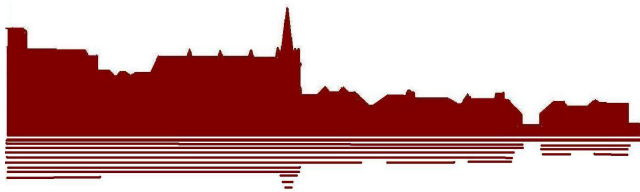
Meetings Commenced at 7 p.m. on the following dates: -

16th May 2024 (Annual Meeting)	-	Penclawdd Community Centre
20th June 2024	-	Penclawdd Community Centre
18th July 202	-	Penclawdd Community Centre
August 2024	-	Council in Recess
19th September 2024	-	Penclawdd Community Centre
17th October 2024	-	Penclawdd Community Centre
21st November 2024	-	Penclawdd Community Centre
December 2024	-	Council in Recess
16th January 2025	-	Penclawdd Community Centre
13th February 2025	-	Penclawdd Community Centre
20th March 2025	-	Penclawdd Community Centre
10th April 2025	-	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).
- Graig Y Coed Community Workshop.



Financial Details

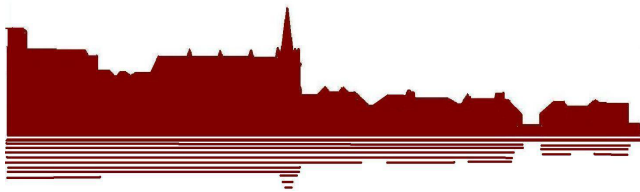
The Council's financial details for 2024/25 are as follows: -

- Council Precept – The Council Precept for 2024-2025 was £180,447.15, (£112.85 per Band D property).
- The total Income for 2024-2025 was £210,421.89
- The total expenditure for 2024-2025 was £309,825.71
- Annual Governance Statement for Years Ended 31st March 2022, 2023 and 2024 – Awaiting approval by Audit Wales (External Auditor).

Progress of Council Priorities

The Council agreed the following as its priorities for 2024/25: -

	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 Ward.
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 November 2024.
5)	Organizing the Remembrance Sunday Service 2024.	The Remembrance Sunday Service was successfully held on 10th November 2024.



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6)	To complete the Penclawdd Playground Improvements Project.	The Penclawdd Playground Project was successfully completed in July 2024.
7)	To finalise the Parc Dan Y Graig Project.	The Parc Dan Y Graig Project has a couple of small items outstanding.
8)	To oversee the installation of CCTV at problem areas.	CCTV will be installed at Graig Y Coed Pavilion on 14 th April 2025. The CCTV system at the Bowls Pavilion was serviced on 31 st March 2025.