Abergwyngregyn Community Council Annual Report 2021-22

Introduction

> Abergwyngregyn Community Council comprises seven members, plus a Clerk.

> Its annual precept awarded by Gwynedd County Council is £3,000 and the Council meets on a quarterly basis (plus extraordinary meetings as and when required).

Financial Update

> The Council has maintained a healthy financial position throughout the year and the Clerk has ensured regular engagement with the relevant accountants and auditors.
> The Clerk has placed a hard copy of the Financial Report in the village noticeboard and an electronic copy on the Council website, as required.

Community Engagement

 > The Clerk has engaged with residents on behalf of the Council by sharing information of local relevance and interest via email, such as updates on roadworks on the A55.
> Minutes, Agendas and Financial Reports have been produced and published on the Abergwyngregyn Community Council in line with requirements.

> The Council has organised community events such as the Village Tidy, offering local residents an opportunity to meet up in the open air whilst adhering to Covid guidelines.
> The Clerk coordinated the distribution of daffodils among local residents. The daffodils would otherwise have been destroyed as part of the A55 roadworks.

Achievements

> Parking remains an acute problem in the village and the Community Council has worked closely with relevant individuals and agencies, including elected representatives, in an attempt to resolve the matter. This also includes liaising closely with the Abergwyngregyn Regeneration Committee, Ynni Hydro Anafon and Gwynedd Council to explore possible solutions.

> The Council has also worked closely with Natural Resources Wales and Gwynedd Council to address general maintenance issues relating to footpaths, river debris, dog fouling, hedge trimming and fly tipping.

> The Council has continued to provide its annual contribution towards the maintenance of the village churchyard.

> The Council has continued to support local charities and good causes including the Urdd Eisteddfod and Ty Gobaith (Hope House) by making financial donations.

Priorities

> Looking ahead to the next financial year, the Council anticipates that it will continue to be required to spend considerable time discussing the village's parking problems. The 'Village Tidy' events have also highlighted the increasing problem of rubbish, dog fouling and flytipping in the local community which will require the Council's further attention.

> As the pandemic eases, the Council hopes to be able to play a part in organising and/or participating in more community events in order to engage with local residents.

> The Council will also be participating in the 'Ardal Ni 2035' project coordinated by Gwynedd Council with the aim of engaging with local residents on issues such as housing and regeneration.

> Abergwyngregyn is set to receive 70 free trees as part of the project to celebrate 70 years of the Snowdonia National Park and the Council will be coordinating village participation.

> The village will also be part of a new conservation project for its listed buildings.

> The Clerk is in contact with Gwynedd Council officers and Network Rail regarding flooding from the Railway Bridge down to the shore and along the Coastal Path which is a persistent problem.

> The Council will endeavour to hold meetings in hybrid form to enable members of the public to join via Zoom should they wish to raise any issues.