



Glyntraian Community Council

Annual Report 2024/25

1. Context

During the year 2024/25 the Council comprised of 7 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 (New Chair)
Councillor Edith Jones
Councillor Colin Hidden (Vice Chair)
Councillor Pam Hughes
Councillor Ky Lewis
Councillor David Sopwith

During 2024-2025 the following Councillors resigned from the Council:

Councillor Robin Boston

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:

80th Anniversary D Day Commemoration Events

The Council has representatives on the following external bodies:

Six 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 2025 is summarised as follows:

Balances brought forward from 31st March 2024:	£15606.57
Income from Precept:	£26,000
Other Receipts:	£17728.01
Sub-Total:	£59334.58
Staff Costs:	£24632.38
Total of all other Payments:	£13132.83
Sub-Total:	£37765.21
Balance carried forward to financial year 2025/26	£21569.37

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 on 4th June 2025 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 £767,166.17

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 2024/2025 Financial Year

The key achievements during the year were:

The Council took part in the 80th Anniversary D-Day National Commemorations on the 6th June. A Commemoration flag was raised at 9am at the Oliver Jones Memorial Hall. We also lit a beacon in the grounds of the Hall in the evening at 9:15pm. Our beacon was one of more than 800 D-Day beacons lit across the UK and overseas to commemorate this historic event paying tribute to all those who served during the 1944 beach invasion.

The Council's Community Agent, Davena Davies, arranged a second Community Vintage Machinery and Craft Fayre in July 2024. Like last year the show was extremely popular and managed to raise £676 for St John's Church in Pontfadog. Thank you to everyone who was involved in the organisation of this socially inclusive event and to all who attended. As the event was again so popular it is being run again in July 2025.

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 2024-2025 coffee and cake afternoons were held fortnightly at the Oliver Jones Memorial Hall and these will be continuing during 2025-2026. Until his resignation in January 2025 Cllr Robin Boston had helped the Community Agent to run these. A 'warm space' was held at the Oliver Jones Hall over the Autumn and Winter to support vulnerable families.

Last year the Council and Glyn Ceiriog Community Council invited Citizens Advice Outreach Services to provide advice drop-in sessions in the communities. The cost of the service was paid for by the two Councils. The drop-in sessions provide generalist advice. The sessions were held at the Oliver Jones Memorial Hall in Dolywern and the Canolfan in Glyn Ceiriog and proved to be much appreciated by residents. As a result, Citizens Advice Outreach Services will be continuing over 2025-2026.

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 provided invaluable support to run this club until he resigned in January 2025.

Cllr Richard Evans set up the Glyntraian Repair Café last October which is becoming increasingly busy. Skilled volunteers offer their services to repair items and PAT testing is available. Food stalls from local food producers are also now available at each session and are proving popular. The Community Agent kindly provides refreshments. Sessions are usually on Thursdays but recently a session was held on a Saturday for residents who are usually working during the week.

Cllr Colin Hidden and Cllr Ky Lewis set up a Men's Club at the Oliver Jones Memorial Hall at the end of last year supported by a £200 PACT donation from North Wales Police and a £100 donation from the Llangollen Urban, Llangollen Rural and Glyntraian Welfare Charities. The Council donated £600 to pay for a pool table, darts board and playing cards for the Club.

A community lunch on St David's Day was well attended. The cost of the food was covered by a £250 PACT donation from North Wales Police. A raffle held on the day raised £120 for the Oliver Jones Men's Club. The Council would like to thank the Community Agent, Cllr Ky Lewis, Cllr Colin Hidden and Cllr Edith Jones for organising the event.

The free Community Christmas lunch, organised by the Community Agent, was held at the Oliver Jones Memorial Hall on the 17th December 2024 and was very well attended. Sixty meals were served and a further 12 were delivered within the community. The Council received a kind donation of £100 from the Llangollen Urban, Llangollen Rural and Glyntraian Welfare Charities towards the cost of the event. Any remaining costs were covered by Council. The Council would like to thank everyone involved in organising this event.

During the year the Council donated grants totalling £1,450. These included a £500 donation to the Nightingale Hospice in Wrexham towards new ECG machine, a £200 donation towards new outdoor play equipment at Ysgol Cynddelw and. £100 donation to Wrexham Sounds for their Music for Wellbeing

programme. The Oliver Jones Memorial Hall Men's Club, and the National and International Eisteddfods also benefitted from donations.

Helping Hands, supported by the Council, provided Christmas hampers to support those Glyntraian residents in need of a little extra cheer. The Council would like to thank local residents and Morrisons in Oswestry for kindly donating groceries.

The Community Bus Trip to Llandudno was again well supported with 106 community members of the Ceiriog Valley taking advantage of the subsidised trip made possible by grant funding raised by the Community Agent and donations from the Council and Llansantffraid Glyn Ceiriog Community Council.

Members of Caru'n Pentrefi village tidy group continue to work as Council volunteers. The group had met monthly from March to November last year. Members of the group had carried out litter picks during this time and a total of 65 bags of litter had been collected. The figures had been reported monthly after each session to Keep Wales Tidy. The volunteers were involved in other activities including grass cutting within the village boundary signs, cleaning the War Memorial and looking after flower planters in Pontfadog and Dolywern. The Council would like to thank Caru'n Pentrefi for all their hard work which is much appreciated.

The Santa Run took place on 23rd December 2024. Sixty chocolate selection boxes paid for by the Council were handed out to the children. Between Glyntraian and Glyn Ceiriog £210 was raised for the Wales Air Ambulance.

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. The Council has requested the ground maintenance contractor not to use any weedkillers in the Council playgrounds and surrounding areas.

7. Planned Activities for 2025/26

These include:

- 80th Anniversary VE-Day Commemorations on 8th May 2024
- Supporting the Council's Community Agent to organise another Community Bus Trip to Llandudno in August.
- Arranging another community Christmas lunch
- A Santa Run for children in the Glyntraian and Glyn Ceiriog communities
- Continue working with Caru'n Pentrefi