

Abergwyngregyn Community Council Annual Report 2024-25

The Council comprises five councillors and one clerk.

The Annual Precept request for 2025-26 has been increased from £4,000 to £4,500.

The Council meets on a quarterly basis (plus extra meetings as and when required). Dates of meetings are on the website.

Financial Update

The Council has maintained a healthy financial position throughout the year and the clerk has ensured regular engagements with the accountant and auditors. The clerk has placed a copy of all financial reports on the website.

Community Engagement

The clerk has engaged with residents on behalf of the Council by sharing information of local relevance via email and noticeboard. Agenda, Minutes and Financial Reports are published on the Abergwyngregyn Community Council website in line with requirements.

Achievements

Village parking remains a priority. The clerk has corresponded with the relevant authorities to say that this has evolved from being a logistical problem to one which causes grave safety concerns.

Cars are parking anywhere they can find spaces, causing gridlock at certain times in the village. This has led to bus services being cancelled at certain very busy times e.g. Bank Holidays and during School Holidays. Residents have difficulty reaching their homes and there is so much congestion in the village itself that should there be an emergency higher up the valley near the Aber Falls, there is considerable doubt whether an ambulance could reach the area.

The clerk continues to engage with Gwynedd Council regarding parking and traffic issues. A meeting was held in February with Sian Gwenllian MS chairing, in which she asked Transport for Wales to put a Traffic Management Plan in place for increasing traffic and parking issues. Natural Resources Wales, Eryri National Park, Gwynedd Council, Chair of the Aber Regeneration Committee and the Chair and clerk of the Community Council were involved. Further such meetings will be arranged in due course.

The Council continues to work closely with NRW, the National Park and Gwynedd Council to address maintenance issues relating to footpaths, dog fouling, hedge cutting, fly tipping and refuse collection.

Work on the footpath at the bottom of the Ffridd has been completed.

The Gwynedd Council Footpath Officer has informed the clerk that work will commence soon to prevent flooding on the path from Pentre Due down to the shore.

A new kissing gate has been fitted at Bryn Gwylan on the shore.

The Council continues to provide an annual contribution towards the maintenance of the village churchyard.

The Council will continue to support local charities and other good causes.

The Council has arranged for residents to attend quarterly meetings via Zoom should they wish. Anyone with interest should contact the clerk for further information.

The Training Plan for councillors is in place on the website in line with requirements.

Network Rail will be carrying out some tree felling work on the embankment from the distillery towards Cwrtiau in the next few months.

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