

Tirymynach Community Council Business Plan 2025-26.

Summary of activities 2024-25

The Community Council recognises the importance of adhering to the principles of the Wellbeing of Future Generations legislation and considering Sustainability as well as environmental impact.

Consequently our main aim in the past year has been to engage with contractors with a view to improving the facilities offered at the Bryncastell play park. This includes ensuring play equipment is inspected regularly by experts so that it meets ROSPA safety standards. We have also identified a Contractor to improve fencing around the park, again with a view to ensuring safety standards and we believe this work will be undertaken shortly.

As stated last year, the park at Tregerddan was no longer sustainable due to ground conditions and would have required a large monetary investment to meet this standard. As the land is not owned by the community, it was not feasible to undertake this task. Consequently the park was condemned & signage put in place to ensure community members were aware of this. Regrettably it does appear that some individuals have disposed of this signage. The old play equipment is to be removed as soon as a suitable contractor is identified and we do have to make it clear that if individuals in the community continue to use this area, they need to be aware that they are held responsible should they sustain a fall or injury.

In order to provide suitable health equipment throughout the community, a defibrillator has been placed in the Llangorwen area, however during building work, the defibrillator at Neuadd Rhydpennau has been out of action, but now that building work is completed, it is back in working order. This means the Community Council have 4 Defibrillators to monitor in the area, with the other 2 being at Noddfa Chapel & In the Spar carpark.

We are conscious of the effects of rubbish & dog excrement upon the environment, there are suitable placed bins in the area and their effective use will continue to be monitored to see if they are appropriately placed.

A Community Engagement event was hosted by the Community Council in the Hall last year in response to the proposed closure of Tregerddan Old people's home. It was well attended & the overwhelming response was opposition to the proposal. Consequently the Community Council wrote to The County

Council detailing the objections and points raised. Unfortunately no response was received & the Home has been subsequently closed with residents moved to Hafan y Waun in Aberystwyth.

The Community Council supported the community events of Christmas tree lighting and Football club fireworks either practically or financially or both. They attracted considerable community engagement and enjoyment.

We continue to try to offer opportunities for engagement with the council, most notably with opportunity at the Hall spring fair & councillors in regular attendance at the warm space coffee mornings at the Village Hall. Take-up of these opportunities is extremely low but we will continue to offer the opportunities.

We cannot conclude the summary of past year activities without a Tribute to The late County Councillor Paul Hinge who sadly died earlier last summer. He was a highly effective champion for the community & we intend, following consulting with his family, to place a memorial plaque at the station.

Priorities for 2025-26

It is regrettable that due to increasing costs we have had to increase the precept this year. We continue to closely monitor the budget and prioritise expenditure according to the principals of sustainability and developments to provide opportunity for future developments.

- 1) Upgrade of Fencing in Bryncastell Park , continued monitoring of safety standards and consideration of future development of the park to meet local need.
- 2) Removal of substandard & obsolete equipment from the area referred to as Tregerddan park
- 3) A 3 year contract was awarded last year to local contractor to maintain verges & areas identified as responsibility of community council.
- 4) Maintenance & monitoring of the 4 defibrillators.
- 5) Monitoring of environmental hazards such as Dog excrement, litter and pot holes to effectively inform county Council and consider whether extra bins and Notices are required .
- 6) Continued support of partners in the community endeavouring to enhance the life experience of residents, this includes the School, Hall, Football Club, various associations such as YFC, Clwb Henoed, Cylch Meithrin, The Tincer.
- 7) We are exploring possibility of reinstating a flagpole in the community.
- 8) We will organise a tree lighting event again this year in Bow Street, in conjunction with the Hall committee and the School and will also support the Football Club Bonfire night celebration.
- 9) We recognise that although we have recruited 1 new community councillor, we continue to be a very small committee. We would welcome others to join us particularly with a view to increase the diversity of our community representation.