



LLANTWIT FARDRE
COMMUNITY COUNCIL

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FOREWARD FROM THE CHAIR



Jeffrey Beattie
Chair of Llantwit Fardre Community Council 2025/26

Good wishes to you all and I hope this year's report finds you well.

This is my second year as Chair of Llantwit Fardre Community Council. It's a pleasure to share this year's Annual Report with you and reflect on what we have accomplished together as a community over the past year.

Like any year there have been a few challenges along the way, but there has also been a great deal of positive progress. As a Council we have worked hard to engage with local groups, businesses and residents throughout the community.

I had the opportunity to attend many events and school assemblies to present prizes to those that entered the fantastic competitions that the Community Council devised as part of our ongoing engagement programme.

Remembrance Sunday brought young and old together to remember those that have fallen in conflict. The Carnegie Parish Hall garden was decorated with poppies made by the Rainbows, Brownies, Guides and Ranger from all four wards off the Community Council. The Women's Institute had made wreaths and the contribution from all that attended the service will be a highlight of my year as Chair.

This year was our first year to hold and celebrate St David's Day as an event for the Council and we look forward to making it bigger and better next year following on from the success we had this year.

The provision of bus shelters across our wards has been a positive impact and the agreement to purchase Speed Indicator Devices (SIDs) to help with the traffic control is a way to ensure our residents feel safe in the community.

We have continued to show pride in our areas with our staff going over and above to keep our local areas clean and presentable for not only all who live within the area but for those that visit also. The staff thrive to provide a better environment for all and has started a new tree planting programme to replace the trees that had to be removed due to disease. I would like to thank Rhondda Cynon Taf County Borough Council for the donation of some of the new trees and look forward to working with them in the future in making our community a greener environment to live in.

May I also take this opportunity to thank my fellow Councillors for their work throughout the year in making this Council one that has a bright future remembering "Goreu arf arf ddysg" The best tools are the tools for learning".

Looking ahead we are excited keep building on this progress. We'll continue to listen, work together, and do our best to make our community an even better place to live.

Jeffery Beattie

**Chair of Llantwit Fardre Community Council
(2025/26)**

ABOUT LLANTWIT FARDRE COMMUNITY COUNCIL



Llantwit Fardre Community Council serves the four wards of Church Village, Efail Isaf, Llantwit Fardre, and Tonteg. Situated at the lower end of the valleys, the community benefits from excellent transport connections, with convenient access to both Cardiff and Swansea via the A470 and M4 corridor.

The Council is made up of 13 elected councillors who took office in May 2022. Working closely with residents, local organisations, and community groups, the Council is committed to delivering the best possible outcomes for both those who live in and visit the area.

At the heart of the Council's work is the motto carved above the entrance to the Carnegie Parish Hall: "*Goreu arf arf ddysg*" — an old Welsh phrase meaning "*The best tools are the tools of learning.*" This guiding principle reflects the Council's belief in continuous improvement, shared knowledge, and community engagement, and it underpins the approach taken across its services, projects, and reporting.

Driven by this ethos, the Council is dedicated to learning from and working alongside residents, businesses, and partner organisations to strengthen local services, support sustainable growth, and promote the long-term wellbeing and prosperity of the community for future generations.

MEMBERS OF LLANTWIT FARDRE COMMUNITY COUNCIL

Councillor Jeffery Beattie – Tonteg Ward

Councillor Raymond Butler – Tonteg Ward

Councillor Patricia Fletcher – Llantwit Fardre Ward

Councillor Aubrey Green – Church Village Ward

Councillor Brian James – Llantwit Fardre Ward

Councillor Joel James - Efail Isaf Ward

Councillor Karl Johnson – Llantwit Fardre Ward

Councillor Joseph Murphy – Tonteg Ward

Councillor Anthony Raines – Church Village Ward

Councillor G Stacey – Church Village Ward

Councillor David Stone - Church Village Ward

Councillor Samuel Trask – Llantwit Fardre Ward

Councillor Gaynor Warren – Church Village Ward



The Functions of the Community Council

The Community Council fulfils its statutory duties and uses its powers to provide a wide range of services to meet local needs and improve the life of residents in the community areas of Church Village, Efail Isaf, Llantwit Fardre and Tonteg. Llantwit Fardre Community Council in summary:

- Owns and manages the Carnegie Parish Hall, Ty Illtud Community Centre, the office building behind the Carnegie Parish Hall,
- Own two allotment sites with a total of
- Maintain 10 community play areas
- Own and maintain large areas of amenity land with our outside maintenance team ensuring the grass cutting, tree maintenance and hedge maintenance are kept to a high standard.
- Provide and maintain bus shelters
- Provide and maintain Wayside seats
- Provide and maintain 3 Community car parks
- The custodian of a War Memorial which can be found in the Carnegie Parish Hall
- Own and maintain 16 planters throughout the council area
- Provide notice boards across all four wards as a platform to highlight activities that are taking place within the community.
- Has an active Community Grant Scheme, which provides financial support to voluntary and charity group in the area.
- Own and maintain 8 defibrillators located throughout our community.
- Provides various activity programme, classes and events with our buildings.
- Co-ordinates various events such as Remembrance Sunday Service, Free Christmas Funday, Senior Citizens Christmas dinner and other events throughout the year.
- Provides a collection point for recycling bags and food waste bags,
- Owns and maintains Ty Y Craig a mountain area which has a variety of wildlife and much more.
- Represents the voices of the community on partnership or external bodies such as Rhondda Cynon Taf Community Liaison Committee, school governing bodies.

➤ COUNCIL MEETINGS

Llantwit Fardre Community Council ordinarily meets on the last Monday of each month, with the exception of August, when the Council is in recess.

In accordance with the *Local Government (Wales) Act 2021*, meetings are held on a hybrid basis, enabling both Councillors and members of the public to participate either in person or remotely.

In-person meetings take place in the Council Chamber at Carnegie Parish Hall, Main Road, Church Village, where public seating is available. For those unable to attend in person, meetings can be accessed online via the Zoom platform, which is compatible with a wide range of devices.

Full joining instructions, including the relevant Zoom link, are published in advance on each meeting agenda. Agendas are made available on the Council's website and displayed on noticeboards across all four wards of the Community Council, ensuring residents can easily stay informed and take part in Council proceedings.



Committees

Apart from monthly Full Council meetings, Members of the Council meet to discuss specific topics under the following committees: -

Finance and Policy Committee - considers all financial transactions are taken within the Council's Financial Regulations such as reviewing the charges for hall hire, preparing an annual draft budget and consideration of the precept in line with the priorities of the Council. To keep under review the financial policies of the Council.

Leisure & Amenities Committee – To recommend to the Council a planned programme of maintenance repairs and upgrade, to review the Council's health and safety policy along with many other.

Staffing Committee – All aspects of staffing and employment issues

1. HOW WE ARE FUNDED

Precept £383,734

£57.36
Band D Tax Levied

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.

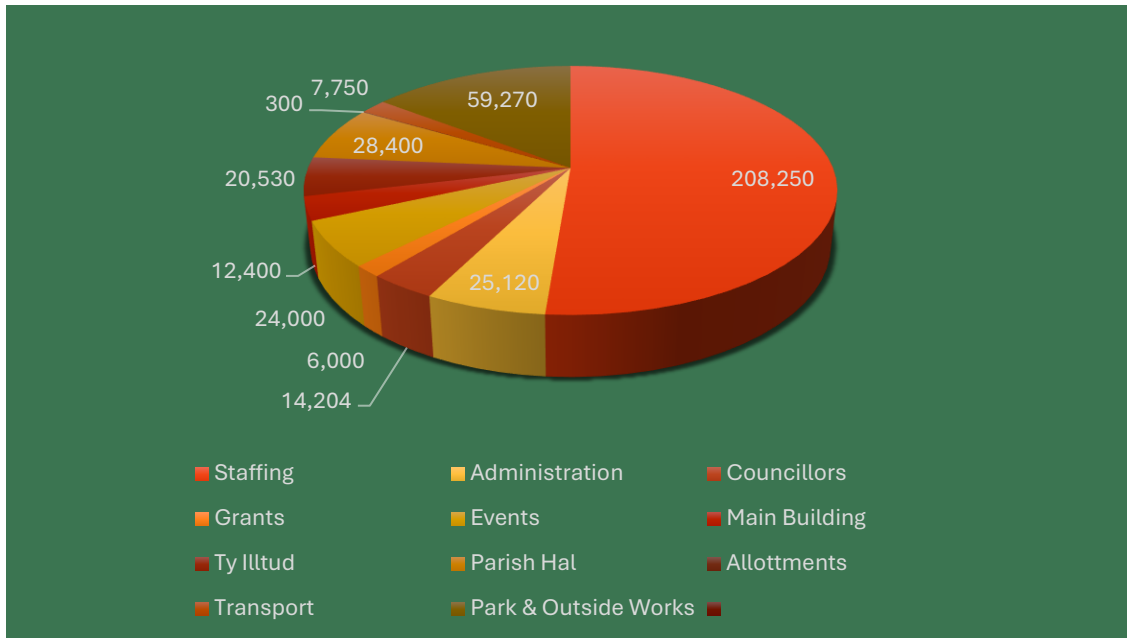
Llantwit Fardre Community Council’s precept for 2025/26 was £383,734. as it was agreed at the Finance and Policy Committee held on 13th January 2025 that a recommendation be made to full Council that the Council D tax band per household be increased to £57.36 for the year to deal with cost-of-living crisis, increase fuel prices and utility fees along with an improved year of event which caters for all ages across the four wards

This recommendation was approved by full Council at its meeting held on 27th January 2025.

The remaining income generated by the Community Council comes for the Carnegie Parish Hall and Ty Illtud Community Building Hall hire, allotment rent, Lightsource, Wayleave also income from the lease of the old Council Office Building to the rear of the Parish Hall.



2. THE BUDGET FOR THE 2025/26 FINANCIAL YEAR WAS SET AS: -



The above percentages equate to: -

Staffing	£208,250
Administration	£25,120
Councillors	£14,204
Grants	£6,000
Events	£24,000
Main Building	£12,400
Ty Illtud	£24,436
Parish Hall	£28,400
Allotments	£300.00
Transport	£7,750
Park & Outside Works	£59,270

The Community Council holds ring fenced funds for specific future projects known as Earmarked Reserves and these are reviewed regularly to ensure adequate provisions are in place. The total earmark reserves for 2025/26 were £175,533.45. Which does not include the CIL (Community Infrastructure Levy). CIL receipts from previous years and 2025/26

A full breakdown of expenditure for 2024/25 is available in the Annual Accounts.

3. STAFFING

The staffing structure for 2025/26 consists of a team of five which can be seen below

Clerk & Executive Officer & Responsible Finance Officer.	28 hours per week
General Service Manger	Full time
Manual Operative (Supervisor)	Full time
Manual Operative	Full time
Caretaker / Cleaner	26 hours per week

The Community Council staff are based at the Community Council Offices, **Ty Illtud Community Building, St Illtyd's Rd, Church Village CF38 1DB**. Our office opening times are 9:00am.to 4:30pm (Minday to Thursday) and 9:00am to 13:30pm (Friday)



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 on 17th November 2025

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 30 + applicants.

Members awarded a total of £5,519 to various organisations and groups who provide activities within the community, improving the local economy, environment, and the wellbeing of both young and old.

It has also been very pleasing to receive feedback from Tonteg Allotments detailing how their grant funding has been utilised. The Council was delighted to see the positive impact this support has had on the site and the improvements that have been made as a result.

In particular, it was wonderful to see the memorial garden refurbished using the grant funding. This enhancement not only improves the appearance of the allotment site but also provides a peaceful and reflective space for members and visitors to enjoy.

Projects such as this demonstrate the value of supporting local allotments, showing how small investments can make a meaningful difference to community wellbeing, pride, and the overall quality of shared outdoor spaces.

Our grant scheme has supported a range of local groups, including Church Village Rainbows, Llantwit Fardre Cricket Club and The Friendly Wednesday Club.



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.



THE CARNEGIE PARISH HALL MAIN ROOM



Llantwit Fardre Community Council owns and runs two buildings, 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. This venue is a creative hub for the community

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

TY ILLTUD COMMUNITY CENTRE

Secondly Ty Illtud Community Building has of January 2024 has been split in to two areas the back two rooms have become the Community Council Office and is open Monday to Thursday 9.00am to 4,30pm and Friday 9.00am to 1.30pm.

Public can call in during this time for recycling bags, dog bags . The staff are aviable to answer any quires during this time. Public may also get intough via email

admin@llantwitfardre.cc , telephone 01443 209779 or in writing to the

Clerk to Llantwit Fardre Community Council,

Ty Illyud Community Building,

St Illtyd's Road

Church Village,



The main hall and kitchen at Ty Illtud Community Building are available for hire and are widely used by local groups and residents. The facilities provide a welcoming and well-equipped space for a variety of community activities, making it an ideal venue for people to meet, socialise, and take part in shared interests.

Regular users include groups such as a quilting group, Cancer Research UK coffee mornings, and various dance classes, all of which benefit from the hall's flexible layout and kitchen facilities. The space continues to support a strong sense of community by bringing together like-minded individuals in a friendly and accessible environment.

Further details, including booking information and availability, can be found on the Llantwit Fardre Community Council website.

www.llantwitfardrecommunitycouncil.org

OFFICES TO THE REAR OF THE PARISH HALL

The building previously used as the Community Council office has now been leased to a charitable organisation. This arrangement provides the Community Council with a steady and reliable source of income, supporting its ongoing work within the local area.

In turn, the lease offers the organisation a secure base from which to continue and develop its support services for residents across Rhondda Cynon Taf over the coming years.

6. ACTIVITIES/ACHEIVEMENTS

During the 2025/26 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,
- Planters
- Tree Planting,
- Carbon Footprint/ Climate Change,
- Community Activities / Events / Engagement





Emotional Development Benefits of Outdoor Play

1. Use of All Five Senses
2. Foster Independence
3. Learn to Self-Reflect
4. Build Resilience

Play area locations

Tonteg play area - CF38 1SA

Ysgol Ty Coch play area - CF38 1NF

The Ridings play area - CF38 1NR

The Dell Play area - CF38 1TG

Station Road play area – CF38 1AH

Heol Y Parc play area - CF38 1AN

Maes Y Bryn play area - CF382LZ

Woodlands Upper play area - CF38 2RG

Woodlands Lower play area - CF38 2RG

Ty Draw play area - CF38 1UB

The Community Council's play areas offer an inclusive and diverse range of play, catering for all needs. Our parks are vitally important to us and serve a vital role to the young people of our community. Some of the benefits include

- Encouraging Physical Activity
- Boosts social skills
- Encourages physical development
- Improves cognitive development
- Stimulates creativity and imagination
- Increases confidence and self-esteem
- Learning through play

The Chair of the Leisure and Amenities Committee has worked consistently throughout the year, alongside staff and Members, to ensure that the Council's amenity land, play areas, and buildings are maintained to a high standard.

This ongoing commitment helps to ensure that these spaces remain safe, well-kept, and enjoyable for residents of all ages to use and benefit from.

PLANTERS

This year, as a Council, we have been able to replace another five worn-out planters across the four wards of the Community Council. These are currently being planted with flowers sourced from local suppliers and supported by school garden schemes, helping to strengthen community involvement and local partnerships.

We will continue this initiative into the 2026–27 Municipal Year, where we have budgeted for a further five planters. This will bring greater uniformity across all wards while enhancing the overall appearance of our public spaces and creating a more welcoming environment for residents and visitors alike.



PLAY AREAS

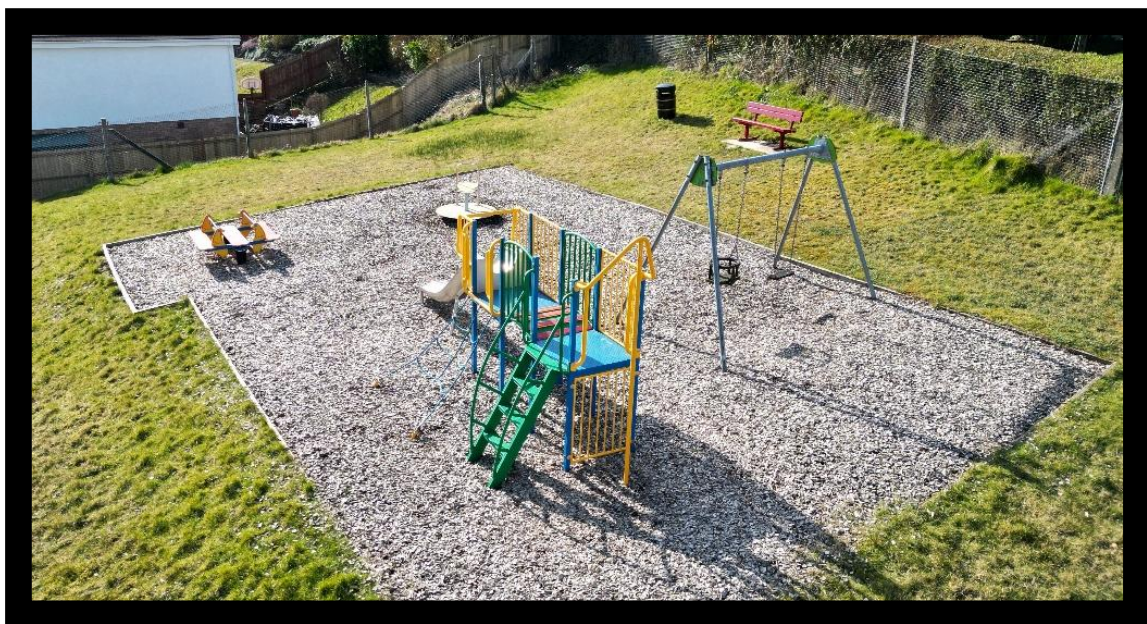
At meetings of the Leisure and Amenities Committee, Members have once again focused on improving play areas across Community Council land for 2025–2026.

The Council has prioritised maintaining high-quality surfacing across all play areas. This commitment is reflected in the renewal of a spring toy at Tonteg Play Area, alongside ongoing surface improvements. We have also installed new bins at Tonteg Park and Heol Y Parc, including a recycling bin at Tonteg Play Area to encourage environmentally responsible use of our facilities.

All safety bark within our play areas has been renewed. This is reflected in our independent park inspection results, where no issues were reported above low risk. We will continue to maintain these high standards to ensure our play facilities remain safe and enjoyable for residents of all ages.

Further improvements include the installation of new gate posts at Maes Y Bryn to enhance safety, and the laying of a new pathway outside Ysgol Ty Coch to provide better and safer access.

In addition, play areas at Ysgol Ty Coch, The Ridings, The Dell, and Heol Y Parc have been refreshed with a new coat of paint, making them more vibrant, welcoming, and visually appealing.



TREE PLANTING / CARBON FOOTPRINT

Llantwit Fardre Community Council undertakes an annual inspection of trees across all its amenity land, carried out by an external arborist to ensure safety and proper management. In partnership with the Unitary Authority, the Council has also supported a replanting scheme, receiving 12 native UK trees from Rhondda Cynon Taf County Borough Council. These have been planted at various locations throughout the community and, over time, will contribute to a richer tree canopy. This will bring a range of benefits, including improved air quality, better temperature regulation, enhanced biodiversity, and positive impacts on both the visual environment and residents' mental wellbeing.

In addition, a new flower bed featuring daffodils and tulips has been created in Llantwit Fardre, further enhancing the area. This initiative not only improves the local landscape aesthetically but also supports pollinators and promotes a sense of community pride and wellbeing.



COMMUNITY ACTIVITIES / ENGAGEMENT / EVENTS

For the 2025–2026 period, Llantwit Fardre Community Council set out a clear objective to strengthen engagement with community groups, local businesses, and schools across the four wards of Church Village, Efail Isaf, Llantwit Fardre, and Tonteg.

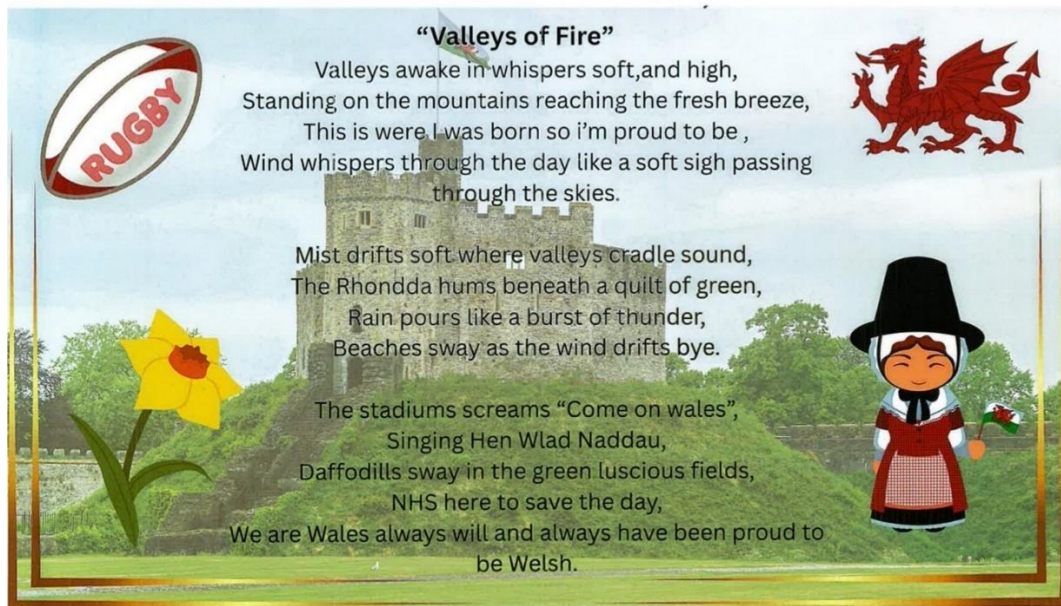
As part of this commitment, Members developed and delivered a programme of community-focused events throughout the year. A key success has been the Council's engagement with local schools. One such initiative was a creative competition inviting pupils to design a poster and ticket for the Senior Citizens Christmas Event (featured later in this report). All schools within the Community Council's catchment area were invited to participate, and the response was overwhelmingly positive. The high number of entries and the quality of artwork brought great enjoyment to both Members and attendees at the event, particularly among the older generation.

The winning entry was submitted by a pupil from Gwauncelyn Primary School, and the Chair of the Council had the pleasure of presenting the award in person at the school.

In addition, the Council organised a poetry competition to celebrate St David's Day. Entries were received from Gwauncelyn Primary School, Maes Y Bryn Primary School, and Llanilltud Faerdref Primary School. The overall winner was a pupil from Llanilltud Faerdref Primary School, and the winning poem is included later in this report.

These initiatives highlight the Community Council's ongoing commitment to fostering creativity, encouraging participation, and building strong connections with younger members of the community.





VE DAY CELEBRATION

In May 2025, the Community Council marked the 80th anniversary of VE Day (Victory in Europe Day), which commemorates the end of the Second World War in Europe on 8 May 1945. VE Day is a significant moment of remembrance and reflection, honouring the courage, sacrifice, and resilience of those who served in the armed forces, supported the war effort on the home front, and contributed to the restoration of peace.

The commemorative event, held at Ty Illtud Community Centre, was a great success, bringing together members of the public alongside the local Cancer Research UK group. Many attendees embraced the spirit of the occasion by dressing in period attire from the 1940s, helping to create a vivid and respectful sense of the era.

The event not only provided an opportunity for remembrance and education but also played an important role in strengthening community connections. It brought people together across the area in a shared experience of reflection and celebration, while also raising funds in support of cancer research, further demonstrating the community's generosity and spirit of collective goodwill.



Breast Cancer Awareness

In 2025, Llantwit Fardre Community Council proudly lit its building in pink to show support for Breast Cancer Awareness. The striking display served as a reminder of the importance of early detection, support for those affected by breast cancer, and recognition of the families and communities impacted by the disease.

By illuminating the building in pink, the council joined organisations and communities across the UK in helping raise awareness and encourage important conversations about breast health. The gesture also highlighted the council's continued commitment to supporting community wellbeing and charitable causes within the local area.

The pink lighting stood as a symbol of hope, solidarity, and remembrance throughout Breast Cancer Awareness initiatives in 2025.



GARDEN AND ALLOTMENT COMPETITIONS

In the summer, the Council reintroduced the allotment and garden competitions, which proved to be a great success. There was a strong level of participation, with numerous entries submitted from gardens across all four wards, as well as from allotment plots at both of the Council's allotment sites, including the two RCTCBC sites within the area.

The competitions not only celebrated the effort and creativity of local residents but also encouraged pride in outdoor spaces and community surroundings. Initiatives such as these are beneficial to both the community and the environment. They promote gardening and green spaces, which support biodiversity, improve air quality, and encourage more sustainable, nature-friendly practices.

In addition, they help to strengthen community connections by bringing residents together through shared interests and friendly competition, fostering a greater sense of pride, wellbeing, and belonging across the area.



The Community cohesion is an aim of the Community Council, and we have worked tirelessly to improve community spirit by putting on various events for all ages.

REMEMBRANCE SERVICE 2025

On Sunday 9th November 2025, Llantwit Fardre Community Council organised its Annual Remembrance Sunday Service at the Carnegie Parish Hall, held in front of the War Memorial. The memorial itself was presented to the Community Council on 20th October 1956 by the War Memorial Committee and remains a focal point for remembrance within the community.

Preparations for the event were a collaborative effort, with the Community Council working closely alongside local Rainbow, Brownie, Guide, and Ranger groups from all four wards, as well as representatives from local Women's Institutes. These groups contributed by creating thoughtful and visually striking poppy displays for both the hall and surrounding gardens, which were available for residents to visit and reflect upon at their leisure. The Community Council also supported a local bakery by using their services to provide a buffet for all attendees.

The service was led by Reverend Kevin Simpson at the Carnegie Parish Hall. It was designed to bring together both older and younger generations, creating an opportunity for shared reflection and learning about the importance of remembrance.



Halloween Pantomime 2025

The Community Council had the privilege of hosting a Halloween pantomime in 2025, featuring *Wednesday*, at the Carnegie Parish Hall. The event was enjoyed by both young and old, with plenty of fun and laughter shared throughout.

Community Councillors played an active role in the celebrations, handing out sweets and treats while also joining in with the dancing and singalongs, helping to create a warm and inclusive atmosphere for all attendees.

This proved to be the busiest pantomime the Council has hosted to date and, by all accounts, one of the most enjoyable. The event once again demonstrated the value of bringing the community together through accessible, family-friendly entertainment.



CHRISTMAS MEALS 2025

For many years, Llantwit Fardre Community Council has organised a Senior Citizens Christmas Dinner, and this year was no exception, with tickets selling out in record time. The event was held over two consecutive evenings, bringing together 110 people each night.

The evenings were filled with food, fun, and entertainment, welcoming both old and new friends from across all four wards to celebrate the festive season together. Attendees enjoyed a three-course Christmas dinner, bingo, and live music, ensuring a lively and enjoyable atmosphere throughout.

The event continues to play an important role in promoting community spirit, togetherness, and helping to tackle loneliness within the area.

The Community Council looks forward to celebrating again next year and building on the success of this much-valued tradition.



CHRISTMAS FUN DAY

Following the cancellation of the 2024 Christmas event, the Community Council was delighted to reinstate the celebration in 2025. Its return was warmly welcomed by the community, and with the introduction of new activities and attractions, it went on to become the most well-attended event on record.

The success of the 2025 event underlines its importance to the local area and reflects the strong sense of community spirit that exists across the four wards. As a free community celebration, it ensures that all residents have the opportunity to attend and take part in the festivities, regardless of their circumstances, helping to make the event truly inclusive and accessible.

The event provides a valuable opportunity for people of all ages to come together, socialise, and share in the seasonal celebrations. It also supports local connection by encouraging residents to meet informally, strengthen friendships, and enjoy shared experiences in a welcoming environment.

The Community Council is proud of the event's continued success and remains committed to building on this achievement in future years, ensuring it continues to grow and remain a highlight of the local calendar.

LLANTWIT FARDRE COMMUNITY COUNCIL PRESENTS A

CHRISTMAS FETE

FREE ENTRY

Saturday
6 December
10:00-16:00



Featuring:
Santas Grotto
Ice Rink
GTFM
Fairground
Attractions
Snow Globe
Craft Stalls



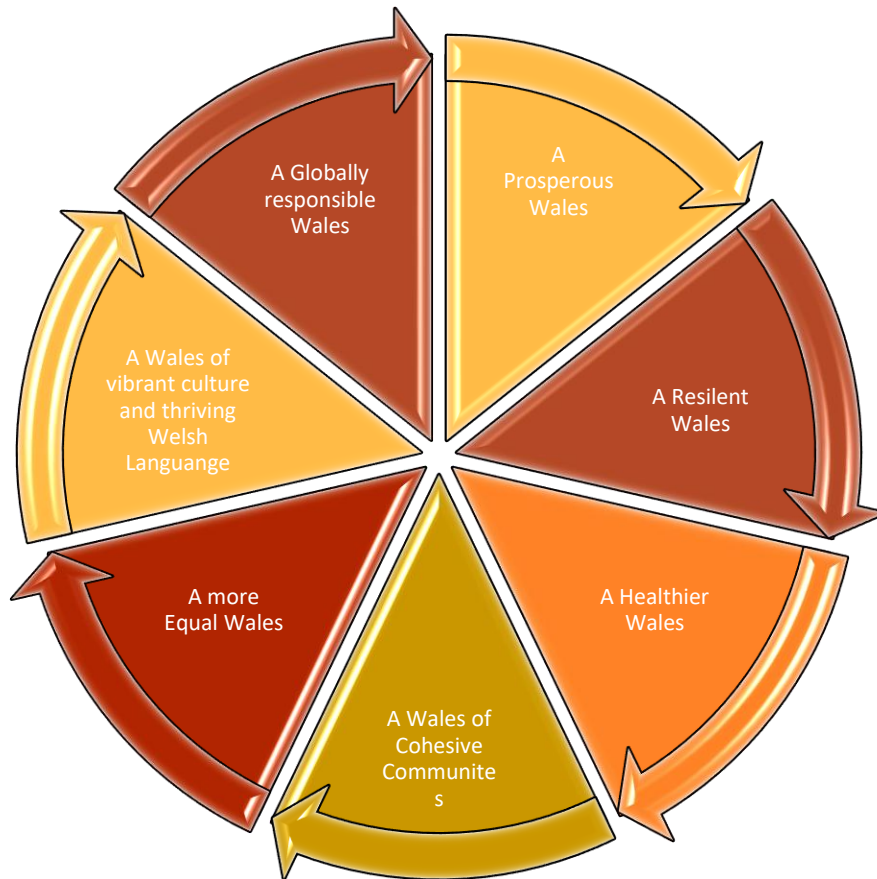
LOCATION - LLANTWIT FARDRE SPORTS CENTRE AND
LLANTWIT FARDRE SPORTS AND COMMUNITY CLUB

TY ILLTUD COMMUNITY CENTRE, CF38 1DB

TEL:01443 209779

admin@llantwitfardre.cc

LLANTWIT FARDRE COMMUNITY COUNCIL'S DUTIES TOWARDS WELL-BEING



The Well-being of Future Generations (Wales) Act 2015 places a duty on Llantwit Fardre Community Council to take proactive steps towards meeting well-being objectives aligned with the local Well-being Plan published by the Cwm Taf Morgannwg Public Service Board.

In response, the Community Council has prepared and published its own Well-being Plan for 2023–2028, which sets out clear objectives designed to contribute to the wider well-being goals for the area.

During 2025–2026, Llantwit Fardre Community Council undertook a range of activities and initiatives to support progress against the two key objectives identified within its Well-being Plan.

The Community Council's two buildings, both located in the heart of Church Village, are easily accessible, offering ample free car parking and good transport links to surrounding areas. These facilities are widely used by a variety of community and private groups from across all four wards, helping to bring together residents of all ages. The groups that utilise these spaces provide a wide range of valuable activities and opportunities, supporting inclusion and participation for all members of the community.

During this year, works were carried out at the Ty Illtud building to improve public access, ensuring the facility remains welcoming and accessible to all users. In addition, essential roof repairs were completed to preserve and protect the long-term condition of this important community asset, safeguarding its continued use for future generations.

The Council has also continued to strengthen links with local schools, community groups, and charities, involving them in a range of initiatives and events. This includes working in partnership with local food banks, parent groups, and schools, creating opportunities for greater participation and ensuring that all parts of the community can come together, connect, and support one another.

As a Community Council, we receive regular updates from South Wales Police and the local authority regarding the tackling of crime and disorder within our community. This ongoing communication helps ensure that local issues are monitored effectively and that appropriate responses can be developed in partnership with key agencies. We will continue to work closely with these partners to develop and support more effective programmes and initiatives aimed at maintaining and improving community safety, ensuring that residents across all four wards feel safe and supported in their local area.



Mat Based
Pilates

Tuesdays
10am - 2pm
2.10pm - 3.10pm
£6.50

Suitable for
Beginners
and Improvers
Booking Advised
Sally Davies
07853671065

Ty Illtyds, Parish Hall,
Main Road, Tonteg, CF38 1PY

Pontypridd Pilates
 Pontypriddpilates22@gmail.com
 PILATES
 Back4Good

**The Friendly
Wednesday Club**

Chat & Fun Games

A fun, welcoming environment for people affected by Strokes, Alzheimer's, etc, their carers, and anyone looking for support and friendship

When: Every Wednesday
 Where: Ty Illtud Community Centre CF38 1DB
 Time: 10:30 AM - 12:30 PM

COMMUNITY COFFEE MORNING

In Aid of Cancer Research



2nd THURSDAY OF EVERY MONTH

10am - 11.30am

April to December



Ty Iltud Community Centre, Church Village CF38 1DB



£2 ENTRY



Teas & Coffee



Toast, Fruit Bread & Biscuits



SPECIAL EVENTS: Jam & Cream Scones or Mince Pies



RAFFLE, BINGO & BOOK STALL

DATES FOR THE DIARY

MAY

14th

JUNE

11th

JULY

9th

AUG

13th

SEPT

10th

OCT

8th

NOV

12th

DEC

10th

ALL PROCEEDS TO CANCER RESEARCH - SUPPORT A GOOD CAUSE!

Allotments

Llantwit Fardre Community Council is proud to maintain two allotment sites within the community, one at Lansdale Drive, Tonteg, and the other at Station Road, Church Village.

These allotments provide an important outdoor space where residents of all ages can come together to grow their own fruit, vegetables, and flowers. Beyond the practical benefits of home-grown produce, allotment gardening promotes physical health through regular activity and time spent outdoors, while also supporting mental wellbeing by encouraging relaxation, social interaction, and a stronger connection with nature.

Recognising the significant value these spaces bring to the community, the Council has once again decided not to increase allotment rents. Looking ahead, the Council hopes to work more closely with the allotment association over the coming year to further enhance and promote the benefits of the sites. Planned initiatives include an allotment competition and a “Best Garden” competition, designed to encourage community involvement, foster pride in the allotments, and help strengthen a healthy, connected neighbourhood.



OBJECTIVE 2. A SUSTAINABLE AND RESILIENT LOCAL NEIGHBOURHOOD



With a fast-changing world and the growing impacts of climate change increasingly at the forefront of everyday life, Llantwit Fardre Community Council is committed to doing as much as possible to protect and enhance green spaces across Church Village, Efail Isaf, Llantwit Fardre, and Tonteg.

The Council recognises that well-managed green spaces contribute significantly to a better quality of life for residents and visitors. Across the area, it maintains 10 play areas, providing safe and dedicated spaces where children, parents, and grandparents can gather, play, and socialise outdoors, strengthening community wellbeing.

The Community Council also owns and manages two allotment sites—Tonteg Allotments, Station Road Allotments, and Dyffryn Bach Allotments—which offer residents the opportunity to grow their own fruit and vegetables while also supporting biodiversity and encouraging more sustainable living. In 2025–2026, an allotment competition was introduced, bringing users together to showcase their produce and celebrate local growing achievements. This proved highly successful, highlighting the strong community interest and passion for homegrown food.

The Council's dedicated outdoor team works tirelessly to enhance and maintain public spaces, carrying out tree and bulb planting across the wards, as well as

maintaining picnic benches, seating areas, and providing well-kept recycling and litter bin facilities for the benefit of residents.

As highlighted at sites such as Tir-Y-Graig, the annual return of bluebells demonstrates the success of ongoing conservation work. These protected flowers flourish each year thanks to careful management by Council staff, providing important habitats for pollinators and supporting local wildlife. The site also contains Welsh and English oak trees, which offer a vital food source and resting place for the rare purple hairstreak butterfly, recently identified in the area.

This butterfly is an important indicator species, typically associated with healthy, mature oak woodland habitats. Its presence at Tir-Y-Graig reflects the ecological value of the site and the success of conservation efforts in preserving and enhancing native woodland features. The purple hairstreak is often seen high in the tree canopy, making it a special but rarely observed species, and its continued presence highlights the importance of protecting and managing these natural environments for future generations.



The Community Council is committed to being environmentally aware and has again actively supported programmes that reduce its impact on the environment. It will continue to seek opportunities to improve its performance in line with its Biodiversity Plan.

During this year, the following initiatives have been successfully continued and developed:

- **No Mow May**, allowing grass and wildflowers to grow naturally to support pollinators and biodiversity
- **Recycling of resources** wherever possible to reduce waste
- **Use of sustainable products** across Council operations where appropriate
- **Creation of habitat piles** across Council-owned land to encourage insects, birds, and small mammals
- **Waste minimisation** practices to reduce environmental impact
- **Tree replanting schemes**, supporting long-term canopy growth and carbon reduction

These ongoing actions demonstrate the Council's continued commitment to protecting and enhancing the local environment, improving biodiversity, and promoting more sustainable practices across all four wards.



Cllr Jeff Beattie (Chair) and Rachel Carter, the Local Places for Nature Officer from One Voice Wales, undertook a biodiversity survey of Tir-Y-Graig during 2024–25 to assess the site's ecological value. This work provided a valuable baseline

understanding of the variety of wildlife and wildflower flora present within the area, including key habitats such as mature oak woodland and wildflower-rich grassland.

The findings of the survey were very positive and have given the Community Council a clearer picture of the ecological importance of the site. In particular, it has helped identify the presence of indicator species and highlighted the value of maintaining diverse habitats to support pollinators, birds, and invertebrates.

The survey also provided practical recommendations to further enhance biodiversity, including continued sensitive grassland management, protection of native tree cover, and opportunities to strengthen habitat connectivity across nearby green spaces. This includes the potential development of wildlife corridors to support species movement and resilience, especially in response to climate change pressures.

In addition, the results have helped inform future maintenance practices and reinforced the importance of controlling invasive species where necessary, while encouraging natural regeneration in appropriate areas.

This collaborative work, carried out alongside Cllr Jeff Beattie and external expertise, has strengthened the Council's evidence base and will support future decision-making. It also provides a strong foundation for continued engagement with local community groups, encouraging involvement in conservation activities and helping to further enhance biodiversity across the community for years to come.



The Community Council has worked in partnership with the Unitary Authority to improve local pedestrian facilities and promote safe routes to school within the four wards of The Council. These improvements aim to enhance accessibility, encourage

active travel, and ensure safer journeys for residents, particularly school pupils and families.

In addition, the car park at St Illtyd's Road has undergone improvements with the installation of Electric Vehicle (EV) charging points, supporting the transition towards more sustainable transport. The Council hopes to further develop this provision in the future as demand increases and technology evolves.

The Council has also continued to invest in local transport infrastructure by installing new bus shelters at key locations, including outside The Brown Trout public house, outside Garth Olwg School, and in Cae Fardre. These provide improved comfort and protection for passengers using public transport across the area.

Further enhancements include the installation of a larger upgraded shelter outside the Carnegie Parish Hall, as well as repair works carried out to the existing bus shelter at the bottom of Power Station Hill.

These improvements reflect the Council's ongoing commitment to supporting sustainable transport, improving local facilities, and ensuring safe, accessible infrastructure for all residents.





PLANS FOR 2026- 2027

The Community Council will continue to work with the community on developing a more inclusive environment to live in and the following works have been identified for 2026/27: -

- Completing works to the Carnegie Parish Hall toilets, along with investigating the state of the Parish Hall roof under listed building guidelines.
- Install six new planters to replace the ones that have deteriorated with floral displays.
- Organising the Remembrance Sunday Service to include Children and young people along with the older generation.
- Update play areas that are next inline on the 5-year plan.
- Arranging a St David's Day Event.
- Organise a Summer event.
- Organising the Christmas Events for all to enjoy
- Engage with Local Schools and Community Groups to make Llantwit Fardre Community Council area the best place to live and visit.
- Continue to improve the local biodiversity through planting.
- To continue to improve and encourage community engagement.
- To improve community consultations to hear the views of the community in response to public feedback.
- To continue to improve the accessibility to users of our website.
- To look into the feasibility of Christmas lights in our local areas following public feedback.



CONCLUSION

Illustrated throughout this Report is evidence to show how this Community Council has worked towards achieving its objectives within the following seven Well-being Goals as documented within the report.

- A prosperous Wales
- A Resilient Wales
- A Healthier Wales
- A More equal Wales
- A Wales of Cohesive Communities
- A Wales of Vibrant Culture and thriving Welsh Language
- A Globally Responsible Wales.

The Report has endeavoured to outline how Llantwit Fardre Community Council has in the last financial year taken reasonable steps in the work that it has undertaken to meet the objectives within the Local Well-Being plan published by Cwm Taf Public Service Board.