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LLANTWIT FARDRE COMMUNITY COUNCIL**



**ADDRODDIAD BLYNYDDOL/ANNUAL REPORT 2022/23**

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## FOREWARD FROM THE CHAIR



**David Stone**

**Chair of Llantwit Fardre Community Council (2022/23)**

It gives me great pleasure to present the second Annual report of Llantwit Fardre Community Council since the 2022 Local Government Elections Wales which was held on the 5<sup>th</sup> of May 2022.

Being elected Chair to the Community Council has been a great honour and privilege which has allowed me to get more involved with residents, businesses, and other organisations within all four wards of the Council that are served by my fellow colleagues.

Rhondda Cynon Taf currently has one Town Council and 11 Community Councils, Llantwit Fardre, being the largest, covering the four wards of Church Village (5 Members), Efail Isaf (1 Member), Llantwit Fardre (4 Members, and Tonteg (2 Members).

Like many other communities across Wales and beyond, Llantwit Fardre Community Council acknowledges the impact of the financial pressures on individuals, businesses within local area.

The rise in the cost of living, interest rates and fuel poverty has had an impact on many and as a result the Community Council will continue to work on new measures to get the best outcomes possible for residents.

There have been many highlights across the year some of which include the Queen's Platinum whereby the Council purchased keepsakes in the form of a 2D Platinum Jubilee Coin for each pupil who attends a school within the Council's area, Christmas Fair, Pantomime and more.

The Clerk of the Council and I had great pleasure in attending the schools within the area to present the Jubilee Coins which gave pupils something to treasure for years to come. Our winter events once again provided both young and old members of the community with an opportunity to celebrate Christmas and mix with new and old friends.

From a finance perspective, another highlight for myself and other Members of the Community Council was the receipt of the completed External Audit report where there were no outstanding issues raised resulting in an 'unqualified audit. This could not be achieved without the continued dedicated work of the Clerk and her staff and I personally wish to thank them for their continuing support during my year of office.

Please take a minute to read this report together with our Annual Report in respect of the Future Generations Act 2015 which contains the work this Council does in its aim to achieve the seven goals of the Act.

David Stone.

Chair of Llantwit Fardre Community Council

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## **MEMBERS OF LLANTWIT FARDRE COMMUNITY COUNCIL**

Councillor Aubrey Green – Church Village Ward

Councillor Anthony Raines – Church Village Ward

Councillor G Stacey – Church Village Ward

Councillor David Stone - Church Village Ward

Councillor Gaynor Warren – Church Village Ward

Councillor Joel James - Efail Isaf Ward

Councillor Patricia Fletcher – Llantwit Fardre Ward

Councillor Karl Johnson – Llantwit Fardre Ward

Councillor Rab McCracken – Llantwit Fardre Ward

Councillor Samuel Trask – Llantwit Fardre Ward

Councillor Jeffery Beattie – Tonteg Ward

Councillor Raymond Butler – Tonteg Ward

Councillor Joseph Murphy – Tonteg Ward.

## COUNCIL MEETINGS

Council Meetings are held at the Community Council Offices (rear of the Carnegie Parish Hall Church Village) on the last Monday of each month. The meetings can also be accessed remotely by means of the ZOOM application which be found on many devices this is line with the Local Government Elections (Wales) Act 2021.

Committee meetings are held as and when necessary and arranged at a date and time as determined by the respective Chairs, when business allows.

### 1. HOW WE ARE FUNDED

The main source of funding for Community and Town Councils is the funds raised through the precept (a charge to Council Tax) which is in accordance with Section 41 of the Local Government Finance Act , 1992 (2 the Act")

As like all other Town and Community Council's this Council must calculate its budget for a financial year in accordance with Section 50 of the Act and issue a precept to the billing authority i.e., Rhondda, Cynon Taf County Borough Council.

Llantwit Fardre Community Council's precept for 2022/23 was £304.795 as it was agreed at the Finance and Policy Committee held on 13<sup>th</sup> January 2022 that a recommendation be made to full Council that the Council D tax band per household be increased to £46.27 to deal with cost-of-living crisis, increase fuel prices and utility fees which has carried on from the COVID 19 pandemic and the war in Ukraine. This recommendation was approved by full Council at its meeting held on 31<sup>st</sup> January 2022.

The remaining income generated by the Community Council comes for the Carnegie Parish Hall and Ty Illtud Community Building Hall hire, land lease, allotment rent, Lightsource and Way Leave

Precept £304.795

£46.27

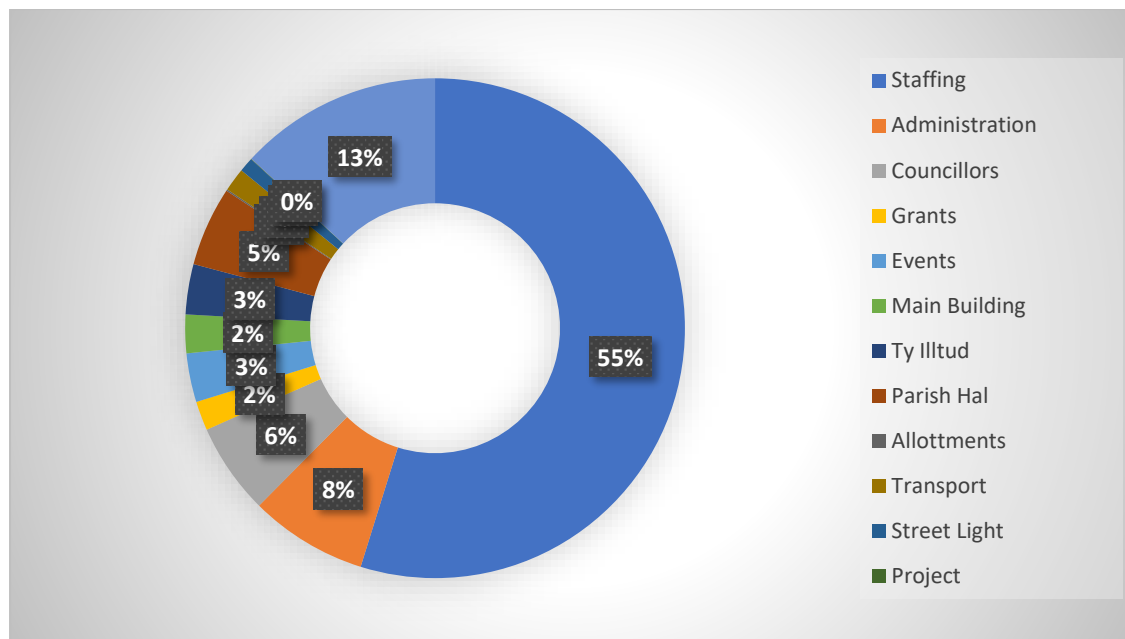
Band D Tax Levied

£316.990

Budget 2022/23



## 2. THE BUDGET FOR THE 2022/23 FINANCIAL YEAR WAS SET AS: -



The above percentages equate to: -

**Staffing - £173.750**

**Administration - £24.170**

**Councillors - £ 18.720**

**Grants - £6.000**

**Events - £ 10.000**

**Main Building - £7.900**

**Ty Illtud - £10.300**

**Parish Hall - £16.300**

**Allotments - £300**

**Transport - £ 4.800**

**Streetlighting - £3.000**

**Park & Outside Works - £ £41.650**

**Projects -Defibrillators £100**

The Total earmark reserves for 2022/23 was. £189.065 Which does not include the CIL (Community Infrastructure Levy). CIL receipts from previous years and 2022/23 total 41.341.

A full breakdown of expenditure is available in the Annual Accounts.

### **3. STAFFING**

The staffing structure has changed with the 2022 / 23 Municipal Year, currently there are six members of staff which are as follows:

Clerk & Executive Officer – 25 hours per week

Assistant Clerk & Executive Officer – 25 hours per week

Responsible Finance Officer - 30 hours per week

Manual Operative (Supervisor) -Full Time

Manual Operative - Full Time

Caretaker / Cleaner – 26 hours per week.

### **4. GRANTS**

As in previous years the Community Council provide groups and organisations that operate with the Council's area an opportunity to apply for a grant which could be found on the web site [Llantwit Fardre Community Council](#) and at the Community Council Office . This year Council received many applications which were considered in the full Council Meeting held in November 2022.

The objective in awarding grants is to encourage the participation of residents within the community and it is pleasing to see that this year has been no exception with over 24 + applicants.

Members awarded a total of £5.162 to various organisations and groups who provide activities within the community, improving the local economy, environment, and the wellbeing of both young and old.

### **5. BUILDINGS**

We have had great pleasure in seeing our beautiful buildings being used once again by residents within the community for various reasons. Some of which will be explained later in the report.

There are two buildings that are owned by the Community Council, firstly the Carnegie Parish Hall which was built in 1906 and is a listed building which can hold up to 120 seated. The hall consists of a main hall, kitchen, meeting room and has both disabled toilets and disabled access.

The hall is used for many different activities throughout the year from Rainbows, Brownies, Guides to WI Groups. A list of groups users can be found on our [website](#) and by calling the Community Council Offices



### **THE CARNEGIE PARISH HALL MAIN ROOM**

Ty Illtud Community Building which is located on St Illtud's Road has now been fully refurbished and it is pleasing to see that it is being used to its full potential.



### **TY ILLTUD HALL**

## 6. ACTIVITIES/ACHEIVEMENTS

During the 2022/23 Municipal Year Members of the Leisure and Amenities Committee set out its initiatives for the year some of which are under the following headings:

- Play Areas,
- Signage,
- Tree Planting,
- Carbon Footprint/ Climate Change,
- Community Activities / Events

In relation to play areas Members of Llantwit Fardre Community Council have handed back two of the five park that had been leased from Rhondda, Cynon, Taf with another ready to be release in the near future to the Unitary Authority and enabling the Council to invest more in play areas that are owned by Community Council.

A five-year plan has been set out for the park within the four wards and in 2022/23 work costing approximately £55.000 has been carried out to improving Maes Y Bryn play area where the purchase of a new multi – play and safety surface along with a new bench. Ty Draw play area is another area that has had work done in 2022/23 and this will be completed by the summer so that our children and young people can enjoy the lighter nights and school holidays.

The Council will continue with its five-year improvement plan going in to 2023/24 and will look forward to reporting the ongoing developments.

Llantwit Fardre Community Council is pleased to announce that the purchasing of new signage for all our sites is now in place and up to date in accordance with health and safety regulations including the “What 3 Words” application and contact details for the Council’s safeguarding officer, in cases of emergencies.

We have had the pleasure of working with the unitary authority who have donated numerous bus shelters throughout the Community Council’s area and as a Council we will maintain going forward.

The Community Council events was once again a success, and the main highlight in the year of the change in Monarch was the Community Council Commemorative Coin which was presented to school children within the Community Council Area.



The coin will be something children & young people within the community can cherish for many years to come.

## **7. LOOKING FORWARD**

Llantwit Fardre Community Council will continue to manage and maintain its services and infrastructure within our budgetary restraints. There are many projects in the pipeline. The Council will look to develop stronger links with organisations, schools, and the wider community to ensure residents of Church Village, Efial Isaf, Llantwit Fardre and Tonteg have a prosperous and healthy future.