Llanelly Community Council

Annual Report 2022-2023

Following the Council elections in May 2022 Llanelly Community Council had 10 councillors elected for its 13 wards. Unfortunately, since that time the Council has been unable to coopt any local residents on to the Council. At the end of the year the numbers have reduced to 9. Despite this the Council has yet again managed to successfully complete a number of projects.

Councillors and Staff

Mr N James continued in the role of Clerk and the arrangements for key duties and security remained as last year. The cleaning contract was terminated in January 2023 and a new contract was agreed with Monmouthshire County Council; that started in March 2023.

Gilwern Community Centre

The Centre has continued to increase its popularity amongst local groups with hirings now on all weekdays and a number of one-off events at weekends. The Centre continues to host Slimming World, U3A, pilates, tai chi, dance, baby classes, yoga, bridge and arts/craft classes and Gilwern Roots open their very popular café within the Centre each week. A significant new regular is the Welsh Blood Service which operate its blood donor facility to local residents several times during the year. The Centre is still also used by Monmouthshire County Council for consultation events and as a polling station.

During the year the Council had an energy efficiency survey carried out for the Centre. Following that the Council has changed all its internal lights to LEDs and were grateful for a 50% grant from BBNPA towards this. Currently quotes are being obtained for a new roof and cladding around the building and, if successful, this should also improve the insulation of the building. The aim will be to seek a grant for this work in 23/24.

In May 2022 the Council hosted a First Aid training session with Community Heartbeat which contained instruction on CPR and the use of the defibrillator.

The CCTV equipment was upgraded and extended to include the Multi Use Games Area(MUGA).

Gilwern Playing Fields

Work continues to identify trees affected by ash dieback and sadly another ten trees were felled this year. However, thanks to Monmouthshire County Council, we have been able to plant 12 new trees around the footpath in the fields and members of Gilwern Roots gardening group have kindly offered to maintain these in their early development.

A new multi-play equipment has just been installed following extensive research and discussions with local schoolchildren. It is hoped that this will prove as popular as the refurbished cycle track is.

The Council has significantly upgraded the Multi Use Games Area and, with the help of a grant towards some of the costs, has replaced the floodlights. These offer the opportunity for evening play and Mardy football club was the first organisation to enter into a regular hire of the facility using the floodlights.

New recyclable plastic bench seats and a picnic table have been purchased to replace 6 old metal benches; these will be installed shortly.

LCC continues to contribute to maintain the Bowls Club grounds.

Clydach Village Hall & Playing Fields

LCC continues to pay Clydach AFC to maintain the grounds. In addition it has purchased 5 new picnic tables with integral seating and these have been installed; these are also recycled plastic benches.

A few trees have been felled as they had become a health and safety issue and the Council funded additional grounds maintenance and shrub/hedge clearance.

Community

The Council gave grants towards the costs for the Victorian Fair in Gilwern and Gilfest.

Accounts

Bank account as at 31 March 2023:

£

Balance at 1 Apr 22 56159

Receipts 143551

TOTAL 199710

Less Payments 122529

**BALANCE AT 31 Mar 23 77181**

ACHIEVEMENTS DURING THE YEAR 2022/23

1. Major work on trees in Gilwern and Clydach playing fields area
2. Planting of new trees in the playing fields at Gilwern
3. Upgrade to CCTV facilities at Gilwern
4. Repair and refurbishment of MUGA
5. New floodlights for MUGA
6. Large new multi play equipment for Gilwern playing fields
7. Lighting upgrade in the Community Centre
8. New picnic tables for Clydach playing fields
9. New picnic table and bench seats for Gilwern playing fields