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LLANTWIT FARDRE COMMUNITY COUNCIL**



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**In accordance with Section 52, Part 3 of the Local
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FOREWARD FROM THE CHAIR



Anthony Raines

Chair of Llantwit Fardre Community Council (2021/22)

I am pleased on behalf of the Members and Staff of Llantwit Fardre Community Council to introduce this first Annual Report in accordance with the provision contained in Section 52, Part 3 of the Local Government and Elections (Wales) Act, 2021 which sets out the Council's priorities, activities and achievements during the preceding financial year i.e. April, 2021 – March, 2022.

Whilst 2021/22 was not as difficult as the previous year, the COVID-19 still impacted on the way we live and work and therefore the Council could not make assumptions on the certainty of the long-term effects. Therefore, the activities that took place were at short notice but were well received by the Wards that we serve and brought the community back together. The first event was the long-awaited return of the `Pig Roast` which was held on Saturday, 18th September, 2021 and this together with other events that were held after this date are referred to, in more detail, later on in this Report.

There is one Town Council within Rhondda Cynon Taf and 11 Community Councils, this Community Council being the largest, covering the four Wards of Church Village (4 Members), Efail Isaf (1 Member) Llantwit Fardre (4 Members) and Tonteg (3 Members).

As can be seen from the afore-mentioned paragraph, this Council is currently represented by 12 Community Councillors, which will increase to 13 (1 extra Member

in the Church Village Ward) following the County Borough and Community Council elections in May, 2022.

We also managed to maintain the Council D tax band per household at £38.76 for one more year but recognised that this level could not be sustained in 2022/23.

Being Chair of Llantwit Fardre Community Council during 2021/22 has been a great honour as I got the privilege of getting more involved with residents that are not just within my Ward but the surrounding areas that are served by my fellow colleagues.

Other highlights included the re-opening of our halls and the re-introduction of our Newsletter, both of which helped to bring people back together as the Newsletter advertised the events such as the Senior Citizens Dinner which was held over two evenings in December and I was pleased to be there on both nights to welcome those attending, which I might add was a `sell-out`.

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

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

Anthony Raines
Chair of Llantwit Fardre Community Council (2021/22)

MEMBERS OF LLANTWIT FARDRE COMMUNITY COUNCIL

Church Village Ward



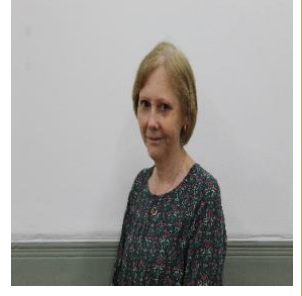
Anthony Raines



Graham Stacey



David Stone



Gaynor Warren

Llantwit Fardre Ward



Septamus Bristo



Brian James



Karl Johnson



Nick Tizard-Lee

Tonteg Ward



Raymond Butler

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Clive Johnson

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Lyndon Walker

Efail Isaf Ward



Joel James

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1. COUNCIL MEETINGS

Council meetings are held on the last Monday of each month commencing at 5 p.m. and are currently held remotely using the ZOOM application. There is no Council meeting during the month of August.

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

2. 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) in accordance with Section 41 of the Local Government Finance Act, 1992 ("the Act").

As like other Community and Town Councils, 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.

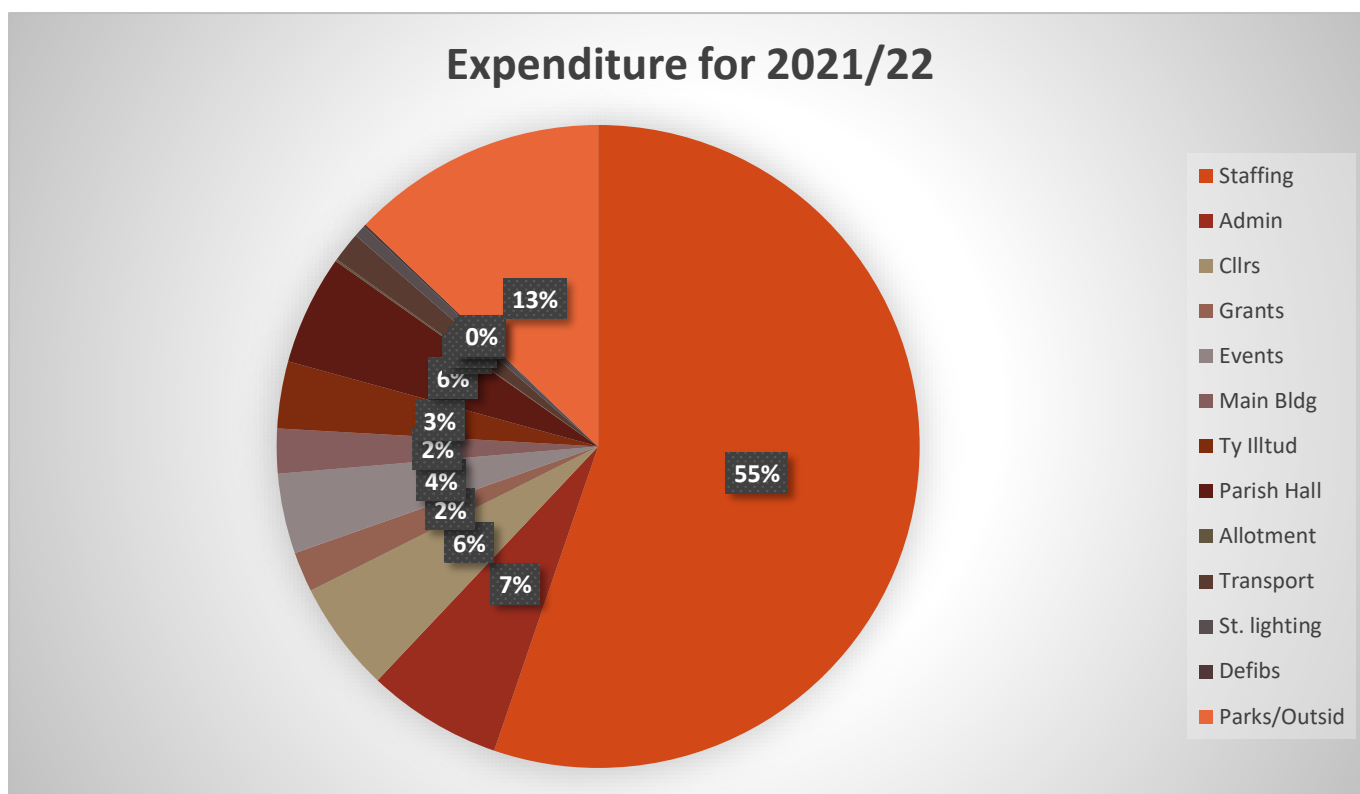
This Council's precept for 2021/22 was £254,313 as it was agreed at the Finance and Policy Committee held on the 17th December, 2020 that a recommendation be made to full Council that the Council D tax band per household be maintained at £38.76 for one more year and that this be looked to be increased during consideration of the budget for the financial year 2022/23 as its current level could only be sustained for one more year i.e. 2021/22. This recommendation was approved by full Council at its meeting held on the 26th January, 2021.

The remaining income generated by the Community Council comes from hall hire (Carnegie Parish Hall and Ty Illtud), land lease, allotment rent, light source and Way Leaves.



For 2021/22 Members agreed a budget of £297,953, which resulted in the Council having to use part of its ear-marked reserves as the precept and other income sources was not enough to fulfil this budget.

3. THE BUDGET FOR THE 2021/22 FINANCIAL YEAR WAS SET AS:-



The above percentages equates to :-

Staffing	£164,600
Administration	£20,230
Councillors	£16,600
Grants	£6,000
Events	£12,000
Main Building	£6,700
Ty Illtud	£10,050
Parish Hall	£16,450
Allotments	£300
Transport	£4,500
Street Lighting	£1,800
Projects – Defibrillators	£375
Parks & Outside Works	£38,350
Total Expenditure	£297,955

Total Income £262,358

***Thereby necessitating the need to use part of the earmarked reserves**

* The total earmarked reserves for 2021/22 was £147,500 (not including CIL (Community Infrastructure Levy)). CIL receipts from previous years totalled £29,404.

4. STAFFING

In July, 2021, the Staffing Committee agreed to restructure as proposed by the Clerk which resulted in a redundancy situation amongst the Cleaning staff as the spending in this area was in excess of the cleaning needs required.

It was acknowledged that initially there would be a financial increase in the overall staffing proposals as there were the one-off costs associated with the redundancies. Consequently, the Council had assurances that with the proposed structure, all concerned would receive an enhanced service.

Employees:-

Clerk & Executive Officer and Responsible Finance Officer – 30 hours per week
Asst.Clerk & Executive Officer and Responsible Finance Officer – 30 hours per week
Finance Officer – 20 hours per week
Manual Operative (Supervisor) – full time
Manual Operative – full time
x2 Caretaker/Cleaners – 13 hours per week – per person

5. WARD PROJECTS

Whilst the Community Council acts collectively on many issues, each of its Wards have different characteristics, different needs and different population characteristics. It was therefore agreed at the Council Meeting held on the 29th October, 2019 – *“that an allocation of £1,000 be made available to each Ward within the Community of Llantwit Fardre during this financial year”*.

During consideration of the budget for the 2020/21 financial year, it was agreed that a budget of £2,000 be granted for Ward specific projects.

A policy was duly prepared and adopted by the Finance and Policy Committee, in order that purchasing procedures were in accord with the Council's Financial Regulations thereby ensuring that the Ward project money was treated exactly the same as any other Council expenditure and all purchases to be made by the Council's staff.

Unlike other budget headings, Ward project money could be carried forward. However, it was agreed during consideration of the budget for 2021/22 that the allocation be no longer awarded and any remaining monies were to be spent by May, 2022.

Ward Project Money Carried Forward to 2021/22

Church Village	- £2,199.
Efail Isaf	- £2,057
Llantwit Fardre	- £3,000
Tonteg	- £718

How the Project Monies were Spent during 2021/22

Church Village Ward

Ratification given at the Council Meeting held on the 29th November, 2021 of the allocation of up to £800 to assist in the purchase of Christmas decorations for Ty Illtud and the Carnegie Parish Hall.

£250 towards a Children's Event (Roly Poly's Animal Adventure) held in the Church Village Ward on Thursday, 24th February, 2022. Ratified at the Council Meeting held on the 28th February, 2022.

The following was agreed at the Council Meeting held on the 28th March, 2022:-

- Purchase of memorial bench for Butterfly Close Play Area
- Donation of £290 to Prize Giving Awards at Ysgol Garth Olwg (Private Fund)
- Donation of £200 towards the purchase of outside playboards at Llanilltud Feardref Primary School (Private Fund)
- Donation of £200 towards the purchase of patio slabs for Garth Olwg Residential Care Home.

Efail Isaf Ward

£493.08 for the purchase of materials to assist Capel-y-Tabernacl in the creation of `mindfulness Cwtch` which is to be a Community facility. Ratified at the Council Meeting held on the 31st January, 2022.

The remaining monies of £1,563.92 was spent on a mini sea-saw to be installed at the Old Village Hall Play Area, Efail Isaf – to be ratified at the Council Meeting on the 30th May, 2022.

Llantwit Fardre Ward

It was agreed at the Extraordinary Meeting of the Council held on the 11th August, 2021 that £2,500 be allocated to the `Pig Roast` event which was being held on the 18th September, 2021 as to date no monies had been spent.

Agreed at the Council Meeting held on the 31st January, 2022 that the remaining monies of £500 be used for the purchase of sports equipment for the 1st Newtown Llantwit Scouts. Ratified the spend at the Council Meeting held on the 28th February, 2022.

Tonteg Ward

Ratification given at the Council Meeting held on the 25th October, 2021 of up to £150 towards the cost of `goodie` bags for children attending the Christmas Carol concert at the Precinct, Tonteg in December.

Remaining monies of £493.08 be donated to Friends of Ysgol Ty Coch to assist in the purchase of a Drivdeck. Ratified at the Council Meeting held on the 31st January, 2022.

All project monies within all of the four Wards were spent by the deadline of May, 2022.

6. GRANTS

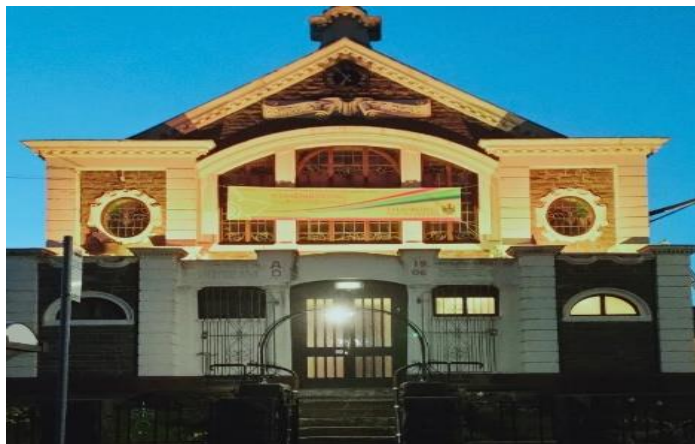
At the Extraordinary Council Meeting held on the 15th December, 2021, Members awarded a total of £5,178 to various organisations and groups operating within the Council's area from a budget allocation of £6,000.

The objective in awarding grants is to encourage the participation of residents:-

- in community activities,
- in improving the local economy,
- in improving the local environment,
- to include less well off in the community; and
- to foster engagement of young people in the life of the community

7. RE-OPENING OF OUR BUILDINGS

Following the relaxation of Covid restrictions to zero alert, we were pleased to re-open the Carnegie Parish Hall and Ty Illtud for re-let on Monday, 6th September, 2021 and it was a pleasure to welcome back our users.

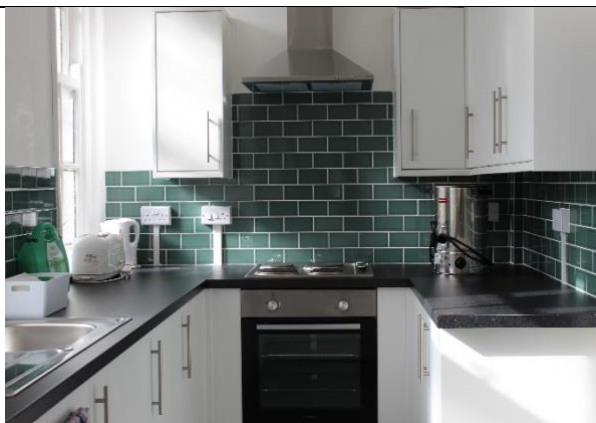


Carnegie Parish Hall

Prior to Covid-19 major refurbishment works were undertaken at Ty Illtud, such as re-wiring, new toilets (including disabled), new kitchen and floors. As like the Carnegie Parish Hall, this building was re-opened on the 6th September, 2021 and its official re-opening took place on Saturday, 4th December, 2021 which coincided with the Christmas festivities.



External – Ty Illtud



New Kitchen – Ty Illtud

The use of our buildings has seen a steady increase since September, 2021 and following the pandemic there has been an upsurge in well-being groups from baby clubs where new mums and babies have come together to experience `mindfulness` and baby massage, yoga groups, The Young Ones (children's fitness group), these are in addition to our previous users such as WI Groups, Art Society, Brownies, Guides and the Friendly Wednesday Club.

This upsurge in the usage of our halls will hopefully generate an increase in income which will be reflected in the financial affairs of this Council when considering the budget and precept for the next financial year (2022/23).

8. EVENTS

As stated earlier, £12,000 was allocated in the 2021/22 budget for Events and a further £2,500 was vired from the Llantwit Fardre Ward allocation at the Council Meeting held on the 11th August, 2021; giving an overall budget of £14,500.

Below are some of the many photos that were taken of the successful events that were held on the following dates:-

- `Pig Roast` - Saturday, 18th September, 2021
- Remembrance Sunday – 14th November, 2021
- Senior Citizens' Dinner – Tuesday, 7th December and Wednesday, 8th December, 2021
- Christmas Fete – Saturday, 4th December, 2021
- Christmas Lights Competition – December, 2021

'Pig Roast' - Saturday, 18th September, 2022



Senior Citizens' Dinner – Tuesday, 7th December and Wednesday, 8th December, 2021



Christmas Fete – Saturday, 4th December, 2021



The Christmas Fete was held on Saturday, 4th December, 2021 at the Carnegie Parish Hall where there were various craft stalls and Santa's Grotto. The Council's Car Park also had many outdoor attractions such as the Snow Globe, Carousel, Stalls, Refreshments. Ty Illtud Community Centre was a welcome retreat by those wishing to have a `cuppa` and a choice of various cake delights whilst the children were having their faces painted.

Throughout the day, the venues were visited by Elsa and Olaf and other characters such as `Elf on the Shelf` and the Grinch.

Christmas Lights Competition – December, 2021



At the Council Meeting held on the 25th October, 2021, it was agreed that the Christmas Lights Competition be extended to all four Wards of the Community Council and that £50 be awarded to the best dressed house in each Ward with the overall winner being awarded an additional £100.

There were 15 entries and the judging took place on the evenings of Monday, 13th December and Tuesday, 14th December by a Member from each of the Wards together with the Clerk. The properties of the winners of each Ward were judged by the Chair of the Council and the Clerk on Thursday, 16th December, 2021 and as the overall winner could not be agreed upon, it was decided to have a joint winner.

In addition to the £50 for each Ward winner, the £100 for the overall winner was shared between the joint winners from Church Village and Tonteg.

Overspend

Unfortunately, following the successful events that were held during 2021/22 there was an overspend in the Events Budget of £3,288. This overspend was due to the purchase of 250 coins at a cost of £3,679.20 as it was agreed at the Council meeting held on the 31st January, 2022 that to commemorate the Queen's 75th reign in June, 2022 a 2D Platinum Jubilee Coin supplied in a pouch be donated to each pupil who attend a school within the Council's area and that the keepsake also be donated to

children who live in the area but do not attend any of the schools on production of the relevant proof.



Due to delivery and demand the coins could not be ordered during the 2022/23 financial year and therefore were not budgeted for in either of the financial years of 2021/22 and 2022/23, hence the reason for the overspend. Virements to cover this purchase were taken from various budget pots such as the Chair's Allowance, Training and Grants – as agreed and approved at the Council Meeting held on the 28th March, 2022.

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