



# **Glyntraian Community Council**

## **Annual Report 2023/24**

### **1. Context**

During the year 2023/24 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 Robin Boston (Chair)  
Councillor Richard Evans (Part Year – Co-opted)  
Councillor Edith Jones  
Councillor Colin Hidden  
Councillor Pam Hughes  
Councillor Ky Lewis (Part Year – Co-opted)

During 2023-2024 the following Councillors resigned from the Council:

Councillor Graham Barrow  
Councillor Sarah Hawkes  
Councillor Emma Jones  
Councillor Laura Bell McMillan

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:

King's Coronation Events 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  
One representative on One Voice Wales

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 2024 is summarised as follows:

<b>Balances brought forward from 31<sup>st</sup> March 2023:</b>	<b>£24,491.40</b>
Income from Precept:	£21,500.00
Other Receipts:	£22,422.65
<b>Sub-Total:</b>	<b>£43,922.65</b>
Staff Costs:	£23,683.09
Total of all other Payments:	£29,124.39
<b>Sub-Total:</b>	<b>£52,807.48</b>
<b>Balance carried forward to financial year 2024/25:</b>	<b>£15,606.57</b>

The Council's internal auditor identified no internal control issues and it was confirmed the Council has maintained a robust set of books and records for the financial year. The accounts have been submitted to Audit Wales after being approved by the Council in June 2024 and an audit opinion will be received later in the year. The accounts 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. Code of Conduct

Councillors have been trained in the Code of Conduct and are fully aware of their commitment to the Code

## 6. Key Achievements in 2023/2024 Financial Year

The key achievements during the year were:

The Council organised three free events at the Oliver Jones Memorial Hall to celebrate the King's Coronation. The Royal Afternoon Tea Party on Saturday and children's party on Sunday were both well attended and enjoyed by all those who came. A Ceilidh featuring 'Two Left Feet' was again a great success and the music, dancing and buffet were enjoyed by everyone. The Council received an 'Awards for All' grant of £2,850 which covered the cost of the Coronation events.

The Council's Community Agent arranged a Community Vintage Machinery and Craft Fayre in July. This inclusive event was funded by a Groundworks Community Grant which had been awarded to the Community Agent through the Tesco 'Bags of Help' scheme. The show was extremely popular and managed to raise £758 for the Oliver Jones Memorial Hall. Thank you to everyone who was involved in the organisation of this event and to all who attended. As the event was so popular it is being run again in July 2024.

The Community Agent, with the support of the Council, held and continues to hold a series of socially inclusive events to support older and vulnerable residents in Glyntraian. During 2023-2024 coffee and cake afternoons were held fortnightly at the Oliver Jones Memorial Hall and these will be continuing during 2024-2025. Cllr Robin Boston helps the Community Agent to run these.

The Community Agent successfully runs a Brunch Club on a voluntary basis on Tuesday mornings. This has been and is continuing to be very popular with members of the community. Cllr Robin Boston provides invaluable support to run this club.

The Council received £2,811.68 from the Little Learning Company in recognition of the Brunch Club running continuous sessions and providing a socially inclusive club for everyone in the community. Some of this money has been used to fund community afternoon teas. During 2023-2024, afternoon teas were held at Easter and one in October.

In 2022 the Council had set up a 'Here to Help' scheme to help members of the community cope with the current cost of living crisis. Ready prepared frozen meals were available during 2023-2024 and these will be continuing to be available during 2024-2025.

An event held on St David's Day was very successful. PCSO Gareth Jones had arranged not only for various organisations to attend but also Police and Community Trust (PACT) funding for a buffet. The Community Agents from Glyntraian and Glyn Ceiriog and Llanarmon Councils worked together to provide the buffet.

The free Community Christmas lunch was held at the Oliver Jones Memorial Hall on the 19th December 2023 and was attended by over 70 residents. The Council received a kind donation of £100 from the Llangollen Urban, Llangollen Rural and Glyntraian Welfare Charities and a £150 donation from the PACT fund towards the cost of the lunch. The remaining cost was covered by funds received from the Little Learning Company.

During the year the Council donated grants totalling £1,770. These included a £500 donation to the Wales Air Ambulance and £500 to the Nightingale Hospice in Wrexham. The Ceiriog Valley Brownies and Guides, Ceiriog Valley Garden Society and Oliver Jones Memorial Hall also benefitted from donations.

Helping Hands, supported by the Council, provided Christmas and Easter hampers to support those Glyntraian residents in need of a little extra cheer.

A Community Bus Trip to Llandudno in August was enjoyed by everyone who went. Funds were raised from a cake stall run by the Community Agent and the Council and Llansantffraid Glyn Ceiriog Community Council both donated towards the cost of trip.

The Council appointed Caru'n Pentrefi village tidy group as volunteers in February 2024 and the group meets monthly from March to November. The now group works on behalf of the Council. Members of

the group carry out litter picks, cut grass within the village boundary signs and plant flower beds and boxes in the villages of Pontfadog and Dolywern, all of which are designed to improve the appearance of the community. The Pontfadog War Memorial, which is the responsibility of the Council, is also maintained by the group.

## **7. Biodiversity**

As the River Ceiriog is in the River Dee catchment area the Council is still 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.

To benefit wildlife and the environment a wild border has been left under the hedge at the back of the Oliver Jones Hall playing field for insects and pollinators.

## **7. Planned Activities for 2024/25**

These include:

- 80th Anniversary D-Day Commemorations on 6<sup>th</sup> June 2024
- Supporting the Council's Community Agent to organise another Community Bus Trip to Llandudno in August.
- Arranging another Community Christmas lunch
- Arranging an afternoon tea for Saint David's Day
- Installing rain gardens at the Oliver Jones Memorial Hall to help slow down the flow of rainwater to the River Ceiriog. This will be a community project.