CYNGOR CYMUNED BETWS YN RHOS a LLANELIAN YN RHOS
COMMUNITY COUNCIL

ANNUAL REPORT 1/4/2025– 31/3/2026

The following is the Annual Report for Betws yn Rhos and Llanelian yn Rhos Community Council for the year 2025 to 2026.

NUMBERS ON THE ELECTORAL REGISTER FOR THE COMMUNITY COUNCIL AREA

Betws yn Rhos – 554 Llanelian yn Rhos - 314 Total - 868

MEMBERS OF THE COMMUNITY COUNCIL

REPRESENTING

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

Deputy Chair: Gethin Owen, Village Hall, Betws yn Rhos

Councillors:

Irwedd Griffiths	Management Board of Ysgol y Plas
D Gwyn Jones	Community Hall, Llanelian yn Rhos
John Evans	Sports Association, Betws yn Rhos
Goronwy Rees Williams	
Hefin Williams	Local Education Authority
Gwenda Davies	
Gwenno Thomas	
Tudur Roberts	

Conwy County Councillor: Ifor Glyn Lloyd

Clerk: Mel Jones

ELECTIONS

There were no elections during the year. During the year two new Councillors were co-opted to join the Community Council. Gwawr Thomas replaced the late John Roberts and Tudur Roberts replaced Bryn Jones who resigned from the Community Council.

MEETINGS

Ten meetings were held during the year. There are no meetings held in August or December.
The meetings are spread equally between two venues – The Sports Pavillion, Betws yn Rhos and The Village Hall, Llanelian.

ATTENDANCE

There was 74% attendance by the Councillors during the year, and the County Councillor attended 6 of the meetings.

FINANCE

An application was made and accepted by Conwy County Borough Council for the sum of £18,000 as the Precept for the year.

Expenditure was as follows:

Clerk's salary/HMRC = £9,585.31
Grants for community groups = £3,083.50
Various administration costs including Wifi/website = £2,173.70
VAT = £283.60

Annual Audit = £708.60
Meeting Rooms rent = £160.00
Payroll Services = £255.76
Bank Charges = £25.40

Total = £16,275.87

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 The full audit report was received from Audit Wales after some delay. This has been posted on the Community Council website.

PLANNING APPLICATIONS

31 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.

22 of the applications were granted, 4 were refused. 1 was withdrawn and 4 are still under consideration at the time of writing

WIND FARMS

This is an area that is ongoing and there have been a recent development offshore – Awel y Mor - with a proposal of a wind farm/solar park on Llanelian Mountain. This has been currently shelved. It is obvious that this has caused great concern to residents. The matter will be closely monitored as development progresses.

TRAINING

In December 2025 a joint training event was held with Llanfair T.H Community Council facilitated by One Voice Wales. The training subject was 'Councillors Code of Conduct – Module 9'. Seven Councillors and the Clerk attended the training. There is further training planned for the coming year for the newly appointed councillors. A Training Plan has been adopted.

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 has been shared with the pre-school establishment to ensure that the correct apparatus is sourced. A grant application has been made to the Pride in Place fund and to the Solar Park Community Fund for nearly £50,000 which will ensure that the development of the playground goes ahead. The decisions regarding the grants are awaited.

Conwy Brough Council have made the decision to permanently close the Public Toilets at Llanelian. The Community Council decided to take over the running of the Public Toilets and the costings was included in the precept application for 2025/2026. There has been a delay in obtaining the lease for the Toilet Block, but this is now on track, and the toilets should be in the control of the Community Council before the summer and open for public use.

Yours faithfully

Mel Jones
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