CYNGOR CYMUNED BETWS YN RHOS a LLANELIAN YN RHOS
COMMUNITY COUNCIL

ANNUAL REPORT 1/4/2024– 31/3/2025

The following is the Annual Report for Betws yn Rhos and Llanelian yn Rhos Community Council for the year 2024 to 2025.

NUMBERS ON THE ELECTORAL REGISTER FOR THE COMMUNITY COUNCIL AREA

Betws yn Rhos – 553 Llanelian yn Rhos - 318 Total - 871

MEMBERS OF THE COMMUNITY COUNCIL

REPRESENTING

Chair: John Evans Sports Association, Betws yn Rhos

Deputy Chair : Glena Humphrey, Management Board of Ysgol Betws yn Rhos

Councillors:

Irwedd Griffiths	Management Board of Ysgol y Plas
Bryn Jones	Betws yn Rhos Cemetery
D Gwyn Jones	Community Hall, Llanelian yn Rhos
Gethin Owen	Village Hall, Betws yn Rhos

Goronwy Rees Williams
Hefin Williams Local Education Authority
Gwenda Davies

Conwy County Councillor: Ifor Glyn Lloyd

Clerk: Mel Jones

ELECTIONS

There were no elections during the year. An advertisement was placed on the Community Council website for the vacancy following the sad passing of Councillor John Roberts.

MEETINGS

Ten meetings were held during the year. There are no meetings held in August or December.

Due to the rebuilding of the Community Hall at Llanelian most meetings were held at the Sports Pavilion, Betws yn Rhos.

The building work at the Community Hall is completed and two meetings have already been held at that location. Moving forward meetings will be spread equally between the two venues.

ATTENDANCE

There was a 84% attendance by the Councillors during the year and the County Councillor attended 9 of these meetings.

FINANCE

An application was made and accepted by Conwy County Borough Council for the sum of £13,000 as the Precept for the year.

Expenditure was as follows:

Clerk's salary/HMRC = £9,563.82
Grants for community groups = £6,218.07
Various administration costs including Wifi/website = £1,768.07
VAT = £598.82
Annual Audit = £316.80
Meeting Rooms rent = £235.00
Payroll Services = £234.00
Bank Charges = £62.00

Total = £18,996.58

The internal audit had some comments and observation and these were addressed prior to submission to Audit Wales. The internal audit papers are on the Community Council website There is a delay in the full audit report being received from Audit Wales. Once received it will be posted on the Community Council website.

PLANNING APPLICATIONS

27 planning applications within the Community Council area were discussed and a written report was submitted to the Planning Department at Conwy Borough County Council in respect of each application outlining the Council view.

18 of the applications were granted, 5 were refused and 4 are still under consideration at the time of writing

WIND FARMS

This is an area that is ongoing and there has been a recent development of a wind farm/solar park being proposed on Llanelian Mountain. It is obvious that this has caused great

concern to local residents. This matter will be closely monitored as development progresses.

TRAINING

No training took place during this year, neither as a group nor individually.

GENERAL COMMENTS

There is a need for refurbishment work to be carried out at the Children's Playground at Betws yn Rhos. The issue has been explored and equipment identified. This is being shared with the pre-school establishment to ensure that the correct apparatus is sourced. There will need to be a grant application made for the purchase of the equipment.
This work is ongoing.

Conwy Brough Council have made the decision to permanently close the Public Toilets at Llanelian. The Community Council have decided to take over the running of the Public Toilets and the costings have been included in the precept application for 2025/2026.

Yours faithfully

Mel Jones
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