



Glyntraian Community Council

Annual Report 2022/23

1. Context

During the year 2022/23 following the ordinary elections in May, the Council comprised of 8 councillors who were fully committed to representing the residents of Glyntraian and providing them with services and facilities designed to enhance the social and environmental well-being of the community. The Councillors who were in office during the year were as follows:

Councillor Graham Barrow (Chairman)
Councillor Robin Boston (Vice Chair)
Councillor Edith Jones
Councillor Emma Jones
Councillor Colin Hidden
Councillor Pam Hughes
Councillor Sarah Hawkes
Councillor Laura Bell MacMillan (Part Year – Co-opted)

The Council has Standing Committees and Councillors are appointed to serve on some of these. The Standing Committees are:

Finance Committee
Staffing Committee
Environment Committee
Governance and Compliance Committee
Communications Committee

The Council appoints working committees to manage certain projects. Committees that were operational during the year were:

Queen's Platinum Jubilee Events Committee
New Dolywern Playground Committee

The Council has representatives on the following external bodies:

Four representatives on the Oliver Jones Memorial Hall Committee
One representative on the Wrexham Town and Community Council Forum

Membership of the Committees together with contact details of Councillors is available on the Glyntraian Community Council website.

The main contact for all Council business is Stephanie Masters, Clerk to the Council

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2. Financial Information

Income and expenditure in the financial year which ended on 31 March 2023 is summarised as follows:

Balances brought forward from 31st March 2022:	£45,966.98
Income from Precept:	£15,900.00
Other Receipts:	£24,129.08
Sub-Total:	£85,996.06
Staff Costs:	£22,683.36
Total of all other Payments:	£38,821.30
Sub-Total:	£61,504.66
Balance carried forward to financial year 2023/24:	£24,491.40

The accounts are submitted to Audit Wales after the accounts have been approved by the Council in June 2023 and an audit opinion will be received later in the year. They must therefore be regarded as 'Not yet Audited'.

The value of the fixed assets of the Council are £765,711.

All Councillors waived their annual allowance payment of £150.

3. Relationship with Wrexham County Borough Council

The Council worked closely with Councillor Trevor Bates, the County Borough Councillor for the Ceiriog Valley. He attended meetings of the Council providing a report for each meeting and listened to issues raised by Councillors relating to the responsibilities of Wrexham County Borough Council and took up matters for action with relevant officers as appropriate.

The Chair is the Council's representative for the Wrexham Town and Community Council Forum which meets quarterly.

4. Complaints

No complaints were received about the work of the Community Council during the year.

5. Key Achievements in 2022/2023 Financial Year

The key achievements during the year were:

- The Council organised a range of free events to commemorate the late Queen's Platinum Jubilee. The Council took part in the international Jubilee Beacon lighting event and lit a beacon in the grounds of the Oliver Jones Memorial Hall on 2nd June 2022. A Grand Family Picnic was

held in the grounds of Ysgol Pontfadog, and a Royal Afternoon Tea and Ceilidh were held at the Oliver Jones Memorial Hall. The celebrations were well attended and enjoyed by all.

- New play equipment was installed in Dolywern. The Council was extremely grateful for the grant awarded by the Big Lottery Community Fund towards the cost of the new playground. The Council used £10,000 from its Reserves to cover the rest of the cost of the project.
- The Council donated £2500 towards the cost of installing cinema facilities at the Oliver Jones Memorial Hall.
- The Council donated £12000 towards the cost of installing a new heating system at the Oliver Jones Memorial Hall.
- The Council set up a 'here to help' scheme to help members of the community cope with the current cost of living crisis.
- The Council received a grant of £1000 from Wrexham County Borough Council to fund a 'warm space' for the winter months. This was run successfully by the Council's Community Agent and was well used by residents.
- The Council, with the support of the Council's Community Agent, held and continues to hold a series of events to support older and vulnerable residents in Glyntraian, in line with the well-being objectives of the Welsh Government's Programme for Government (June 2021). During 2022-2023 low-cost meals were provided at a club held weekly for older/vulnerable residents to encourage socialisation. Christmas and Easter hampers and a St Davids Day afternoon tea were also given to these residents.
- The Council supported the Community Agent in her extensive and varied activities.
- The Council's Community Agent arranged a Community Bus Trip to Llandudno in August which was enjoyed by everyone who went. Funds were raised from a cake stall and the Council and Llansantffraid Glyn Ceiriog Community Council both made donations towards the cost of trip.

6. Biodiversity

As the River Ceiriog is in the River Dee catchment area the Council is now working in partnership with Welsh Dee Trust and Wild Fish. The Council is involved in the Wild Fish Smart Rivers programme which carries out high resolution invertebrate monitoring and produces invaluable evidence of biodiversity and habitat quality to protect wild fish. Members of the local community are involved in the work.

A consultant to the Council's Environment Committee carried out a free survey of the River Ceiriog for the Council in 2022. The survey covered 8.5 miles along the course of the river in Glyntraian. A detailed photographic and drone survey was undertaken which highlighted various issues.

The Council helped a local resident to buy a moth trap to study moth populations in the Ceiriog Valley. A report was presented to the Council which provided information about biodiversity in the local area.

To benefit wildlife and the environment the Council has stopped ground maintenance contractors using weedkillers in the grounds of the Oliver Jones Memorial Hall and Pontfadog playground. A wild border has been left under the hedge at the back of the Hall playing field for insects and pollinators.

To mark the Queen's Platinum Jubilee the Council planted two apple trees in the grounds of the Oliver Jones Memorial Hall. The Queen's Green Canopy, a UK-wide tree planting initiative, invited people to 'Plant a Tree for the Jubilee'.

7. Planned Activities for 2023/24

These include:

- Coronation weekend celebrations 6-8 May 2023
- Supporting the Council's Community Agent to organise another Community Bus Trip to Llandudno
- Arranging another Community Christmas lunch