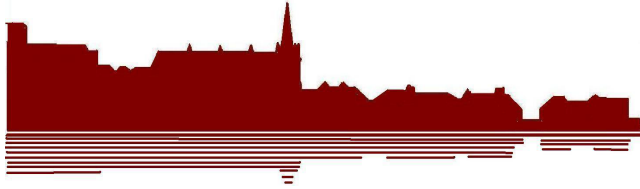


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## **Llanrhidian Higher Community Council**

**Annual Report 2025-2026**



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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.

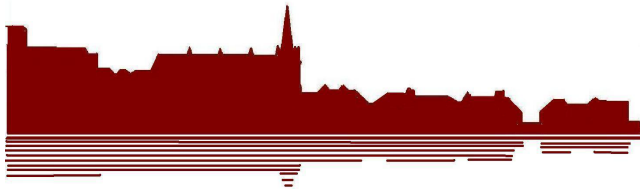
The Council employs one part-time employee who is the Clerk:

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](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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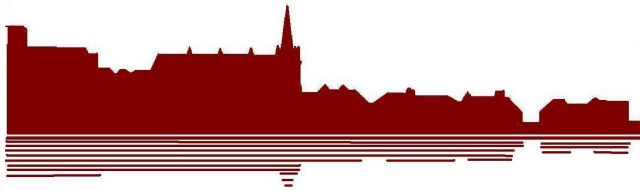
Mike Sheehan (Vice Chair) (Welsh Liberal Democrats)

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**DATES OF COUNCIL MEETINGS – 2025/2026**

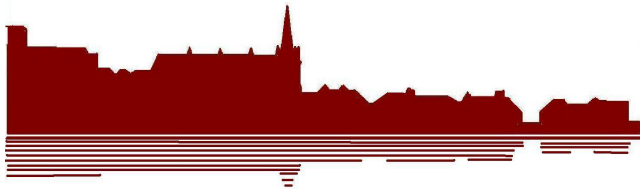
Meetings Commenced at 7 p.m. on the following dates: -

<b>15<sup>th</sup> May 2025 (Annual Meeting)</b>	-	<b>Penclawdd Community Centre</b>
<b>19<sup>th</sup> June 2025</b>	-	<b>Penclawdd Community Centre</b>
<b>17<sup>th</sup> July 2025</b>	-	<b>Penclawdd Community Centre</b>
<b>August 2025</b>	-	<b>Council in Recess</b>
<b>18<sup>th</sup> September 2025</b>	-	<b>Penclawdd Community Centre</b>
<b>16<sup>th</sup> October 2025</b>	-	<b>Penclawdd Community Centre</b>
<b>20<sup>th</sup> November 2025</b>	-	<b>Penclawdd Community Centre</b>
<b>December 2025</b>	-	<b>Council in Recess</b>
<b>15<sup>th</sup> January 2026</b>	-	<b>Penclawdd Community Centre</b>
<b>12<sup>th</sup> February 2026</b>	-	<b>Penclawdd Community Centre</b>
<b>19<sup>th</sup> March 2026</b>	-	<b>Penclawdd Community Centre</b>
<b>16<sup>th</sup> April 2026</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, Changing Rooms and Playing Field.
- Llanmorlais Recreation Ground, including Pavilion, MUGA, Tennis Courts, Skateboard Park and Playing Field.
- Graig Y Coed Playing Fields (1 Football and 1 Rugby) and Pavilion (Leased from Swansea Council).
- Crofty Playground (Leased from National Trust)
- Penclawdd Playground (Leased from Somerset Trust (Duke of Beaufort)).
- Foreshore Car Park, Penclawdd (Leased from Somerset Trust (Duke of Beaufort)).
- 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 Shed.



### **Financial Details**

The Council's financial details for 2025/26 are as follows: -

- Council Precept – The Council Precept for 2025-2026 was £184,051.68 (£114.46 per Band D property).
- The total Income for 2025-2026 was £232,441.57.
- The total expenditure for 2025-2026 was £219,036.89.
- Annual Governance Statement for Years Ended 31<sup>st</sup> March 2022, 2024 and 2025 – Approved as 'unqualified' audits by Audit Wales (External Auditor).

### **Progress of Council Priorities**

The Council agreed the following as its priorities for 2025/26: -

	<b>Priority</b>	<b>Progress</b>
1)	To work in partnership with the Penclawdd Ward Member to finalise Graig Y Coed Community Shed / Woodland project and associated works.	Graig Y Coed Community Shed was formally opened by Councillor Rob Stewart, Leader of Swansea Council in July 2025 and its membership and output continues to grow.
2)	To organise the 2025 Remembrance Sunday service.	The 2025 Remembrance Service was held on Sunday, 9 <sup>th</sup> November 2025.
3)	To continue to oversee the transfer of graves at Mount Hermon / Parc Hendy Cemeteries onto Edge IT software.	Progress is ongoing and will significantly increase in 2026/2027.
4)	To work towards the resolution of issues at the Foreshore Car Park.	The Council's appointed solicitors have not received a response from the Somerset Trust (Duke of Beaufort).
5)	To organise CPR training and to monitor the defibrillators within the Ward.	The training was organized in September 2026 and was well attended.