Llanelly Community Council

 Annual Report 2023-2024

Early in the year one councillor resigned reducing the number of councillors to 8. However, the Council coopted two new councillors later in the year, now filling 10 of the 13 wards. Despite this the Council 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 remained with Monmouthshire County Council for the whole year, and the County Council continue to carry out the function.

Gilwern Community Centre

The Centre continued as a popular venue for local groups with hirings regularly throughout the year, both from weekly groups to one-off events. In this respect the number of birthday parties held at the Centre increased considerably with on average two per month. The Centre continued to host Slimming World, U3A, pilates, tai chi, yoga, bridge and arts/craft classes and Gilwern Roots opened their very popular café within the Centre each week. Although losing its dance and baby classes new regulars included children’s lego, taekwando and Gilwern WI. The Welsh Blood Service continued to operate its blood donor facility to local residents several times during the year and the Centre has still also been used by Monmouthshire County Council for consultation events and as a polling station.

The Library and Community Hub run by Monmouthshire County Council continued to operate within the Centre for four days each week.

Although the Council was unsuccessful in obtaining a grant for the Centre towards a new roof and cladding it has obtained further quotes for just recladding of the external walls of the building, and it was hoped that this work will take place in 24/25.

The walls of the hall and corridor in the building have been significantly improved with the provision of several paintings done by members of the U3A Art Group – one of the Centre’s regular hirers.

Gilwern Playing Fields

The new multi-play equipment that was installed at the end of last year proved very popular and further improvements to play provision for young people were completed with the complete resurfacing of the skate park ramps. The Council was grateful to a grant of 33% from the Gilwern Village Tote towards this.

Given the facilities that were now provided the Council was delighted to receive the prestigious annual One Voice Wales Award for Youth Engagement for 23/24

LCC continued to contribute to maintain the Bowls Club grounds.

Clydach Village Hall & Playing Fields

LCC continued to pay Clydach AFC to maintain the grounds. In addition this year it paid for a complete overhaul of the football pitch, providing a significant improvement in the playing surface.

The Council also funded additional grounds maintenance and shrub/hedge clearance.

Community

The Council gave a grant to Hopscotch Nursery to purchase an outdoor shelter and a small grant to Gilwern Scouts to purchase gifts at Christmas.

Accounts

Bank account as at 31 March 2023:

 £

Balance at 1 Apr 23 77166

Receipts 127730

TOTAL 204896

Less Payments 166075

**BALANCE AT 31 Mar 24 38821**

ACHIEVEMENTS DURING THE YEAR 2023/24

1. One Voice Wales Annual Award for Youth Engagement.
2. Major grounds improvements at Clydach playing fields.
3. Upgrade to the surfacing of Gilwern skate park ramps.
4. Provision of an outside shelter for Hopscotch Nursery.