

**CYNGOR CYMUNED LLANILLTUD FAERDREF  
LLANTWIT FARDRE COMMUNITY COUNCIL**



**ANNUAL REPORT 2022/23**

**WELL-BEING OF FUTURE GENERATIONS (WALES) ACT, 2015**

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## FOREWARD FROM THE CHAIR



*David Stone*  
*Chair of Llantwit Fardre Community Council 2022/23*

It has been a great honour to be elected as Chair of Llantwit Fardre Community Council for the Municipal Year 2022/23 on behalf of myself and Members of the Community Council, I am pleased to present the Annual Well-Being and Future Generations Report for 2022/23.

Following the Local Government Elections in May, 2022, the membership of this Community Council increased from 12 to 13 representing the four Wards of Church Village (5), Efail Isaf (1), Llantwit Fardre (4) and Tonteg (3).

It would be remiss of me not to mention those Members who retired in May, 2022 and acknowledge their services throughout their respective terms of office and I wish them the very best for the future.

Following the elections in May, 2022, the Council adhered to the provisions within the Local Government Elections (Wales) Act, 2021 and hybrid meetings commenced as from June, 2023.

I would like to take the opportunity to thank the elected Members and staff for their work throughout the year.

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

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## THE COUNCIL'S ANNUAL REPORT 2022/23

The Well-being of Future Generations Act 2015 places a duty on Llantwit Fardre Community Council to take steps towards meeting the well-being objectives within the local wellbeing plan published by Cwm Taf Public Service Board.

Llantwit Fardre Community Council is made up of four Wards – Church Village, Efail Isaf, Llantwit Fardre and Tonteg. There are 13 elected Members (Councillors) that represent the four wards.

The Community Council is required to ensure that it complies with the Cwm Taf Well-Being Plan 2018-2023.

The priorities/objectives approved by the Cwm Taf Public Service Board are:-

### **Objective 1 – Thriving Communities**

To promote safe, confident, strong, and thriving communities improving the wellbeing of residents and visitors and buildings on our community assets.

This Community Council owns two buildings, both of which are located in the heart of Church Village which are easily accessible and have plenty of free car parking spaces:

- Carnegie Parish Hall – Grade II listed building.

This is the largest of the two buildings and can seat up to 120 people. It is used by groups such as the WI, Brownies, Guides, Yoga Classes, Art Classes, Dance Groups etc. and can also be booked for parties.



- **Ty Illtud**

This building has recently been fully refurbished and as like the Carnegie Parish Hall is well used by groups such as the local Choir and the Friendly Wednesday Club (previously known as the Stroke Club).



Both buildings have recently been fitted with fire alarms/smoke detectors and both have Music licences to enable music to be played.

### **Grants**

The Community Council has helped support many of our local groups with financial support in the form of grants which has a wider positive impact on members of our community.

### **Play Areas**

This Council is very proud of the fact that it is responsible for 11 play areas, 9 of which are owned by the Council and two are leased from the Unitary Authority.

It was agreed in 2022/23 to refurbish two of the play areas i.e. Maesybryn, Llantwit Fardre and Ty Draw, Church Village at an estimated cost of £50,000. The priorities for future repairs/renewals are set out in a five year Work Programme, which is frequently updated by Members of the Leisure and Amenities Committee.





Parks and play areas are dedicated spaces within the community that provide both children, parents and grandparents, a safe space to play, gather and socialise outside and our Operatives take great pride in maintaining these areas.

The Operatives also look after the planters and hanging baskets within the area and the open-spaces that are owned by the Council. One such open space is Tir y Graig which is frequently used by ramblers and in May of each year is flourished with bluebells



## Objective 2 – Healthy People

### **Allotments**

Llantwit Fardre Community Council owns two allotment sites – one situated at Tonteg and the other at Station Road, Church Village.

“To help people live long and healthy lives and overcome any challenges”. With this in mind, the Council has not increased its rent for over five years, its aim being to encourage people to grow their own fruit and vegetables. In this year alone, the Council received five individual requests to install greenhouses on their respective plots, all of which were granted.





## **Defibrillators**

At the end of 2022, following a Motion that was presented to Council, Members agreed to purchase a further two defibrillators, increasing the amount to six within the areas of Llantwit Fardre Community Council. The cost of which was taken from CiL (Community Infrastructure Levy) receipts.

These vital assets will have a widespread community benefit in potentially lifesaving situations.



## **Objective 3 - Strong Economy**

“To grow a strong local economy with sustainable transport that attracts people to live work and play in Cwm Taf”.

In the 2022/23 financial year, the Council received a total of 15 new bus shelters from the Unitary Authority to encourage and support people in using public transport.



These transport links go to and from the villages of Llantwit Fardre, Church Village and Tonteg to the City Centre of Cardiff. There is also a facility where the public can use this Council's car park as a Park and Ride which is available free of charge.

## **Benches**

Benches are located in various locations throughout the Community and are positioned in each of our 11 play areas. Memorial benches, as well as being provided by the Council (5 in total) some have also been donated by residents who have lost their loved ones. These are placed in areas that are owned by this Council e.g. Tir y Graig where they can sit and reflect or chat with passers-by, knowing that they are in a safe place.



## **Cross Cutting Objective: TACKLING LONLINESS AND ISOLATION**

### **Warm Hub**

Llantwit Fardre Community Council recognises the importance of community spirit and worked in partnership with the Wardens of St. Illtud's Church Council where we provided our building known as Ty Illtud free to the Church Council in order that it could be used as a 'Warm Hub' during the Winter months, where many lonely people could pop in for a cuppa and a chat.

### **Events**

- **Remembrance Sunday**

The Community Council was pleased to be able to once again organise the Remembrance Sunday commemoration, the last one being in November, 2019 prior to the lock-down restrictions placed on all concerned by the pandemic.

It was lovely to welcome new and familiar faces to the Carnegie Parish Hall following the service that was held at St. Illtud's Church. Members were thrilled to

receive another sermon by Bishop Richards and the refreshments were enjoyed by all.

- **The Queen's Platinum Jubilee**

The Chair of the Council and the Clerk were privileged to be able to visit each of the schools in the Community's area and donate coins to the pupils which were patented on behalf of the Council and one side embellished with the Council's logo.

- **Christmas Events**

*Fete* – Our Christmas fete was low key this year, as we were late in organising the event due to our car park having to be closed for works. However, this nor the snow stopped us in having a fun day at the local Sports Club. As usual the main event was Santa's Grotto and throughout the day visits were made by characters such as Olaf and princesses. Whilst the children were having their faces painted, the adults could relax with a cuppa and a cake and have a look round the various stalls that were set up.

*Senior Citizens' Christmas Dinner* – Our residents didn't let us down again this year and the office was very busy in selling tickets (at a very low cost) to those who live in the area. The two evenings (6<sup>th</sup> and 7<sup>th</sup> December) were a sell-out, and quite a few got up and gave a jig or two whilst the Artist sang.



*Pantomime* – It has been quite a few years since the Council facilitated a pantomime in the Carnegie Parish Hall. Two showings of Goldilocks and the Three Bears were performed on the afternoon and the evening of the 17<sup>th</sup> December, 2022 where the children squealed with delight at the performers, and the adults had a chuckle or two too!





*Christmas Lights Competition* – Due to last year's success, the Council agreed to put this competition on again in December, 2022. Local Councillors and the Clerk went out over two evenings to judge the decorated houses resulting in four runners up (one from each Ward) each receiving £50 and the overall winner which was chosen by the Chair of the Council receiving £100. Residents are now asking if we can put on a Christmas Lights Competition in December, 2023 but for the best dressed street - showing how communities are coming together.

*Shalem* – Out of his allowance, the Chair of the Council arranged an afternoon tea for those who attend the local Shalem Group. The afternoon was a huge success where the lonely and vulnerable adults within the area were invited to the Carnegie Parish Hall on the 21<sup>st</sup> December, 2022 and they all had a sing-a-long with the 'Choir for Good' and some were lucky to win bingo prizes that had been donated by the Council's staff.

## 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 Act.





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.

The aim for this Council during the next and future years is to build upon its strengths using the assets that it has available and get more active in working in partnership with the Unitary Authority on Climate Change and using our green open-spaces to be more biodiversity friendly where we will allow and encourage wildflowers to grow.



It is therefore, pleasing to conclude this Report by showing that the Chair of the Council participated in the planting of a tree with Community Councillor Joel James who is also a Member of the Senedd as part of National Trust Cymru's #BlossomWatch Campaign. The tree was planted on land that is owned by this Community Council - Tir y Craig on the 21<sup>st</sup> February, 2023.

