

Tirymynach Community Council Business Plan 2024—2025

Summary of activities 2023-24.

During the past year (2023-24), The Community Council endeavoured to engage with relevant parties in order to develop the community park areas at Tregerddan & Bryncastell to offer safe playing spaces & opportunities for leisure & engagement with the environment. Regrettably our efforts resulted in little success. We therefore prioritised ensuring that in the short term the existing play equipment is made safe and have engaged a specialist firm to risk assess the suitability of current equipment from a safety aspect and undertake necessary repairs. Unfortunately, the result of the survey of Tregerddan park was that its waterlogged condition makes it extremely unsafe for either playing or even dog walking.

We have since received written confirmation of this and therefore our priority becomes the upgrading of the Bryncastell park and removal of play equipment from Tregerddan play park. Should work on the drainage of that area prove successful we may then be able to consider options for the area.

The Community Council has taken responsibility for the Defibrillators in the Community (Outside Neuadd Rhydypennau, the Spar & Capel Noddfa) We are engaged in negotiations for a further Defibrillator to be placed in the Llangorwen area. We are also engaged in researching whether the existing equipment has sufficient insulation to protect the batteries.

Bins for dog excrement have been sourced & we are currently seeking appropriate arrangements to ensure they are regularly emptied prior to placing the bins in location at Parc Bryncastell

An Engagement & Communication exercise was undertaken at the Hall's Summer BBQ , but attracted limited interest. We will continue to explore engagement opportunities as well as maintain the information on our website and on the Community Noticeboard at The Spar is up to date .

The Community Council supported the Christmas Tree Lighting event in conjunction with Neuadd Rhydypennau & intend o continue to provide support for such events along with supporting the Football Club in the Bonfire Night event.

Objectives 2024-25

As a Community Council, we are keenly aware of the effects of the financial crisis

on our residents and the difficulties all are facing at the present. In view of this, the community Council has agreed not to request an increase in precept. With increased costs having to be absorbed by this static budget, there are inevitable limitations on plans for the forthcoming year and prioritising need in keeping with The Wellbeing of Future Generations legislation is essential. We will therefore be reviewing grant applications in light of this and our priorities will be in keeping with the legislation. Tenders & requests will be considered prior to the new Financial year. (2024-25)

Our priorities will include ;-

1, Installation of Defibrillator in Llangorwen area and review of existing equipment to ensure casings offer adequate insulation for the equipment. These actions will be undertaken in conjunction with appropriate charitable organisations who have the relevant expertise & equipment.

2. Following safety review of Play Parks and play equipment, we will engage with specialist providers to rectify equipment and endeavour to upgrade Parc Bryncastell within reasonable budgetary costs. Research into such upgrades over the past year lead us to believe that our objective of making these spaces both suitable for play, leisure and engagement with the natural environment need to be planned over a longer period of 5 years if we are to keep to a budget that ensures we meet all demands upon us. We will continue to review the situation regarding Parc Tregerddan and the outcome depends on success of drainage, however the cost of placing play equipment in such conditions makes maintaining as a play park unviable.

3. Tenders are currently invited in respect of grass cutting at Parks & significant verges as has occurred previously for the next 3year period. We would hope that this process will be completed by the Start of the financial year (31-3-24)

4. It is our intention to review the grants offered by the Community Council to ensure we are appropriately targeting support in line with the objectives of the afore mentioned legislation to effectively support the population of the community, prioritising opportunities for community engagement & wellbeing.

5. The Community Council would welcome input from representatives of the

community including from Individuals who are of the opinion that they may be able to join the council as dwindling numbers are currently inhibiting our ability to effectively carry out the actions we consider necessary to enhance the community.