### **Llanrhidian Higher Community Council**

Annual Report 2021-2022

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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 2017-2022. Councillors were elected at the Local Government elections in May 2017 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 everymonth 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 Finance Committee (meets at least 4 times a year) & Personnel Committee (meets at least twice a year).

All meetings are advertised on the Council's website <a href="https://www.llanrhidianhighercommunitycouncil.co.uk">www.llanrhidianhighercommunitycouncil.co.uk</a> 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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#### Councillors

#### **Penclawdd Ward**

Nigel Doyle (Labour Party)

Sue Phillips (Labour Party)

Richard Sweet (Labour Party)

Paul Tucker (Independent)

Victoria Lewis (Independent)

mailto:victoriaclewis@hotmail.com

**Andrew Williams** 

(Labour Party)

#### **Llanmorlais**

#### **Ward**

Leanne Davies (Independent)

Ann Lewis-Pudduck (Labour Party)

Melissa Roberts (Labour Party)

Mark Thomas (Labour Party)

#### **Clerk to the Community Council**

Jeremy Parkhouse clerk@llanrhidianhighercommunitycouncil.co.uk

#### **DATES OF COUNCIL MEETINGS – 2021/2022**

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

20<sup>th</sup> May 2021 (Annual Meeting immediately followed by Ordinary Meeting) - Remotely on Zoom

17<sup>th</sup> June 2021

- Remotely on Zoom

15<sup>th</sup> July 2021

Remotely on Zoom

August 2021

Council in Recess

16<sup>th</sup> September 2021

Penclawdd Community Centre

21st October 2021

Remotely on Zoom

December 2021

- Council in Recess

20th January 2022

Remotely on Zoom

17<sup>th</sup> February 2022

Penclawdd Community Centre

16<sup>th</sup> March 2022

Penclawdd Community Centre

19<sup>th</sup> May 2022

Penclawdd Community Centre

(First Annual General

Meeting)



#### **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 202are as follows: -

- Council Precept The Council Precept for 2021-2022 was £140,416.80 [[£85.62 per Band D property.
- The total Income for 2020-2021 was £168,934.36.
- The total expenditure for 2020-2021 was £143,073.81.
- Annual Governance Statement for Year Ended 31st March 2021 Approved by Audit Wales (External Auditor) on 3rd March 2022.



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#### **Progress of Council Priorities**

The Council agreed the following as its priorities for 2021/22: -

	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 local businesses / Penclawdd Ward Member / Swansea Council regarding the Foreshore Car Park / bin provision.
2.	Playground improvements at Penclawdd and Crofty.	The Friends of Groups have been concentrating upon Penclawdd Playground. A number of companies have been approached but very few have provided concrete proposals. It is hoped that good progress can be made by summer 2022.
3.	To work in partnership with sporting bodies regarding maintenance and use of facilities.	The Community Council is currently working in partnership with Penclawdd Football Club to purchase portacabin changing rooms at Dan Y Graig.  Improvement works are also on-going at Graig Y Coed Pavilion kitchen.
4.	Finalizing improvement works at Mount Hermon Chapel & Cemetery and to continue with the digital transfer of records.	Improvement works at Mount Hermon Cemetery were completed. The digital transfer of records is on-going.
5.	Continuing with the current on-site works, to continue with the digital transfer of records and to plan further capital works at Parc Hendy Cemetery.	Improvement works at the bottom entrance to the Cemetery are expected to be completed before May 2022. The digital transfer



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		of records is on-going.
6.	Organising CPR training at both Llanmorlais Hall and Penclawdd Community Centre within approximately 6 months if it is safe to do so and to work in partnership with the Penclawdd Ward Member regarding future provision of defibrillators.	Llanmorlais Hall is unavailable at present so training will be held in Penclawdd Community Centre Sports Hall. The Clerk is currently working with Heartbeat Trust UK / Councillor Mark Thomas / St John's Ambulance to establish training dates.
7.	Organisation of the Remembrance Sunday Service.	The Remembrance Sunday Service was held on 14 <sup>th</sup> November 2021.
8.	To monitor building maintenance requirements through the Finance Committee.	The building maintenance schedule is monitored at each Finance Committee meeting.