

# DUHONW COMMUNITY COUNCIL

## Report for Year 2022-23

Duhonw Community Council was created in 1985 following a review of the Local Government Boundary Commission for Wales, amalgamating the four small communities of Llanddewi'r Cwm, Llangynog, Llanynis and Maesmynis and is listed as a SSSI.

The Community Council which is represented by seven members covers a vast area of upland and arable land and woodland including scattered farms and dwellings which comprises of 4375.74 hectares with a population of approximately 294. This equates to a population density of 0.01 persons per hectare. Meetings are held at Maesmynis Church Hall which is the venue where other organisations meet.

The local County Councillor is in regular attendance as a guest to support and advise the Community Council as required.

After serving the Llanafanfawr Ward as County Councillor for 23 years Mr David Price did not stand for re-election in May 2022. Following the election Mr Bryan Davies now represents the ward which has increased in size and called Llanafanfawr with Garth. CC. Davies was welcomed in this capacity to the AGM held on 24 May 2022.

## **GENERAL**

This year has been unique as the Platinum Jubilee of HM Queen Elizabeth 11 was an international celebration marking the 70<sup>th</sup> anniversary of her accession on 6<sup>th</sup> February 1952. The 1<sup>st</sup> British Monarch to ever celebrate one.

Unfortunately, the Queen passed away on 8<sup>th</sup> September in Balmoral aged 96 years.

During the mourning period meetings and events were postponed.

## **COMMUNITY COUNCIL'S FINANCE**

The Community Council's income is provided by a precept which is part of the council tax paid by each household and collected by Powys County Council. The precept is paid to the community council in three parts during the months of April, August and December. Expenses of the Community Council include Clerk's Salary, Insurance, Internal and External Audit Fees, Membership to One voice Wales etc. Precept for 2022/23 was £2800.00

## **AUDIT**

Administered its own affairs effectively which will be subject to an internal and external audit and ensured good governance.

## **AUDIT OF FUNCTIONS**

- \* The Community Council is a member of One Voice Wales who provide a wealth of information and are available for advice and training.
- \* Communication between Councillors and Clerk is via e-mail, telephone and post.
- \* Supported residents (in conjunction with Cilmerly Community Council) by administrating and assisting with the possibility of a digital broadband project supplied by Broadway Partners Ltd.
- \* Responded appropriately to all planning issues requiring their consideration on time.
- \* Road issues which were of concern to residents – notably in respect of highways conditions including potholes, blocked drains, cutting of grass verges and overhanging branches to improve visibility, continue to be reported to Powys County Council via our County Councillor.
- \* Supported the working group of Maesmynis Church Hall regarding obtaining funding for improvements to the building.
- \* Trustees of the Sybil Vaughan Charity stated rental income has been handed over to Llanddewi'r Cwm Church.
- \* All members opted out of the proposed allowance of £150.00 and notified the Proper Officer.

## **AIMS AND OBJECTIVES**

- \* To act as a link between public sector organisations and the community on a range of subjects such as the environment, planning matters, community events and safety.
- \* To represent the views of the community.
- \* Identify concerns and seek to develop solutions from other bodies.
- \* Support if needed identified community projects and groups.
- \* The impact of climate change remains an ongoing concern.

