

# **Llanelly Community Council**



## **End of Year Statement 31<sup>st</sup> March 2014**

# Llanelly Community Council Member Information

Elected, returned  
unopposed or Co-opted

## Community Council Chairman

Councillor Brian Kemp

No Meetings  
2013/14

## Councillors

28 Ordinary  
and Committee  
meetings  
13/14

### Gilwern Councillors

Councillor	Mrs Kay Blackwell	Unopposed May 2012	19
Councillor	Anthony Carrington	Unopposed May 2012	8
Councillor	Paul Downes	Elected March 2013	11
Councillor	Mrs Lynne Elliot	Co-opted June 2012	16
Councillor	Giles Howard	Co-opted June 2012	15
Councillor	Mrs Val Jones	Unopposed May 2012	17
Councillor	John Jones	Unopposed May 2012	17
Councillor	Brian Kemp	Unopposed May 2012	16
Councillor	Dr Phillip Salter	Unopposed May 2012	13
Councillor	Archie Thomas	Co-opted October 2012	5

### Clydach Councillors

Councillor	Simon Howarth	Unopposed May 2012	18
Councillor	Malcolm Cook	Unopposed May 2012	18

### Llanelly Hill Councillors

Councillor	David McCloy	Elected May 2012	12
Councillor	Trevor Williams	Elected May 2012	17

### Clerk to the Council

Mr Adrian Edwards

### Internal Auditor

Mr Stuart Bees

### External Auditors

Mazars,  
Regency House,  
Grosvenor Squire,  
Southampton.

## Notes to accompany the accounts

Year ending 31<sup>st</sup> March 2014

Principals to Accounting Policies

- **Accounting Convention**

The accounts have been prepared in accordance with proper practices as defined in the *Governance and Accountability for Local Councils in Wales A Practitioners Guide [2011]* Published by One Voice Wales and SLCC following the consultation with the Local Councils Audit Liaison Group.

- **Fixed Assets**

This section covers expenditure on acquisition, creation or improvement which will have a useful life of more than one year:

Land, operational properties and other assets are reported in the notes affixed to the accounts; at current insurance values is approximating to the lower or net of current replacement cost and net realisable value/s. Some community assets are the subject of restrictive covenants as to their use and or future disposal. Such assets are therefore considered to have no appreciable value and are included at a nominal value only.

- **Debtors and Creditors**

The revenue account of the Council is maintained on an accruals basis in accordance with the above guidance. Therefore, it will not have a material effect on the years account or the Council annual budget.

- **Leases/Rents.**

Payments made under the operating leases or rents are charged to the revenue on an accruals basis.

The Council hold a number of leases with local groups and organisations. The Clerk informed the Council in the April meeting that a number of leases need to be revisited and amendments made following consultation.

Llanelly Community Council hold lease with the following interested groups:

- Monmouthshire County Council for the small play area and the crown green bowls area situated at Gilwern Playing Fields.
- Gilwern Bowls Club which have a lease on the Club House.
- Gilwern 1<sup>st</sup> Scout Group which holds a lease on the land that the building is sited on.
- Gilwern FC holds a lease on the shower block building. They also have a lease on the playing fields which includes a maintenance agreement.
- Clydach FC holds a lease for the football pitch situated at Clydach South and a lease for the club house situated on the same parcel of land.
- Clydach Village Hall Trustees, limited by guarantee, hold a lease for the land which the building is sited on.
- Monmouthshire County Council for the small play area situated at the recreation ground, Clydach South.

- **External loans**

The Council has no long term borrowing or external loans

- **Bank Account as 31<sup>st</sup> March 2014**

Balance as per Bank statements 31 <sup>st</sup> March 2014		
Co-Operative Current Acc	£11,720.00	
Co-Operative Deposit	£10,943.68	
Co-Operative Guard Inv	£32,448.15	
Nat West Current Acc	£12,892.46	
Nat West Deposit Acc	£1,283.30	
Petty Cash	£21.62	
<b>Balance in Total</b>		<b>£69,309.21</b>

- **Reserves**

The Council maintain certain reserves to meet general and specific future expenditure on projects and repairs to buildings they lease from the County Council.

- **Interest Income**

All interest is credited to the general investment accounts.

- **Grants**

The Council made a number of grants in 2013/14 to a variety of groups in the community. Members need to note the Council has not received the grant towards the maintenance of the public conveniences in the Gilwern village. This grant has been requested on several occasions but still not received.

- **Recreation Grounds**

Llanelly Community Council are the custodians of the Gilwern Playing Fields which comprises of an area of land approximately 7 acres. A large part of the area was used by Gilwern FC during the football season. Llanelly Community Council provides the multi play area which is open for residents who live or reside in the community to use. The area is marked out to enable a number of sports to be played and enjoyed. Llanelly Community Council also maintains the cycle track where children of any age can use this facility, and is used by a wide range of children. The area also has a small area of self seeding oak trees which will be an asset to the community in years to come. Situated at the Playing Fields through a grant obtained by Gilwern Eagles several years ago, there are several items of play equipment, suitable for younger children.

Llanelly Community Council are the custodians of the Clydach Recreation Ground which comprises of an area of land approximately 3.5 acres. Clydach FC use this land during the football session. The Football club and the village hall also use the ground for the village fireworks display in November and the Council contributes towards the insurance costs. Situated at the recreation ground there are several items of play equipment, suitable for younger children.

#### **4. Member training**

Member training is part of Annual Audit Review Appendix 5: Under part 4 of the review members training should be carried out as necessary.

*"The Government also hopes that elected members will avail themselves of relevant training wherever possible. Further guidance on training issues is given in the CIPFA Treasury Management Code".*

Members from the Council are provided with a number of training courses throughout the year. These courses are run by One Voice Wales or services are contracted in where specialised subjects are required. From May 2013 up to March 2014 there have been courses held on:

- New Councillor Induction
- Code of Conduct
- The Role of the Council
- The Role of the Councillor
- The Council as an Employer
- Understanding the Law
- The Council Meeting
- Local Government Finance
- Community Engagement

This training has been conducted in 9 different locations in South East Wales, seven members have been booked onto courses but only two members attended training provided by One Voice Wales in the last financial year. Two members also attended a planning training session provided by the NPA in their Head Quarters in Brecon. One Voice Wales training sessions are based on prices per person, per session. Training for Councils with over 200 dwellings costs £30 per member. The cost for non members is £40