

Llanfrynach Community Council Annual Report 2025-26

Chairs Report 2026 from Councillor Jackie Williams

I stepped into the role of Chair in June 2025 after Mr P Kendrick stepped aside.

I'd like to thank Councillors for their continued support over the last year. We have managed to support local charities and events for the children without increasing the precept for all the communities in our Community Council area.

Due to trying circumstances, we lost Councillors who had been a considerable asset to our community and unfortunately no one has come forward to replace them. This is not for the want of trying.

With only 3 Cllrs remaining we have made sure all decisions are discussed fully and minuted.

Despite difficult circumstances the Community Council has continued to meet regularly, meeting its obligations to set its budget and lodge its precept with Powys County Council.

Following a tendering process the boundary fence at Groesffordd has been replaced.

All Planning applications have been discussed and noted accordingly.

Community Council has ensured its insurance policy was renewed.

The Community Council also lodged its Annual Returns with the Wales Audit Office

The Community Council, as part of the process of engaging with its residents has developed a newsletter which will be delivered to every household over the next few weeks. The purpose is to inform residents of what their Councillors have been working on and explaining how the Community Council works and how the precept contributions benefit us all. It is anticipated that consultation events will take place during the summer and autumn months.

I would like to thank Councillors C de Winton, J Phillips, R Seymour and P Kendrick for all the hard work they have put in over the last year, in what has been very challenging on times.

I also say a big thank you to our Clerk, Mrs Keren Bender for all her knowledge, expertise and guidance over the last year.

Thanks go to County Councillor Devlin for attending meetings and taking concerns we raise to the appropriate departments within Powys.

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Councillor Jackie Williams – Chair

Council Structure

Llanfrynach Community Council covers Llanfrynach, Cantref and Llanhamlach Wards and is composed of dedicated members who work together to serve the local community. The number of Councillors able to represent the Community Council is nine, at the beginning of the Council year there were 5 Councillors appointed, however two councillors resigned for personal reasons leaving three Councillors to carry out the work of the Community Council. Community Councillors are supported by their qualified Clerk and their County Councillor .

Cllr Jackie Williams – Interim Chair

Cllr Phil Kendrick – Chair (resigned)

Cllr Roger Seymour (resigned)

Cllr Charles de-Winton

Cllr Julia Phillips

Keren Bender- Clerk

County Councillor Raiff Devlin

Meetings

Llanfrynach Community Council holds regular hybrid meetings which are conducted in person at Llanfrynach Village Hall and Groesffordd Village Hall and online via Teams. This hybrid approach encourages greater accessibility and participation from both Councillors and the Community. Meetings are scheduled to be held every 6 weeks on a Thursday evening at 7.30pm.

Agendas and Minutes are posted on the newly developed website, the Community Council Facebook page and notice board situated at Cantref, Llanfrynach, Llanhamlach, Groesffordd, and Llechfaen.

Roles and Responsibilities

Llanfrynach Community Council serves as the first tier of local government representing the interests of residents in Llanfrynach, Llanhamlach and Cantref Wards, its primary responsibilities include.

Community Representation

Acting as the voice of the community in local government matters, ensuring residents' concerns and needs are heard.

Planning and Development

Reviewing and providing feedback on local planning applications to ensure that any applications align with the community's best interests and preserves the local heritage.

Local Services and Amenities

Providing donations to local causes. We collaborate with Powys County Council to address local issues such as road maintenance and public safety

Community Engagement

The Community Council strives to encourage community involvement through open Community Council meetings either in person or over teams, notices on the website and social media updates. Also Councillor involvement with local events where residents and Councillors can discuss local issues.

Financial Management

Environmental Wellbeing

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