

Annual Report 2025-26

Introduction

The Local Government and Elections (Wales) Act 2021, Section 52, requires Community Councils in Wales, as soon as reasonably practicable after the end of each financial year, to prepare and publish an annual report about the Council's priorities, activities and achievements over the previous year.

Organisation of Council

Llanrhystud Community Council consists of ten Councillor and employs a part-time Clerk as Proper Officer and Responsible Financial Officer.

Chair of Council 2025-2026

Councillor Charles Green.

Elections

No elections were held during this period.

Appointments

At the Annual Meeting of May 2025, Mrs S. Richards informed the council of her resignation from the council seat. After due process, Ms Meinir Evans was co-opted to the vacant seat on Llanrhystud Community Council. The council thanks Mrs S. Richards for her hard work and commitment to the community during her time as Community Councillor.

Councillors

Llanrhystud Community Council (LICC) serves the townships of Myfenydd, Haminiog and Deiniol, represented by the following councillors:

- **Myfenydd:** Glyn Davies, John Evans.
- **Haminiog:** Gareth Flynn, Charles Green (Chair), Gwyn Jones, Morris Jones, Donald Morgan, Meinir Evans, Iestyn Tudur-Jones (Vice-Chair).
- **Deiniol:** Gwyn Evans (also County Councillor)

Clerk / Proper Officer & Responsible Financial Officer: E. Robinson

Council representation on other organisations' committees

One Voice Wales, Ceredigion Area Committee: C. Green

Memberships

One Voice Wales (OVW)

Llanrhystud Community Council meetings

Members of the public are very welcome to attend Llanrhystud Community Council meetings, which take place on the first Wednesday of each month (usually at Llanrhystud Memorial Hall during Apr/May/Jul/Oct/Nov/Jan/Feb, or Llanddeiniol Church Hall during Jun/Sep/Dec/Mar), with the exception of August – please check the website for information on where and when the next meeting will be held.

Agendas are published at least three working days in advance of a meeting and the minutes are published, on the website, within 7 working days of the meeting.

Declaration of member's interests and attendance at meetings is noted in the following table, which includes links to agendas and minutes published on the Council's website at

www.cyngorcymunedllanrhystud.com

Meetings of Llanrhystud Community Council 01/04/2025 - 31/03/2026											
		Attendance									
		Glyn Davies	Gwyn Evans	John Evans	Meinir Evans	Gareth Flynn	Charles Green	Gwyn Jones	Morris Jones	Donald Morgan	Iestyn Tudur-Jones
Date	Documents										
02/04/2025	Agenda / Minutes	P	P,D	P		P,D	P	P	P	P,D	P
07/05/2025	Agenda / Minutes (AM) Agenda / Minutes	P	P	P		A	P	A	P	A	A
04/06/2025	Agenda / Minutes	P	P	P		P,D	P,D	P	A	A	P
09/07/2025	Agenda / Minutes	A	P	P		P	P	A	P	A	A
13/08/2025	Agenda / Minutes	P	P	P		P	P	P	P	A	P
03/09/2025	Agenda / Minutes	P	P	P		P,D	P	P,D	P	A	P,D
08/10/2025	Agenda / Minutes	A	P	P		P	P	P	P	A	P
12/11/2025	Agenda / Minutes	A	P,D	A	P	P	P	A	P	P	A
03/12/2025	Agenda / Minutes	P	P	P	P,D	P,D	A	P	P	A	A
07/01/2026	Agenda / Minutes	P	A	P	P	P,D	P	P,D	P	A	P
04/02/2026	Agenda / Minutes	P,D	P	P	P,D	P,D	P	P	P	P	P
11/03/2026	Agenda / Minutes	P	P,D	P	P	P,D	P,D	A	X	A	P
Present (P)		9	11	11	5	11	11	8	10	3	8
Apologies (A)		3	1	1	0	1	1	4	1	9	4
Absent without Apologies (X)		0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0
Declaration of Interest (D)		1	3	0	2	7	2	2	0	1	1

Work of the Council

Cae Ceredig

With 90% grant funding, Llanrhystud Community Council was able to purchase new playground equipment, which was installed with the help of local residents. Some items replaced outdated equipment, whereas others were chosen with the aim to expand access to play and promote inclusivity for a wider age range of children. In addition, new goalposts were installed on the football pitch ahead of the start of the 2025/26 season, during which the community welcomed Felinfach FC to the village to host their home games at Cae Ceredig while their own pitch was being resurfaced.

Street Furniture Repairs

Repairs have been carried out on the bench opposite the entrance to Heol Islwyn, as well as on the reinstallation of the Noticeboard.

Community Boundary Changes

Llanrhystud Community Council have actively opposed the proposals by the Welsh Government for the changing of community boundaries, that would see Llanrhystud Community Council merge with Llanfarian Community Council. The new boundary would cover areas as far as Llanbadarn Fawr and Capel Seion, while the number of community councillors representing Llanrhystud and Llanddeiniol would be reduced from 10 to 6.

Traffic Calming Measures

Ceredigion County Council carried out works in Llanrhystud in early 2026 to install traffic calming measures along the B4337 as well as Active Travel features to link with the bus stop. The works are intended to be the first phase of improvements to roads and walkways within the village to promote Active Travel. Llanrhystud Community Council have been involved in the mediation between the local residents, Ceredigion County Council and their design engineering consultants Atkins.

Placemaking

Councillors have been assisting Chris Jones Regeneration, who is commissioned by Ceredigion County Council to work on the Placemaking Ceredigion project, which is looking to develop rural service centres throughout Ceredigion (see [Placemaking-Ceredigion](#)).

Planning Applications

9 planning applications submitted by members of the community were considered during this period.

Achievements

Active Play Sessions

During the summer of 2025, Llanrhystud Community Council once again arranged for RAY Ceredigion to provide 5 Active Play Session in the park. These play sessions are extremely well received by the community.

The feedback from parents was excellent. The sessions enabled children from within the village and the dispersed rural community, to meet up. The sessions catered for all ages and abilities allowing them to mix, explore their imagination through play and interact with one another in a safe environment, with many children making new friends.

Grant Applications

During FY2025-26, with the assistance of some residents of the village, Llanrhystud Community Council successfully applied for grant funding from Ceredigion County Council, made available through the Welsh Government All Wales Play Opportunities Capital Grant, for the purchase of new play equipment for the playground in Cae Ceredig. The installation of the new equipment was done during February and March.

Key objectives for 2026-27

- Secure the services of a grounds maintenance keeper for Cae Ceredig.
- Installation of signs for Cae Ceredig.
- Improve access to footpaths within the community.

Future priorities for 2026-27

To review the information collated through the Placemaking Ceredigion Project and establish key objectives based on the community's needs and priorities – the project information will be available mid-June.

Assets

Street furniture:

- 9x bench; 1 currently removed - to be replaced.
- 1x noticeboard.

Bus shelter

Playing field

Garage (on playing field)

Playground equipment:

- 2x single bench.
- 5x single bench with back rest.
- 1x double bench with central back rest.
- 2x double bench with table.
- Balance walkway (wooden).
- 1x carousel.
- Wooden train (toddler seating).
- 3-bay swing set – 1x nest seat, 1x standard seat, 1x adult/toddler combination seat, 1x toddler seat.
- 1x springer.
- 1x spinning saucer.
- Hut (wooden) with slide and climbing wall.

Services Managed

Grass Cutting

Llanrhystud Community Council thanks H. Morgan for cutting the grass around Llanrhystud village noticeboard throughout the year and D. Moore for cutting the grass of the community playing field up until September, after which the playing field surface was maintained by Felinfach FC as per the agreement. It is noted that some areas of the playing field have been left uncut, allowing the grass to grow taller to provide more natural environments and habitats for wildlife. Llanrhystud Community Council are in the process of finding a new maintenance keeper for the playground following D.Moore's expression to want to end this responsibility – the community council thanks D.Moore for his years of service to the community.

Internal Audit

An internal audit was arranged for the previous financial year (2024-25), which was executed by G. Jones.

Website

The Llanrhystud Community Council website serves as a point of information for residents of the community for community council meeting agendas and minutes, information on community councillors, a resource for council policies and reports, as well as news relating to the community.

Finance (year ending 31 Mar 26)

Income

• Precept 2025-23:	£11,600.00
• Bank interest:	£101.23
• Grant funding:	£9,506.00
• Other income:	£150.00
• Total Income:	£21,357.23

Expenditure

• Clerk's salary and administration costs:	£3,647.13
• Payments associated with grant-funded project:	£10,693.01 (excl. VAT)
• Total other payments:	£12,285.44 (excl. VAT)
• Total Expenditure:	£26,625.58

Balance as of 31/03/2026

• Community Account:	£2,099.87
• Business Account:	£5,144.53
• Total:	£7,244.40

Donations

Section 137(1) of the Local Government Act 1972 allows expenditure that will bring direct benefit to the area and its inhabitants if no other powers can be used. Community grants and donations were awarded by the Council to the following local organisations:

- £100 Llanddeiniol Community Association (for Children's Christmas Party)
- £100 Merched y Wawr
- £250 RAY Ceredigion
- £50 Blood Bikes Wales
- £250 Welsh Air Ambulance
- £150 Cylch Meithrin Glan y Môr
- £100 Llanddeiniol YFC
- £100 Y Ddolen
- £100 Ysgol Myfenydd
- £100 Llanddeiniol Church
- £100 Llanddeiniol Community Association (for Llanddeiniol Church Hall)

Section 137(3) of the Act also permits the Council to incur expenditure for some charitable purposes, and the donations were made to the Royal British Legion (£50), Wales Air Ambulance (£250) and Blood Bikes Wales (£50). In 2025-26, the Council made payments totalling £1,750.00 under section 137, although £300 of which were donations associated with FY2024-25 but were only issued during FY2025-26.

Governance

The Council received a qualified audit report for 2024-2025 from Audit Wales, which is published on the Council's website. The basis for qualification is as follows:

- Assertion 1: Arrangements for the approval of accounts.
 - Unfortunately, approval of accounts was not completed by 30 June, as required.
- Assertion 3: The Council has not provided evidence that it submitted to the Independent Remuneration Panel for Wales (IRPW) a schedule of payments made to members.
 - All members opted out of receiving an allowance; however, this was not communicated to the IRPW.

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